



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, December 8, 2023

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Interoffice Memorandum

Date: December 8, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – December 3, 2023

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 3, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/4nybtp4

- Increased Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease (iGAS) in Ontario (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/3t5sr2cc

- World AIDS Day – December 1st, 2023 “Let Communities Lead” (Dec 1)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/y7e655k5

- Government of Canada releases *2023 Fall Economic Statement* (Nov 21)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/34hf2253

- Minister Guilbeault leads the Canadian delegation to the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 28) to push for ambitious climate action (Nov 27)

tinyurl.com/2s3ax4ty

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents the winter seasonal outlook (Dec 1)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/mrhxw8zv

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/4kj3czdk

- Joint statement from the Minister of Health, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Indigenous Services on COP 23 (Dec 3)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/3ayv3k97

- National Child Day – Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/yzyu9xz4

- Statement from the Ministers of Health and Agriculture and Agri-Food on World AMR Awareness Week, November 18 to 24, 2023 (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/47985chs

- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to Malichita brand cantaloupes (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/nhfu6vu5

- Government of Canada to support projects aimed at helping prevent and decrease substance use-related harms among young people (Nov 28)

tinyurl.com/ftxn5yey

- Government of Canada launches three-digit suicide crisis helpline (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/njkt6fuv

- Statement from the Minister of Health, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health, and the Minister of Indigenous Services on World AIDS Day and Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week (Dec 1)

tinyurl.com/2n5937yk

- Statement on behalf of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (Dec 1)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of the Attorney General

tinyurl.com/y346s94k

- Ontario Introducing Legislation to Support Victims of Crime and Enhance Community Safety (Nov 30)

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/4fpjjma4

- Ontario Expanding Rapid Training Programs (Nov 23)

Ministry of Energy

tinyurl.com/mrysxatr

- Ontario Supporting Saskatchewan's First Small Modular Reactor (Nov 20)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/mtmb56y7

- Ontario Helping More Students Become Nurse Practitioners (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/2ndftbnf

- Ontario Recruiting More Personal Support Workers in Long-Term Care and Home Care (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/bdf52c9r

- Accelerating Ontario Health Teams to deliver better care (Nov 28)

tinyurl.com/42j8w8t5

- Ontario Connecting Children and Youth in the Greater Toronto Area to Care Closer to Home (Nov 30)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/4rc8c6yh

- Voluntary mergers letter (Dec 1)

tinyurl.com/458b37mz

- Nicotine products letter (Dec 1)

Canadian Association of Physician Assistants

tinyurl.com/53yfbz99e

- New Conference Board of Canada Report Highlights PAs as a Key Solution to Canada's Health Workforce Crisis (Nov 21)

Canadian Blood Services

tinyurl.com/msftbz99

- Historic change opens the door for more blood and plasma donors: human variant of 'mad cow' eligibility rule gone for good (Nov 23)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/2uk4txcj

- Canadian Cancer Society supports annual cost recovery fee on tobacco companies (Nov 21)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/4da5pkfx

- Statement – Federal leadership on health, housing crises welcomed: CMA (Nov 21)

Electrical Safety Authority

tinyurl.com/2s47x437

- Electrical Safety Authority share tips for staying safe this holiday season (Nov 22)

Feed Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/4u6f6urm>

- Hunger Report 2023 (Nov 27)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4s4xryes

- FAO releases report estimating budget impacts of climate hazards to public infrastructure in Ontario (Nov 22)

Global Tobacco Control Progress Hub

tinyurl.com/2czv9e8x

- Global Tobacco Control Efforts Have Slowed (Nov 22)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/59jjpb4c

- Heart & Stroke Applauds Draft Legislation to Recoup Cost of Smoking (Nov 21)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/y7tyd94e

- Charting a new approach to improving kidney transplant access (Nov 3)

The International Alliance for Responsible Drinking

tinyurl.com/2p8wcmu7

- Organizations across the globe united in further accelerating reductions in the harmful use of alcohol (Nov 29)

Office of the Federal Housing Advocate

tinyurl.com/4sex967f

- Put people first to solve the housing crisis (Nov 22)

Ontario Lung Association

tinyurl.com/2p85bfv6

- Lung Health Foundation Urges Canadians to Vaccinate Against Four Common Respiratory Illnesses (Nov 22)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/57fhen24

- OPG selects suppliers for first fuel contracts for its Small Modular Reactors (Nov 29)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/y32jm7r7

- PHO Connections (Nov 21)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/32hw72j3

- WHO issues new and updated recommendations on treatment of mental, neurological and substance use conditions (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/pyua2ebx

- WHO statement on reported clusters of respiratory illness in children in northern China (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/2hdzh73c

- Health needs to be front and centre of national plans to fight climate change (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/2j4pkwxw

- Upsurge of respiratory illness among children – Northern China (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/2syhe5wd

- Global health community calls for urgent action on climate and health at COP28 (Nov 27)

tinyurl.com/mps85yvm

- WHO celebrates the role of communities in driving progress towards ending AIDS (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/5syskwc8

- WHO's annual malaria report spotlights the growing threat of climate change (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/mrpfvdst

- 41 funders, partners endorse new guiding principles for financing climate and health solutions to protect health (Dec 2)


tinyurl.com/bdepw7yd

- Over 40 million health professionals from across the world demand bold health and climate action at COP28 (Dec 2)

December 5, 2023

Via email:

Alexander Harras
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Durham
clerks@durham.ca

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Re: Memorandum from T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager, Transportation Services, dated November 23, 2023 regarding Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 27, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 206-23:

Whereas the Durham Meadoway project, currently led by the Region of Durham, proposes a 35-kilometre active transportation corridor and linear park from Rouge National Urban Park at the Durham/Toronto Boundary to Harmony Road in Oshawa, located partially within the Gatineau transmission corridor and includes lands in the Town of Whitby; and,

Whereas the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study sets the overall vision and framework for this new active transportation corridor, identifying connections to the surrounding communities and types of experiences, amenities and gateways that can be achieved along the proposed multi-use path; and,

Whereas the Visioning Study sets the first stage of planning for the Durham Meadoway project, which is an important yet initial step in the process; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham supports a coordinated approach to advance the Durham Meadoway multi-use path component of the project to construction in the next five to seven years, allowing for the Durham Meadoway to connect end-to-end; and,

Whereas advancing the design of the Durham Meadoway project has the potential to open up future funding opportunities from federal and provincial levels of government, as well as private or non-profit sources; and,

Whereas the next stage of planning involves further design work to set a preliminary alignment for the multi-use path and defined locations for nearby

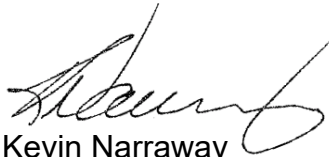
amenities and gateways along the route, both within transmission corridor lands as well as other publicly owned lands and rights-of-way; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham will be seeking funding from local municipalities to pay for their share of the Durham Meadoway Environmental Assessment.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That Whitby Council confirm, in principle, its support for the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study as an initial step in planning for the Durham Meadoway project;
2. That Whitby Council support the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Whitby and the Region, City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, and City of Oshawa to set the administration, collection of fees and technical guidance for a Municipal Class EA Study to advance planning for the Durham Meadoway by undertaking preliminary design work for the multi-use path, gateways and related amenities; and,
3. That the final draft MOU and cost sharing agreement for the Municipal Class EA Study be presented to Whitby Council prior to September 1, 2024 for consideration as part of the Town's 2025 budget.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Development Department at 905-430-4306.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development -

saundersr@whitby.ca

T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager, Transportation Services - painchaudt@whitby.ca




December 1, 2023

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Sent via email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Bradford Bypass

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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on November 27, 2023:

C-2023-269

“WHEREAS the Township of Brock has concerns about the streamlines Environmental Assessment process being used by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario for Bradford Bypass and future highway builds.

THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock is requesting that the Ministry of Transportation Ontario publicly release the traffic studies, clearly indicating the points of origin and time savings to justify this project; and

THAT a value for money audit of this project comparing it to regional road and public transit alternatives occur. Should traffic studies and the evaluation of alternatives justify it, pay for regional road improvements; and

THAT a plan for sustainable transportation be created prioritizing getting the Lake Simcoe Watershed Area; and

THAT Go Stations are built in Innisfil Obit and Barrie Waterfront and will include all-day two-way electrification of the GO Line; and

THAT the following studies are completed: impacts to Lake Simcoe, Cumulative Climate Impacts, Cumulative Health Assessments and Cumulative Water Impacts; and

THAT a salt alternative will be used on the Bradford Bypass; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, City of Barrie, City of Kawartha Lakes, City of Orillia, County of Simcoe, Regional Municipality of Durham, Regional Municipality of York, Town of Aurora, Town of Bradford, West Gwillimbury, Town of Georgina, Town of Innisfil, Town of Newmarket, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Township of King, Township of Oro-Medonte, Township of Ramara, Township of Scugog and Township of Uxbridge.”

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerks Department, Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK


Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

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cc. Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition – RescueLakeSimcoeCoalition@gmail.com
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Region of Durham – clerks@durham.ca
County of Simcoe – clerks@simcoe.ca
Regional Municipality of York – regional.clerk@york.ca



The Corporation of
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December 1, 2023

Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

Re: Township of Brock Declares Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on November 27, 2023:

C-2023-254

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Johanne St. Louis and Loretta Fernandes-Heaslip, Brock Community Health Centre, with respect to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) be received; and

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner; and

WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner’s inquest into the events of September 22, 2015 delivered 86 recommendations; and

WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation; and

WHEREAS the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies including: Brock Community Health Centre, The Nourish and Develop Foundation, and Victim Services of Durham Region, who has seen a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years; and

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, Municipality of Clarington, and the Regional Municipality of Durham Region have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
2. This motion be distributed to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity, Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,


THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

cc. Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
All Durham Region Municipalities
County of Renfrew
Association of Ontario Municipalities

Corporate Services

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November 20, 2023

Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works being disproportionately impacted; and

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation; and

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined; and

WHEREAS Ontario Works Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018; and

WHEREAS the newly introduced Common Assessment Tool (CAT) questionnaire developed by the Provincial Government for use with Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Program recipients contains complex and invasive personal health related questions; and

WHEREAS the use of the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) provides no benefit to clients, it does not score, provide results, assess client need, and does not match those in need to the services they require; and

WHEREAS the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) contains questions mirrored in the Ontario Health Common Assessment of Needs, used by health providers; and

WHEREAS privacy obligations under The Personal Health Information Protection ACT (PHIPA) do not extend to municipal delivery agents for Ontario Works; and

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Orangeville calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. **At least double Ontario Works rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;**
- b. **Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;**
- c. **Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;**
- d. **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities

Carried.

Yours truly,

Tracy Macdonald
Deputy Clerk



Legislative Services Division

December 1, 2023

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Monday, November 27, 2023, Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2023.21.17

Moved by Deputy Mayor Townend

Seconded by Councillor Proderick

That Council receive and support Prince Edward County’s resolution dated November 14, 2023 urging the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities.

Motion carried.

Sincerely,



Anne Kantharajah

Township Clerk

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613-386-7351 Ext. 121

Att: Prince Edward County resolution, November 14, 2023

cc: Mayor Jim Hegadorn, Deputy Mayor Townend, Councillor Proderick, Rebecca Murphy, CAO

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569

DATE: November 14, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard

SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts

WHEREAS the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

AND WHEREAS In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

AND WHEREAS the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no

longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

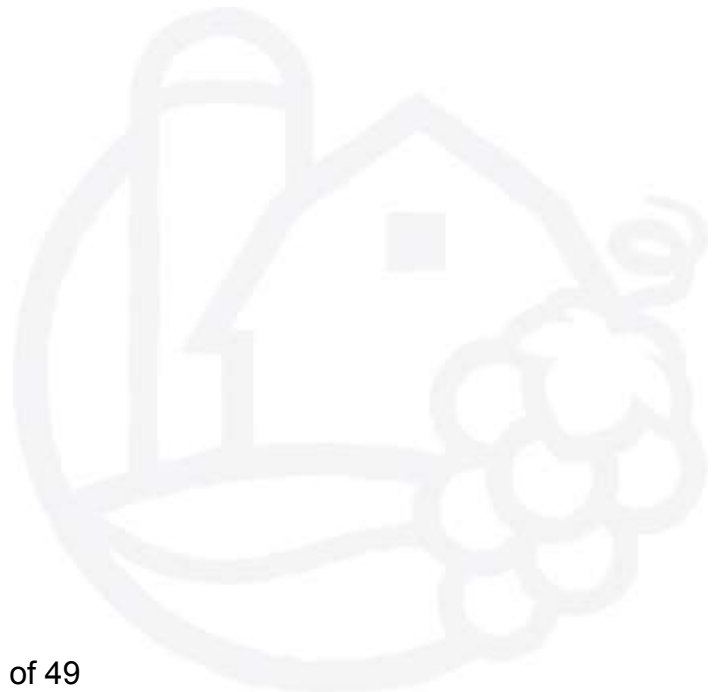
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Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO





November 29, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the November 28, 2023, Township of Cramahe Council Meeting the following resolution was passed regarding Catch and Release Justice

Resolution No. 2023-319

Moved By: COUNCILLOR SCHRIVER
Seconded By: DEPUTY MAYOR ARTHUR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the correspondence from the Town of Midland respecting catch and release justice; and

THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Midland to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Breese, and all Ontario municipalities

Sincerely,

Nicole Hamilton
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe
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cc. Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
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September 8, 2023

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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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
575 Dominion Ave
Midland, ON L4R 1G1



Premier Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Todd A. Smith
Minister of Energy, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL

December 1st, 2023

Re: Support to Revoke Strong Mayor Powers and Increase in the Leave to Construct Threshold

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra, and Minister Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolutions from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus regarding Support to Revoke Strong Mayor Powers and Increase in the Leave to Construct Threshold.

Motion 14 Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues
Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren
That Council support item 'S' Strong Mayor Powers & 'T' Leave to Construct Threshold from the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing – Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org
All Ontario Municipalities



October 24, 2023

Premier R. Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

and

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Send electronically via email
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra

Please be advised at the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus held on October 13, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by M. Ryan, seconded by B. Milne:

THAT item of correspondence 7-1(b) be received; and

WHEREAS the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Inc. (WOWC) is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario with more than one and a half million residents;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of WOWC is to enhance the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region;

AND WHEREAS the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, S.O. 2022, c. 18, for select municipalities, transfers legislative responsibility from the deliberative body of the Council to the Head of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022, S.O. 2022, c. 24 provides for provincially appointed facilitators to assess the regional governments to determine the mix of roles and responsibilities between the upper and lower-tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Building Faster Fund arbitrarily ties housing supportive funding to municipalities that establish a housing target based solely on population size;

AND WHEREAS "responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS overcoming the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario requires sustained, strategic, and focused efforts from all levels of government, informed from the expertise of all levels of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WOWC calls on the provincial government to work with municipalities in Ontario, as a responsible and accountable level of government, to focus all efforts on tackling the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario by:

Revoking existing 'strong mayor powers' and not implementing legislation that transfers legislative responsibility from the body of Council to the Head of Council.

Respecting spheres of jurisdiction, recognizing that municipalities are best positioned to determine the mix of roles and responsibilities between upper and lower-tier municipalities and only conduct structural and service delivery reviews of municipalities or regions where a majority of municipalities included within the region, request the same.

Recognizing rural and small urban municipalities are critical to overcoming the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario and not allocating the majority of scarce provincial housing supportive funding to a limited subset of large urban municipalities in Ontario.

AND THAT WOWC calls upon the provincial government to provide all municipalities with the financial resources to tackle the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario that is pricing too many people, especially young families and newcomers, out of home ownership, while amplifying socio-economic disparities and reliance on municipally provided human services;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support so that the future governance of our communities is in the hands of its constituents;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to: the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Premier of Ontario; WOWC Members; the EOWC, and all WOWC area MPs and MPPs. - **CARRIED**

Please contact Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director, Western Ontario Warden' Caucus, kate@wowc.ca should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus



cc.

Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing

Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org

WOWC MPPs

WOWC MPs

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



October 24, 2023

The Honourable Todd A. Smith,
Minister of Energy, Ontario
Send electronically via email
MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

Re: Leave to Construct Threshold

Dear Minister Smith,

On October 13, 2023, the WOWC passed a resolution in favour of the Government of Ontario updating the LTC cost threshold from \$2M to \$20M for hydrocarbon lines (by amending Ontario Regulation O.Reg.328/03) while maintaining current requirements and expectations for Indigenous consultation and environmental review for projects greater than \$2M and less than \$10M.

Western Ontario has seen significant growth in the past decade with pressures to build out the gas pipeline network. Many municipalities in our region have lost major investment opportunities because of the delays in getting natural gas to development sites. Any person or company planning to construct hydrocarbon transmission facilities within Ontario, must apply to the OEB for authorization, if the projected cost to build the pipeline is over \$2 million, a threshold that was set in 1998.

Industry proposes updating the LTC cost threshold from \$2M to \$10M for hydrocarbon lines (by amending Ontario Regulation O.Reg.328/03) while maintaining current requirements and expectations for Indigenous consultation and environmental review for projects greater than \$2M and less than \$10M. Increasing the cost threshold to \$10M would closer align Ontario with other Canadian jurisdictions (e.g., in B.C., these thresholds are \$15M for electricity and \$20M for natural gas). The WOWC is recommending a \$20M threshold for our Province to be competitive with other Canadian jurisdictions.

Ontario's outdated regulations are causing the LTC to apply far more broadly than intended when it was established over 20 years ago. Due to increased regulatory and cost pressures, as well as inflation, virtually all gas pipeline projects are now greater than \$2M rendering the threshold meaningless. Roughly 0.5 KM pipe in urban settings now often exceed the \$2M threshold.

Examples of businesses lost in the region due to the regulation include;

- EV Battery Manufacturer, investment of \$1 Billion
- New Distillery
- 2 New Agricultural processing plants - \$140 million total investment
- New Agricultural plant - \$225 million USD investment

Modernizing these outdated regulations would reduce delays and costs for economic development initiatives including new industries seeking to locate in Ontario and create jobs (or existing seeking to expand), transit projects, community expansion projects, housing developments, connections for low carbon fuel blending (e.g. renewable natural gas, hydrogen) as well as residential and business customer connections.

The WOWC supports an increase in the Leave to Construct threshold to \$20M.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glen McNeil
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.

Western Ontario MPPs
WOWC Members
WOWC Local Municipalities



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December 4, 2023

RE 6.13 Municipality of Wawa Resolution regarding Amendments to the Income Tax Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 29, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-382:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 listed for NOVEMBER 29, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Municipality of Wawa Resolution Regarding Bill C-310, Amendments to Income Tax Act;

Therefore, that Council directs staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario,
Algoma Mutual Aid Association,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: [REDACTED]	Seconded by: [REDACTED]

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2023

A meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Crawford, Chair
A. Andrus*, Community Group, Participation House
M. Bonk, Brock
R. Claxton-Oldfield, Member at Large
I. Giffin*, Uxbridge, attended the meeting at 7:10 PM
P. Gunti, Clarington, Vice-Chair
J. McEwen*, AAC, attended the meeting at 7:03 PM
A. Mujeeb*, Pickering
T. Ralph, Whitby
T. Smale, Member at Large
R. Smith*, Community Group, Durham Association for Family Resources
*** denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Ali, Ajax
W. Henshall, AAC

Staff

Present: F. Amin, Administrative Assistant, Durham Region Transit
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
Z. Osime-Fakolade, Program Manager, Engagement and Change Management, Durham Region Transit
D. Margiotta*, Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit
N. Ratti, Manager, Policy and Planning, Durham Region Transit
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Bonk, Seconded by R. Claxton-Oldfield,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee
meeting held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Correspondence Items

There were no communication items to be considered.

7. Information Items

There were no information items to be considered.

8. Discussion Items

A) At-Risk Populations Interaction with Durham Region Transit

T. Ralph advised that at the September 19, 2023 meeting, he requested to have this item placed on the agenda for discussion. He brought forward concerns with how Durham Region Transit and Durham Region are working together to address the at-risk populations using bus shelters for shelter.

Z. Osime-Fakolade advised that Durham Region Transit is working with Durham Region Social Services and will be funding two positions to help support the at-risk populations that are occupying DRT bus shelters.

Discussion ensued with regards to offering one-time tickets for residents in need; confusion among residents as to who owns the bus shelters; at-risk populations using the bus shelters more with the colder weather; providing safety for residents riding DRT buses that has occupants in it; bus shelter installation guidelines; and whether businesses are able to sponsor bus shelters to allow for partial funding.

A. Mujeeb raised concerns with regards to bus shelters being located too close together. N. Ratti advised she would look into the situation and bring an answer back to Committee members.

B) AODA Standards on Transit Vehicles

Chair Crawford advised that Wayne Henshall was not in attendance to speak to this matter and that the discussion item will be added to the next agenda.

C) Update on Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) Corridor

T. Ralph requested an update with regards to the Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor. He raised concerns with regards to traffic becoming more of a concern and when priority lanes will be considered past Pickering.

Chair Crawford advised that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is handled through Durham Region, the outer lanes through Ajax will be moving to the middle of the road, and that intersections will need to be updated. She stated that the project is being funded through a grant and is targeted to begin next year.

Staff responded to questions with regards to how Durham Region is addressing cars that are using the bus lanes and whether Durham Police can be brought in for enforcement; and whether specialized transit vehicles are able to use bus lanes. N. Ratti advised that the recommendation to allow specialized transit vehicles to use bus lanes would be taken under advisement.

F. Amin stated that more detailed information can be found in Report #2023-DRT-21 of the General Manager of Durham Transit which is included on the October 4, 2023 Transit Executive Committee Agenda.

D) Station, Hubs, and Terminals Plan

T. Ralph requested an update with regards to the Whitby location being proposed for a future hub location. He raised concerns with regards to the location at Rossland Road and Thornton Road and whether there will be more infrastructure built around the transit hub.

Staff advised that the location was proposed to assist riders with transfers further north in Durham Region and that transfer hubs provide an opportunity for regular bus vehicles and specialized vehicles to be at the same location and provide seamless transfers.

E) Transit Advisory Committee Action Plan

Chair Crawford advised that Wayne Henshall was not in attendance to speak to this matter and that the discussion item will be added to the next agenda.

F) Fleet Identification and Cleanliness

I. Giffin raised concerns with having trouble identifying On-Demand vehicles and with the cleanliness of the exterior of Durham Region Transit vehicles. He suggested an update to the design of the logo and to paint the doors or hood of the On-Demand buses for easier identification.

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether the On-Demand vehicles are subcontracted out; whether the branding is up to date; and if there is a phone number located on the vehicles for residents to call.

Staff advised that the cleanliness of the vehicles will be brought to the attention of the subcontractor.

9. Other Business

A) Service Changes

R. Claxton-Oldfield requested an updated regarding upcoming service changes for Durham Region Transit.

Staff advised that there will be an official communication included in the General Manager's report at the December 6, 2023 Transit Executive Committee meeting which will include service changes being implemented, capacity constraints, lower performing routes, and ensuring customers maintain access to transit in current guidelines.

B) Bus Schedules

P. Gunti raised concerns with regards to the lack of communication to riders with respect to bus schedule changes in Courtice, particularly with respect to routes 411, 421 and 902.

Discussion ensued regarding that when the school board makes changes to their dismissal times, the information needs to be communicated to Durham Region Transit. N. Ratti advised that schedules are adjusted regularly and that the routes indicated would likely be updated in January. She further advised that DRT regularly sends out communication updates to advise of any schedule changes and that schedule times are not timed with elementary school dismissal times.

C) Bus Stop Accessibility

T. Smale raised concerns with regards to the accessibility at some DRT bus stops and in particular the stops on Baldwin Street South in the Town of Whitby.

Staff advised that DRT strives to provide accessible bus stops for all riders and are continuing to evaluate stops that are not accessible in the annual bus stop plans. N. Ratti advised she would look into the bus stop indicated above.

D) Durham Region Transit Budget

T. Ralph raised concerns that even with an increase in funds as a result of increased ridership, some routes are being removed.

Staff advised that the increase in ridership is covering the deficit from ridership being down in past years. It was also noted that ridership has increased in some areas and resources are being moved around to handle these increases.

N. Ratti also advised that there has been a 30% increase in ridership since August 2023 and DRT has fully recovered from pre-pandemic ridership levels.

E) Scheduling of Routes 411, 421 and 902B

R. Claxton-Oldfield raised concerns with regards to the configuration for Routes 411, 421 and 902B and whether changes can be made for more efficiency.

Staff advised they would review the matter and provide a response at the February 20, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

F) One Fare Transit Between Durham Region and City of Toronto

M. Bonk raised concerns regarding the government implementing one fare transit from the City of Toronto to Durham Region and how that will affect the revenue and riders in Durham Region.

Staff advised that Durham Region Transit is involved with the one fare implementation and more information can be found in Report #2023-DRT-27 of the General Manager which was presented to the Transit Executive Committee on November 8, 2023.

G) Abilities Centre Roundtable

R. Smith requested an updated with regards to the roundtable at the Abilities Centre and whether there would be future roundtables conducted.

Staff advised that the roundtable was facilitated by an external party and that a summary of the feedback was provided in Report #2023-DRT-18 of the General Manager which was presented to the Transit Executive Committee on September 6, 2023. A copy of the report will be shared with all participants in the coming months.

H) Leased Buses from TTC

R. Claxton-Oldfield requested an update with regards to the leased buses from TTC.

Staff advised that Durham Region Transit is continuing to use the leased buses and that 12 buses have been purchased which are anticipated to arrive in May 2024.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment

Moved by P. Gunit, Seconded by R. Claxton-Oldfield,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

M. Crawford, Chair, Transit Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:03 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

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

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach*, Oshawa
D. Campbell*, Whitby, Vice Chair
P. Chandwani*, Whitby
W. Henshall*, Whitby, attended the meeting at 1:32 PM
Councillor McDougall
J. McEwen*, Clarington, attended the meeting at 1:09 PM
S. Sones*, Whitby
L. Williams*, Pickering
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Blum, Scugog
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Chair

Staff

Present: N. Dash, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
D. Dunn*, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, Durham Region Transit
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
J. Phelan*, Supervisor, Service Scheduling, Durham Region Transit

K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Sones, Seconded by A. Beach,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the minutes of the Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory
Committees meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Introduction of Members

P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, introduced Natalie Dash,
Accessibility Coordinator and welcomed her to the team.

P. Hines invited members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to introduce
themselves. The members introduced themselves and provided a brief overview
of their background.

5. Presentations

A) David Dunn, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, re: Simcoe Street Rapid Transit
Project and Future Sites

David Dunn, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, participating electronically, and Jack
Phelan, Supervisor, Service Scheduling, participating electronically, provided a
PowerPoint presentation with regards to Simcoe Street Rapid Transit Project and
Future Sites.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP)
- Proposed Cross-Section
- ICIP Update Ajax, Whitby & Oshawa Rapid Transit
- ICIP Update – Pickering
- Intersection Design
- Median Shelter Platform Design
- Median Shelter Design Font
- Simcoe Street Rapid Transit

- Bus Rapid Transit Preferred Option
- Bus Rapid Transit Advantages
- Gondola Transit Preferred Option
- Gondola Transit Advantages
- Simcoe Street Rapid Transit

D. Dunn advised that they would be looking to work with Committee members regarding identification between the sidewalk and bike lane for individuals that are visually impaired.

D. Dunn responded to questions with regards to what a public information centre (PIC) involves; why the Simcoe Street rapid transit will be extended down to the lake; where on Simcoe Street the lanes will be reduced to a single lane in each direction; whether the cost of operating the BRT and Gondola systems was included in the business case; whether micro-mobility devices will be considered for the bike lanes; whether there will be bike lanes heading north and south on Simcoe Street for the entire stretch; when the initial business case analysis is expected to be finalized; and the role of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act in this process.

6. Discussion Items

There were no items of discussion.

7. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

8. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

D. Campbell advised that the education sub-committee is open if any new Committee members would like to join. She provided a brief overview of what the education sub-committee works on each year.

D. Campbell also advised that December 3rd is International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

P. Hines advised that N. Dash will reach out to Committee members with ideas regarding initiatives for the Education Committee.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The November 21, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen was emailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Discussion ensued with regards to the one fare system being proposed for transferring between transit systems; and feedback received for the ambient sounds from the heating system on the buses that make it difficult to hear the announcement of stops.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

P. Hines provided the following update:

- The AAC Joint Forum held on November 7, 2023 had 106 people in attendance with half of them in-person and that the feedback received was positive.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is on December 3, 2023 and Durham Region will be raising the accessibility flag and hosting an event on Friday, December 1 at 11:30 AM to recognize the day. P. Hines welcomed Committee members to register for the event.
- Staff have started working on the annual Accessibility Report and collecting data from different Regions and departments and will also be working on preparing a compliance report.

Discussion ensued with regards to providing a commitment as a Region to support persons with disabilities through employment and/or transportation.

P. Hines advised that the link to register for the event on Friday, December 1 will be sent to Committee members will be able to attend the event virtually.

9. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

10. Other Business

A) Terms of Reference

P. Hines advised that the draft Terms of References was shared with Committee members in advance of the meeting and has asked that Committee members review the draft document and provide feedback. She also advised that the draft Terms of Reference will be provided to the Finance and Administration Committee and Regional Council for approval.

Discussion ensued with regards to an appropriate timeframe to receive feedback from Committee members on the Terms of Reference and it was agreed that comments should be provided by December 15, 2023. Committee members requested that the draft document be provided in an accessible format and that a calendar reminder be sent for the deadline.

B) 2024 Meeting Dates

Councillor McDougall requested that calendar invites be sent out to all Committee members for the 2024 AAC meeting dates.

K. Smith advised that the 2024 meeting dates are January 23, March 26, May 28, June 25, September 24, and November 26 and that calendar invites will be sent out in the near future.

C) Employment and Representation in the Community

W. Henshall brought forward concerns with regards to improving the employment and representation of the community in relation to hiring of employees at the Region of Durham; and being intentional with ensuring that persons with disabilities are being hired and retained at the Region.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division is in the process of reviewing and implementing the 86 recommendations received from the first equity audit, and will be requesting input from Committee members prior to completing another equity audit to see how numbers have changed.

D) International Day of Persons with Disabilities

D. Campbell requested that social media and media posts made with regards to International Day of Persons with Disabilities be shared with Committee members so that they may share with their community groups.

E) Document Sharing

Discussion ensued with regards to best ways to share documents with Committee members in order to see edits or comments from other members. It was decided that documents requiring feedback will be shared using OneDrive so all members can comment on the same version of the document.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

12. Adjournment

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Campbell, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair
G. Baswick, Clarington
G. Best, Whitby attended the meeting at 7:06 PM
M. Cannon, Oshawa
R. Fleming, Pickering
K. Palinka, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:07 PM
T. Shomar, Clarington
***all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair
J. Vinson, Clarington

Non-Voting Members

Present: S. El-hajjeh, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
***all non-voting members of the Committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
K. Dykman, Supervisor, Waste Services
A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department,
Durham Region
***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by M. Cannon,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday, June
27, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by M. Cannon,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,
September 26, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

There were no presentations heard.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

6. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

7. Administrative Matters

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2023-2024) – Working Group Updates

A. Evans reminded Committee members that the three areas of the workplan that could be further investigated are:

1. Plan and Program Implementation (as it relates to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and changes and enhancements to the Region's Organics Program);
2. Diversion Program Assessment (review and assess opportunities for the Region to optimize and increase diversion opportunities within Durham Region); and
3. Technology and Facility Review (reviewing key technologies which are or may be utilized by the Region in delivery of waste management services).

K. Palinka expressed an interest in investigating the green bin program, and G. Gordon expressed an interest in the new commercial or multi-residential facilities and their waste and recycling streams.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding when the contract for the Region's organics program will come into effect; whether asphalt shingles can be diverted and if other jurisdictions are using this process; the adoption of new waste streams (such as pet waste and diapers), how the additional waste will be managed, and whether waste workers would be exposed to any pathogens; an update on the landfill mining program; and

whether communication materials regarding various Regional waste activities are being put together to keep residents informed.

- B) Update by Greg Gordon, EFW-WMAC Chair, and Phil Haylock, EFW-WMAC Vice-Chair, regarding the Finalization and Presentation of the EFW-WMAC 2023 Annual Report for Presentation to the Durham Region's Works Committee on December 6, 2023 and to the Municipality of Clarington's Council on December 18, 2023
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G. Gordon provided an overview of the draft 2023 Annual Report that will be presented to the Durham Region's Works Committee on December 6, 2023 and to the Municipality of Clarington's Council on December 18, 2023.

The Committee discussed the need for continued oversight on the Biocover program through the Landfill Mining Project.

A. Evans responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether the land and new facility located North of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) would be used in collaboration between the Region of Durham and the Municipality of Clarington, and whether some of the energy produced at the DYEC could be used for the new facility.

8. Other Business

- A) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Community and Outreach Activities
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A. Evans advised that the Curbside Swap Day held on September 16, 2023 was very successful. He advised that staff will be bringing forward a report with the results of the day to the Works Committee at their December 6, 2023 meeting and recommending that a curbside giveaway event be held twice a year in the Spring and Fall.

A. Evans also advised that October was Circular Economy Month, with waste reduction week being held the third week of October. He also advised that there is currently a major push in messaging to residents regarding the Region's two stream recycling process (separation of containers and fibres) as a result from feedback staff received from the market. He further advised that battery collection was held in early November.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding the results of the battery collection event in November; whether the Region attended any community events in 2023, and if there is an opportunity to increase staff at those events; and what the process is for getting new residents adjusted to the waste and recycling process in Durham Region.

B) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the '2022 Annual Waste Summary' and the 'Summary of Waste Management Curbside and Multi-Residential Waste and Green Bin Audit'

A. Evans provided the following results from the 2022 Annual Waste Summary:

- 228,884 tonnes of waste was collected from 248,846 households (62% diversion pending verification);
- 84% blue bin participation; and
- 61% of houses used the green bin (increase since pre-pandemic).

A. Evans advised that staff periodically audit materials to see how the Region's programs are being utilized by the community and to identify any gaps in the program which could stem from individuals moving between neighbouring jurisdictions that may accept materials that the Region does not currently accept.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding why waste diversion has increased since 2018; and whether staff can breakdown the waste diversion numbers by municipality.

C) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham York Energy Centre

A. Evans advised that the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) facility remains fully operational with no issues to report. He advised that the compliance source testing was completed in late September/early October, and that the results should be available early next year.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) has released any new information regarding the tonnage increase for the DYEC.

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2024 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by K. Palinka,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste – Waste
Management Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk