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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-13
Date: February 14, 2025

Subject:

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessments; Solar Ultraviolet Radiation Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessments (CCHVAs).

2. Background

2.1 DRHD is mandated to conduct health vulnerability assessments under the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#) (OPHS).

2.2 The [Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline](#) of the OPHS requires DRHD to assess health impacts related to climate change.

2.3 DRHD is completing the following seven reports in a special CCHVA series called Understanding the Local Health Impacts of Climate Change:

- a. A [background primer on climate change and health](#) in Durham Region, which was released on August 12, 2024, followed by six CCHVAs on:
 - [Extreme heat](#) (released September 23, 2024)
 - Solar UV radiation (UVR)
 - Vector-borne disease
 - Air quality
 - Extreme weather

- Food and water impacts

2.4 The report series aims to:

- a. Improve understanding of the links between climate change and health.
- b. Assess the risks of local climate hazards and associated health impacts.
- c. Prioritize health equity and priority populations.
- d. Establish a baseline for future analysis.

2.5 The solar UVR CCHVA entitled [Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impact of Solar Ultraviolet Radiation](#) was released on February 6, 2025.

2.6 Reviews and feedback on the report were provided by the Regional Sustainability staff of the Office of the CAO.

2.7 The report, along with an executive summary are available at durham.ca/ClimateAndHealth.

3. Report Highlights

3.1 The report explores current and future health impacts of solar UVR in Durham Region.

3.2 It establishes an equity-focused framework for assessing and addressing factors of solar UVR vulnerability based on exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity.

3.3 It provides a knowledge base to support strategies to prepare and protect residents, particularly those most exposed and sensitive to harmful solar UVR.

3.4 Key findings of the report:

- a. Climate change is expected to increase solar UVR exposure in Durham Region due to three main factors:
 1. Potential reduced cloud cover from increased greenhouse gas concentrations;
 2. Increased outdoor time associated with projected warmer weather; and,
 3. Overall low uptake of sun-protective behavior by Durham Region residents.
- b. Health impacts can be very serious but are also preventable:
 - Frequent and prolonged UVR exposure can cause sunburn, severe eye damage, skin cancers, and suppression of the immune system.
 - Incidence of skin cancer is expected to increase in Durham Region due to increased UVR exposure associated with warmer temperatures. It is

- estimated that a two-degree Celsius increase in air temperature is associated with a 10 per cent annual increase in skin cancer.
- Exposure risks are greatest from April to September between 11 am and 3 pm, with the highest proportion of solar UVR-related emergency department visit rates in Durham Region occurring during June and July.
 - Exposure risks can be greatly reduced through individual and neighbourhood-level sun-protection.
 - Although harmful UVR exposure is preventable, most Durham Region residents report they do not take protective measures.
- c. Although everyone can be harmed by solar UVR, some people are more sensitive than others and are at higher risk of negative health outcomes.
- Sensitive populations include infants and children, individuals with skin that sunburns easily, those with a history of sunburn or family history of skin cancer, people using certain medications, and people who work outdoors.
 - Sunburns are also more common among residents of Durham Region's northern, more rural municipalities of Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog.
 - With expected increases in solar UVR, protections are essential for Durham Region residents who must work outdoors.
- d. Special attention to sun-protection for infants and children is essential for reducing lifelong risks of skin cancer and other negative health outcomes from UVR in Durham Region.
- There is no legislation limiting UVR exposure in child and youth settings.
 - Approximately 80 per cent of a person's lifetime exposure to solar UVR is received before the age of 18, when skin is most sensitive to sunburns.
 - A single severe sunburn in childhood can double a person's risk of developing melanoma.
 - Disparities in tree canopy cover indicate unequal access to shade for many children in the region's urban municipalities, particularly among children living with low income.
- e. Building local capacity to limit solar UVR requires but is not limited to:
- Improved understanding of factors, behaviours and settings that lead to harmful sun exposure among youth.
 - Prioritization of sun protection in child and youth outdoor settings.
 - Assessment of shade distribution and access, especially in high-exposure areas such as outdoor playing fields and play areas, active transportation routes and transit waiting areas.
 - Establishment of local tree canopy cover baselines and targets with a focus on equitable access.

- Targeted communications on sun exposure risks and prevention, with an emphasis on early spring messaging.
- f. Local strengths to protect Durham Region residents from solar UVR include:
- DRHD's health promotion on sun safety at work, school and childcare facilities including a sun safety policy package for childcare facilities.
 - Strategic green infrastructure and tree planting programs such as Regional collaboration with local municipalities to promote and subsidize the LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) backyard tree planting program.
 - Strong shade policies in some municipalities.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic directions and pathways in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Strategic direction: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

- Pathway E3. Prepare for and respond to severe weather impacts.

b. Strategic direction: Healthy People, Caring Communities

- Pathway H4. Support the development of healthy children and youth, including access to affordable and quality child care.
- Pathway H7. Prepare for and respond to local health emergencies in partnership with the community.

5. Next Steps

5.1 The solar UVR report will be disseminated and promoted to municipal and community partners. The communication plan includes a news release and social media messages to build public awareness of solar UVR as one of the six climate hazards of concern for communities as well as the link between solar UVR exposure and health.

5.2 The remaining reports of the CCHVA series will be completed, published and promoted in sequence.

5.3 The next report entitled, Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impact Vector-borne Disease, is expected in the spring of 2025.

5.4 Where possible, the report development process will continue to integrate the review and feedback of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Regional Sustainability staff.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The CCHVA report series is intended to help decision-makers better understand the health risks that Durham Region residents will face in the coming years.
- 6.2 It will help guide equity-focused adaptation plans to protect residents, especially those who are most affected and least protected.
- 6.3 The CCHVA report series will help support municipalities, community organizations and residents respond to the growing impacts of climate change.

Respectfully submitted,


Original signed by

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



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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora
Mayor Tom Mrakas
100 John West Way
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RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **Respective Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025, endorsed correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 5, 2024, regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-04
Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer Seconded by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva

That Council support and endorse the resolution as amended within the correspondence received regarding the request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure funding.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with **respective** municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to **respective** municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **respective** municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow **respective** municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to **respective** municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to **respective** municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to **respective** municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
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JK/dp

- c.c. Prime Minister of Canada
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Niagara Area MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario municipalities
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and



Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver



- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

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February 11, 2025

Sent via email

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on February 10, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and,



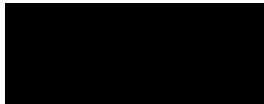
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Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,
2. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours sincerely,



Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator

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**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

Title: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Simon
Seconded by: Councillor Broome

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and,


Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,
2. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of

the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,

3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried



Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:07 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

J. McEwen, 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.

2. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell*, Whitby
P. Chandwani, Whitby, Vice-Chair, left the meeting at 2:53 PM
W. Henshall*, Whitby
M. Lloyd*, Oshawa
Councillor McDougall
J. McEwen, Clarington, Chair
S. Sones, Whitby
L. Williams*, Pickering
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Staff

Present: N. Dash, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***denotes staff participating electronically**

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

K. Smith called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by M. Lloyd,
That Jim McEwen be nominated for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by P. Chandwani,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

K. Smith asked if J. McEwen wished to stand. J. McEwen indicated he would stand.

J. McEwen was acclaimed as the Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

K. Smith called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
That Priya Chandwani be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by S. Sones,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

K. Smith asked if P. Chandwani wished to stand. P. Chandwani indicated she would stand.

P. Chandwani was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

J. McEwen, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Discussion Items

A) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

N. Dash advised that under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the Region of Durham is required to update their Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as the current plan expires in 2025. N. Dash requested one or two Committee members to be part of the planning sub-committee. J. McEwen and W. Henshall offered to sit on the planning sub-committee for the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

N. Dash further advised she will be seeking feedback from Committee members for the survey questions being proposed for the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Discussion ensued with regards to the time commitment for the planning sub-committee; using Ontario Tech University as a resource for recommendations and surveys; who can take part in providing feedback on the survey; and the length of time for the new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to be approved.

B) Nomination Process for AAC Awards

P. Hines advised that feedback was received from Committee members for the nomination process for the AAC Awards and that the number of categories has been reduced and a new scoring matrix has been developed. P. Hines advised that a copy of the nomination process will be shared with Committee members.

P. Hines responded to questions with regards to whether businesses can be nominated for an award; and how time dedication is scored under the new scoring matrix.

C) The Need for More Accessible Housing in Canada

J. McEwen shared an article called More Accessible Housing is Needed in Canada was shared with Committee members.

J. McEwen raised concerns that new housing developments do not require a specified minimum number of accessible units within their project and stated that the need for more accessible units in Durham Region needs to be impressed upon the lower tier municipalities.

Councillor McDougall suggested reaching out to the Durham Home Builders Association for guidance on the number of accessible units required when building homes.

N. Dash advised she would reach out to the Durham Home Builders Association and provide a response to Committee members.

7. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

8. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

W. Henshall advised that the group has come up with a mechanism called “Listen, Learn, Collaborate” that will host conferences and activities throughout National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. There have been preliminary discussions with Ontario Tech University regarding possibly hosting an event during the fall reading week at the university.

Discussion ensued with regards to the accessibility of Ontario Tech University for those attending the event; connecting with the public relations program at Durham College for students to assist with the event; and when a date for the event will be set in place.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

J. McEwen advised that the next Transit Advisory Committee meeting will be taking place on February 18, 2025 and will provide an update at the next meeting. He further advised that W. Henshall and himself will continue to be AAC representatives on the Transit Advisory Committee.

W. Henshall advised that he asked for an update on the training being provided to operators for accessibility as he is still experiencing difficulties.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:04 PM and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

N. Dash provided the following update:

- At the Regional Accessibility Coordinators meeting, she provided the Committee’s feedback regarding hosting the networking event in person. Their feedback was to still host the first event online and have discussions at the event on how to make the event work in person for a future event.

Discussion ensued with regards to how the networking event will be facilitated; potential date for the networking event; coordinating events with the lower tier municipalities; and potential venues to host a networking event.

- The Town of Ajax has rolled out the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program and suggested having someone from the Town of Ajax speak to the Committee about it and seek support of the program at Regional facilities.
- Durham Region Transit hosted an Accessibility Forum on January 14, 2025 and suggested DRT staff speak to the Committee to provide an update.

Discussion ensued with regards to sharing the Committee minutes and information with the lower tier accessibility committees; and sharing topics discussed with the Regional Accessibility Coordinators.

D) Black History Month Celebration

P. Hines advised that Durham Region's Black History Month celebration "Together We Rise Durham: Resistance, Resilience, Possibility" is taking place on February 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Audley Recreation Centre in the Town of Ajax. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Andrew B. Campbell.

P. Hines advised she will share the registration link with Committee members.

E) Committee Recruitment Update

N. Dash advised that three new members will be recommended for appointment to Council and they will hopefully be able to attend the next AAC meeting.

9. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

10. Other Business

A) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

J. McEwen thanked D. Campbell for her work for this year's election of Chair and Vice-Chair. J. McEwen suggested putting together a subcommittee for next year's election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

W. Henshall suggested the current Chair and Vice-Chair provide their experience of being Chair and Vice-Chair to Committee members at the end of the year to provide insight for the next year's elections.

B) The BrailleDoodle

D. Campbell advised that she took a volunteer position on The TouchPad Pro Foundation based out of New York and they have created a product called The BrailleDoodle to help teach braille literacy.

C) Durham Accessibility Conference

P. Hines advised that Durham Region is partnering with the Abilities Centre to host the 3rd Annual Accessibility Conference which is taking place on May 28, 2025 with the theme being Accessibility Employment and Beyond.

P. Hines asked Committee members to advise if they would like to participate in the conference.

P. Hines further advised that there will be a keynote speaker and are hoping to have a virtual segment for this year's conference.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

12. Adjournment

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. McEwen, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, January 23, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:03 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, PG Case, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Vice-Chair Case 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 here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

2. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson, Regional Council Alternate
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Vice-Chair
R. Coelho, Community Member
A. Frempong, Community Member
J. Munawa, Community Member
B. Nelson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
Councillor Shahid, Regional Council
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member
*** all members participated electronically**

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Bookal, Community Member
T. Hancock, Community Member

Councillor Lee, Regional Council
C. Oyeniran, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Chair
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
V. Burton, Supervisor, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
D. Nation-Williams, Area Manager, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** all staff participated electronically**

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting
held on Thursday, November 28, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Presentations

A) Vanessa Burton, Supervisor, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports Division, Region of Durham, and Devon Nation-Williams, Area Manager, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports Division, Region of Durham, re: Summer Student Information Sessions for Black Post-Secondary Students

Vanessa Burton, Supervisor, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports Division, Region of Durham, and Devon Nation-Williams, Area Manager, Income Employment and Homelessness Supports Division, Region of Durham presented before the Committee with respect to Summer Student Information Sessions for Black Post-Secondary Students.

D. Nation-Williams stated that the Summer Student Information Sessions for Black Post-Secondary Students has been developed by the Income, Employment

and Homelessness Support Division and the Business Services Division (BSD) as part of the Region's commitment to addressing anti-Black racism and fostering diversity and inclusion in the workforce. He further stated that this initiative is an actionable response to the recommendations outlined in the Region's Anti-Black Racism Pillar Report and was designed to help break down the barriers that Black students often face when seeking employment opportunities.

V. Burton stated that the information sessions are held in a virtual format and provides a detailed overview of the application process, explains how to navigate the Region's website to locate additional resources to support their application, and highlights the value of summer employment at the Region through testimonials from previous students.

V. Burton further stated that this is the third year these information sessions have been offered and advised that feedback is collected from attendees to improve future sessions and make them more impactful. She advised that two (2) information sessions have already taken place this year on January 16 and January 20, with the next session scheduled for February 13.

V. Burton advised that promotional materials for the information sessions have been distributed to members of the Committee and encouraged them to promote the information sessions with their networks ahead of the next session in February.

D. Nation-Williams and V. Burton responded to questions from the Committee with respect to whether applicants are required to complete any assessments as part of the recruitment process; the process for collecting feedback from attendees; where the information sessions are held; the number of students that attend each session; whether the information sessions are being promoted at the post-secondary institutions in the Region; and how many summer student positions are available each year.

7. Information Items

A) Recruitment Update

P. Hines provided a status update regarding the recruitment process for the Committee's current vacancies and advised that the deadline for accepting applications has been extended to January 31, 2025. She encouraged members to continue sharing the opportunity among their networks.

P. Hines responded to a question from the Committee with regards to whether connections have been made with any Indigenous organizations to promote the Committee's vacancies and recruitment.

B) Black History Month

P. Hines provided an overview of the following Black History Month events being organized by the Region:

- The Region, in partnership with 7 out of the 8 lower tier municipalities and several other community organizations, will be hosting a community event for Black History Month on February 5th at the Audley Recreation Centre. The theme for the event is “Together We Rise Durham: Resistance, Resilience, Possibility” and will feature Dr. Andrew B. Campbell as the keynote speaker, along with artwork from Reisha Felix, a local GTA-based artist. A special feature of the event will include a segment for awards to recognize achievements among community members in various categories, including health/mental health leadership, educational excellence, and newcomer empowerment.
- The Region is hosting a Black History Month event for staff which is taking place on February 19th and will include a presentation from keynote speaker Bee Quammie.

P. Hines encouraged members of the Committee to attend the events and stated that there is an opportunity for the DRART to have an informational booth set up to promote the work being done by the Committee.

P. Hines added that the artwork created by Reisha Felix will be used in all the Region’s promotional materials, social media content, and posters relating to Black History Month.

P. Hines also stated that Durham Region Transit (DRT) will wrap one of its buses with the Black History Month artwork of Reisha Felix and advised that the bus will be assigned to various routes throughout the Region during the month of February.

8. Discussion Items

A) Reporting Hate Activity Initiative – Update

H. Mohammed provided a general overview of the traffic and engagement metrics that the Committee’s website has recently garnered.

H. Mohammed also provided a detailed overview of data collected with regards to the Reporting Hate Activity initiative developed and recently launched by the DRPS Sub-Working Group. She highlighted statistics of community engagement through various social media channels and the Committee’s website traffic.

Discussion ensued with regards to translating the Reporting Hate Activity initiative poster to be available in multiple languages; and methods that could be used to determine the most common languages spoken in the Region.

General discussion ensued regarding increasing the Committee's visibility in the community; and leveraging the Committee's website to curate articles and other knowledge sharing content.

A. Hector-Alexander welcomed members to consider relevant topics as themes for future community engagement events.

B) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) Mid-Term Review Results – Next Steps/Planning

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the feedback collected from the mid-term review survey and discussion at the previous meeting identified common trends around the following areas of interest: community visibility; training and education; community events; and resource development.

A. Hector-Alexander welcomed further dialogue with respect to the themes identified above to explore actionable items the Committee can focus on.

Detailed discussion ensued with regards to determining what topics and initiatives align with the Committee's scope of work, compared to topics and initiatives that more appropriately fall under general community engagement; how the Committee can support general community engagement initiatives; the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and presence in the community; determining the Committee's target audience; and the capacity of the sub-working groups to take on new projects.

Further discussion ensued with members providing suggestions for future community initiatives, including a campaign around supporting diverse groups to vote; promoting personal impact statements from members and the community to highlight ongoing work and its impacts in the community; and what industry organizations to consider for future collaborations such as health care.

Following the suggestion to develop a campaign that would educate and engage the community to vote in the upcoming provincial and federal elections, general discussion ensued with respect to the potential timeline for such a campaign; and whether a digital campaign would be more achievable.

C) Sub-Working Group Updates

1. DRPS Working Group

J. Munawa provided an update on behalf of the DRPS Working Group and advised that the group recently met Sergeant D. Peden and Deputy Chief C.

Kirkpatrick as part of the recurring monthly meetings the group has scheduled with DRPS.

J. Munawa also stated that the group's focus for this year includes reviewing various DRPS policies surrounding appointments, recruitment, and advancement within DRPS; reviewing and discussing DRPS' 2024 Strategic Plan indicator with Sergeant D. Peden; reviewing the draft DRPS' equity assessment; discussing DRPS' action plan with Sgt. D. Peden; and arranging for group members to delegate at a future Police Board meeting.

J. Munawa provided details of an upcoming event that DRPS is hosting with regards to Youth in Policing. She advised the event is scheduled to take place on March 22, 2025, and there is an opportunity for members to attend if interested.

H. Mohammed stated that the group has received responses to most of the questions initially posed to V. Chavannes and advised that the responses have been circulated to members.

H. Mohammed further stated that the DRPS budget for 2025 has been approved, which will allow for the establishment of a hate crimes unit and advised that the current hate crime coordinator will be invited to a future meeting to present to the Committee on the process for reporting hate crimes.

2. School Board Working Group

G. Wilson-Beier provided an update on behalf of the School Board Working Group and advised that the group will reconnect with the school boards in the following weeks to continue working towards data gathering and sharing opportunities.

3. EDI Working Group

R. Coelho provided an update on behalf of the EDI Working Group and stated that the group is contemplating a pivot in its areas of focus following the determination that developing anti-hate legislation may not be achievable.

4. Education Working Group

A. Hector-Alexander provided an update on behalf of the Education Working Group and stated that following the DEI Municipal Symposium hosted in October 2024, the group has scheduled a follow-up meeting to collect feedback of the event to be used to determine next steps and future potential collaborations and partnerships among the attending organizations.

9. Other Business

A) Whitby Chamber of Commerce Black History Month Event

H. Mohammed stated that the Whitby Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Black History Month event on February 7, 2025, at the Ajax Convention Centre. She advised that staff have a limited number of tickets available for any members who are interested in attending the event.

B) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) Logo Rebranding

PG Case inquired if there was an interest among the Committee in rebranding the DRART logo.

A. Hector-Alexander stated that any design concepts for a new logo can be shared with staff who would work with the Communications team to develop an updated logo to present to the Committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

PG Case, Vice-Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk