

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Planning and Economic Development Committee Agenda

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 9:30 a.m. **Regional Council Chambers** Regional Headquarters Building 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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- Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Gary Muller, Director of Planning, and Colleen Goodchild, Manager of Policy, Planning and Special Studies
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 - Joanna Fast, Evans Planning, on behalf of GLS a. **Group of Companies**
 - Max Lysyk, on behalf of GLS Group of b.

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There are no confidential matters to be considered

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Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM

13. Adjournment

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MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair

Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair

Councillor Collier Councillor Kerr Councillor Neal

Councillor Shahid attended the meeting at 9:35 AM

Councillor Wotten Regional Chair Henry

*denotes Councillors participating electronically

Also

Present: Councillor Carter*

Councillor Dies*
Councillor Foster*
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall

*denotes Councillors participating electronically

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer*

- B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
- C. Boyd. Solicitor. Chief Administrative Office Legal Services*
- I. Cheung, Business Development Specialist, Economic Development
- J. Feuiltault, Business Development Specialist, Economic Development
- H. Finlay, Acting Manager, Transit Oriented Development, Planning and Economic Development
- S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
- C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
- W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit*
- L. Huinink, Director, Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development
- J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services, Chief Administrative Office Legal Services*
- S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

- G. Macfarlane, Program Specialist, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- G. Muller, Director of Planning
- G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
- B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism
- D. Ruby, Manager, Economic Development, Business Development and Investment
- J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development
- L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation
- R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services IT
- S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services Legislative Services
- N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services Legislative Services
- 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 Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(10) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,

(11) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item 6.2, Geoff Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report (2023-P-3), at this time.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

6.2 Geoff Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report (2023-P-3)

Geoff Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee, appeared before the Committee with respect to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) 2022 Annual Report. He advised that the committee is now called the Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee and is in the process of changing the mandate to be more inclusive with regards to the Region's initiatives surrounding climate change.

- G. Carpentier highlighted the various activities of DEAC in 2022, including:
 - The committee received presentations on The Durham Meadoway; Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan; TRCA's updated regional Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System Mapping; The Regional Natural Heritage System; the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan; Durham Greener Homes Program; Friends of Second Marsh; and Durham Wastewater;
 - The committee provided advice on issues including Carruthers
 Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt and the Carruthers Creek
 Watershed Plan; the Municipal Comprehensive Review process;
 various Official Plan Amendments; Whitby Comprehensive Zoning
 By-law Review; Draft Regional Agricultural System; and The
 Durham Climate Commission; and
 - The committee engaged in community outreach and stewardship activities as well as participated in other advisory committee meetings.
- G. Carpentier responded to questions from the Committee and the Committee thanked G. Carpentier and members of the DEAC for their work.

5. Presentations

5.1 Stacy Jibb, Manager of Agriculture & Rural Economic Development, and Glen Macfarlane, Rural Program Specialist re: Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan (2023-EDT-2) [Item 8.2 a.]

Stacy Jibb, Manager of Agriculture & Rural Economic Development and Glen Macfarlane, Rural Program Specialist provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Growing North Durham Plan Overview
- Related Strategies and Plans
 - Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham (2023-2027)
 - Connecting our Communities: A Broadband Strategy for Durham Region

- Durham Tourism Action Plan
- Invest Durham Marketing Action Plan
- o Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan
- Background
- Collaborative Approach
- Key Pillars
 - o People
 - o Places
 - Prosperity
- Next Steps
- S. Jibb stated that the Growing North Durham Plan was known as the Vibrant North Durham Plan from 2013 to 2018. She stated that in 2022 consultations were held with key partners and Vibrant North Durham was rebranded to the Growing North Durham Economic Development Plan. She stated that staff is seeking endorsement of the Plan from each north Durham Council.
- G. Macfarlane provided a detailed overview of the following Key Pillars of the Plan:
 - People
 - Support Entrepreneurship
 - o Skills, Talent and Workforce Development
 - Foster the Innovation Economy
 - Places
 - Welcome New and Diverse Businesses
 - Vibrant Downtowns
 - Showcase North Durham
 - Prosperity
 - Investment Readiness
 - Business Retention and Expansion
 - o Employment Lands, Connectivity and Economic Infrastructure
- S. Jibb responded to questions regarding Investment Readiness and the process involved.
- 5.2 Stacy Jibb, Manager of Agriculture & Rural Economic Development re: Best Practices for On-Farm Diversified Uses (2023-EDT-3) [Item 8.2 b.]

Stacy Jibb, Manager of Agriculture & Rural Economic Development provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Best Practices for On-Farm Diversified Uses.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- On-Farm Diversification
- Guidelines on Permitted Uses

- Defining On-Farm Diversified Uses
- Economic Benefits
- Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan
- Best Practices

S. Jibb stated that there are five policy criteria for On-Farm Diversified Uses as follows: must be located on a farm; must be secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property; must be limited in area; must include home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism, and value-added uses; and is compatible with, and does not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations. She stated that the economic benefits are as follows: increased farm resiliency; high-value job creation; supports the family farm; strengthens rural economies; tourism spin-offs; and education and cultural exchange. She provided an overview of some of the best practices as recommended in the Report.

S. Jibb responded to questions regarding engagement with the City of Pickering with regards to their zoning by-law review; clarification regarding secondary uses; federal regulations and provincial Minister Zoning Orders (MZOs); and interpretation of MZOs.

6. Delegations

6.1 Ivan Battye, Whitby Resident re: Airports in Durham Region

Ivan Battye, Whitby Resident provided a delegation regarding Airports in Durham Region. He stated that he feels Durham Region does not have the capacity for six runways and that Article 44 of Transport Canada's Ground Lease with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority states that a Pickering Airport cannot proceed until Toronto Pearson International Airport is no longer meeting any capacity and demand requirements. He further stated that he feels all information provided to Durham Region regarding airports is false and those failures fall upon a number of government and non-government agencies and their leaders.

- I. Battye responded to a question of the committee.
- 6.2 Geoff Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report (2023-P-3)

This delegation was heard earlier in the meeting. Refer to pages 2 and 3 of these minutes.

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from the Town of Ajax, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 23, 2023, regarding Accelerating Development of Thousands of New Housing Units

Discussion ensued with regards to Minister Zoning Orders (MZO); the timing between an MZO and the typical process for processing developments; whether there a need for public input; how many housing units will be affordable housing units; the range of the types of housing being considered in the five projects; whether there has been any response to the Ajax resolution; and next steps.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(12) That we recommend to Council:

That the following motion passed by the Ajax Town Council on January 23, 2023, be endorsed:

Whereas the Ontario government has recognized that there is a housing crisis and has established a goal to have 1.5 million homes built in the next ten (10) years, and has additionally set a specific target of 17,000 new homes for the Town of Ajax by 2031;

And whereas on February 22, 2021, Ajax Council supported five (5) Employment Area Conversion Requests to advance residential growth in the Town;

And whereas these requests were endorsed by Durham Region Council on December 22, 2021 for inclusion within a new Regional Official Plan;

And whereas up to 4,100 housing units and 50 job per hectare could be created through developments proposed in the following Employment Area Conversion Requests:

- a) CNR-07 8.8 hectares located at the southeast corner of Salem Road North and Kerrison Drive East,
- b) CNR-15 2.99 hectares located at 1401 Harwood Avenue North,
- c) CNR-19 3.8 hectares located at 250 Rossland Road East.
- d) CNR-20 0.69 hectares located at 650 Beck Crescent, and
- e) CNR-33 1.11 hectares located 1t 1541 Harwood Avenue North;

And whereas these lands are located within an existing Settlement Area Boundary;

And whereas the development of these urgently needed housing units could be delayed for years while approvals are sought; And whereas Durham Region's Official Plan process is in question due to changes to the regional planning framework implemented by the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022;

And whereas by accelerating the timeline, landowners can take advantage of developing at today's costs and interest rates, while conversely, further delaying the process could put development at risk due to the unknown future rate of inflation;

And whereas through inclusion in the Durham Region Official Plan process, these parcels have been subject to review and public consultation;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. Council requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing enact Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) as follows:
 - a. CNR-07 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 2,873 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 40,000 m² nonresidential gross floor area within multiple buildings up to a maximum height of 25 storeys;
 - b. CNR-15 to permit a residential development with approximately 150 townhouse dwelling units with a minimum height of 3-storeys;
 - c. CNR-19 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 800 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 9,300 m² non-residential gross floor area within buildings up to a maximum building height of 25 storeys;
 - d. CNR-20 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 200 apartment dwelling units and a maximum height of 25 storeys; and
 - e. CNR-33 to permit a residential development of between 33 and 77 townhouse dwelling units;
- 2. Affordable and below market rent options shall be included in the housing mix where feasible;
- 3. Council requests the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing engage Town of Ajax planning staff to establish site specific development standards incorporating Town of Ajax Official Plan policies and other technical elements to ensure land use compatibility, good urban design, and appropriate project phasing;

- 4. Should the negotiation between all parties not achieve the outcomes in clause 1 and 2, that specific MZO request not move forward;
- 5. Council be empowered to request the revocation of any MZO approved in response to this motion if a site plan application or plan of subdivision application is not submitted within one year of the issuance of the MZO;
- 6. Staff be directed to deliver a presentation to Council detailing the contents of MZOs issued by the Minister in response to this motion; and
- 7. This motion be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, and Durham Region Chair, John Henry.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

There were no reports to consider.

8. Economic Development

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

B) Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan (2023-EDT-2)

Report #2023-EDT-2 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(13) That we recommend to Council:

That the Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan, be endorsed.

CARRIED

C) <u>Best Practices for On-Farm Diversified Uses (2023-EDT-3)</u>

Report #2023-EDT-3 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(14) That Report #2022-EDT-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

D) <u>Investment Attraction Metrics – Annual Activity Report 2022 (2023-EDT-4)</u>

Report #2023-EDT-4 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to what support is needed from municipalities to strengthen investment; whether the numbers are gaining momentum; collaboration with area municipalities and how often; whether there has been consultations with the province regarding MTO lands; whether staff keeps track of where the leads came from with regards to companies that set up in Durham Region; whether staff follows up with investors that did not come to Durham Region; investment attraction metrics; and whether area municipalities are apprised of the investors that have come and left.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(15) That Report #2022-EDT-4 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee re: Impacts on Food Prices and Opportunities for Advocacy to Improve Financial Viability for the Agri-food Sector

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(16) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas the agri-food industry is one of the top economic drivers in Durham Region supporting a workforce of over 27,105 people through 3,360 agri-food businesses, more than 1,200 farms and farm families, contributing upwards of \$354 million to Ontario's total farm production and supporting \$775 million in GDP;

And Whereas food prices have seen their steepest increase since 1981 with a year over year increase of 11% as of October 2022;

And Whereas inputs for farmers and primary producers have increased significantly in the last year, including fertilizer prices increasing 95.8% compared to July 2020, fuel prices have seen a historic year-over-year increase, while chemical/herbicide markets have experienced shortages and increased prices. Despite these changes, farmers have not seen a significant increase in their primary product price to compensate for the rising cost of inputs;

And Whereas the profit margin for farmers was adversely impacted by a 35% tariff placed on fertilizer imports, including fertilizer purchased prior to economic sanctions being placed on Russia and Belarus that farmers in Canada rely on to support food production.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Regional Council recognize the importance of agriculture in Durham Region by encouraging the federal government to compensate farmers for tariffs paid on fertilizer, one of the contributing factors to increased food costs.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Envision Durham

Councillor Neal inquired about the range of feedback received regarding Phase 2 of Envision Durham as well as anticipated next steps; process; and related timelines. Councillor Shahid inquired whether there will be a memorandum to Regional Council with regards to the feedback received and how Bill 23 will affect the Region's Official Plan when it's proclaimed. Councillor Collier inquired about the possibility of staff revisiting the subject of the Land Needs Scenario 2A again and Councillor Pickles inquired about social media sites and email campaigns.

11.2 Best Practices for On Farm Diversified Uses

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Neal,

(17) That the rules of procedure be suspended to introduce a motion regarding extending an invitation to the Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee to appear at Regional Council.

CARRIED ON A 2/3RDS VOTE

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(18) That Zac Cohoon, Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) be invited to present at the March 1, 2023 Regional Council meeting with regards to Report #2023-EDT-3 Best Practices for On Farm Diversified Uses.

CARRIED

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

	by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Neal, That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED
The me	eting adjourned at 11:10 AM
Respect	tfully submitted,
B. Chap	man, Chair

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #2023-P-6 Date: March 7, 2023

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Envision Durham – Release of the draft new Regional Official Plan, File: D12-01

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2023-P-6 be received for information; and
- B) That all submissions received on the Draft Regional Official Plan be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee and Council members, the province, agencies, service providers, stakeholder groups, and members of the public that the draft new Regional Official Plan (ROP), in its entirety, is now available for review and comment (see Attachment #1). With the release of this draft, Regional planning staff are taking steps to enable Regional Council to be in a position to adopt the new ROP before the Council summer recess. The deadline for submitting comments on the draft new ROP is Monday April 3, 2023.

1.2 On March 6, 2023, the Region will host an in-person Public Open House in the Main Atrium on first floor of Regional Headquarters, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In addition, on March 7, 2023, a Public Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM during the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting (in hybrid format).

1.3 A "Notice of Public Open House" and "Notice of Public Meeting" regarding the release of the draft new ROP was advertised in newspapers across the region the week of February 6, 2023 as well as through the Region's website, social media channels, and via a public service announcement. Additionally, every person who has registered to be on the Envision Durham Interested Parties List, (over 750 individuals), will also receive notice.

2. Background

- 2.1 The draft new ROP is the culmination of work completed through Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of Durham's existing ROP. The draft new ROP provides policies and strategic directions that guide future growth, infrastructure and service delivery, land use planning, and development related matters. Envision Durham is the Region's response to ensure that the new ROP conforms with Provincial Plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of Provincial interest; and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. Consistent with the provincial Growth Plan, the draft new ROP has a planning horizon of 2051. The new ROP will replace the existing ROP. Upon approval of the new ROP by the Minister, the existing ROP would be repealed.
- 2.2 The Envision Durham MCR process has been the subject of numerous opportunities for public input and engagement. Regional staff, with the assistance of consultants, prepared and consulted on a series of discussion papers, proposed policy directions reports, technical studies, and draft mapping at various intervals throughout the exercise.
- 2.3 The completion of the MCR will enable the initiation of service and infrastructure planning to support mandated levels of growth while supporting Durham's eight area municipalities as they initiate their own MCRs and conformity exercises.
- 2.4 Further, upon proclamation of certain components of the More Homes Built Faster Act (i.e. Bill 23), the Regional Official Plan will become the official plan of the area municipalities. A proclamation date is not known at this time. Future updated or new area municipal official plans will require Ministerial approval. Ministerial decisions on planning matters cannot be appealed by the Region.

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3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 Since 2019, over 35 reports on various aspects of the Envision Durham process have been prepared by Regional planning staff. The process has been highly collaborative and transparent. A list of previous reports and decisions related to the Envision Durham MCR is available on the project web page within the Document library.

4. Overview of the Draft New ROP

- 4.1 The draft new ROP is intended to guide decisions on long-term growth, infrastructure investment and development providing strategic policy direction to ensure an improved quality of life to secure the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents of Durham. The draft new ROP provides a blueprint for supporting a long-term regional vision where, in 2051, Durham's reputation as a complete, healthy, sustainable, diverse and welcoming community of communities will be known worldwide as the place to live, learn and thrive.
- 4.2 To help guide Durham along its course towards becoming "the place to live, learn and thrive," high-level strategic directions are included that were informed by community outreach and engagement activities conducted during the MCR, and form the following chapters in the draft ROP:
 - a. A Prosperous Region;
 - b. Healthy Communities;
 - c. Supportive Infrastructure & Services;
 - d. A Vibrant Urban System;
 - e. A Thriving Rural System;
 - f. A Protected Greenlands System; and
 - g. A Connected Transportation System.
- 4.3 The draft new ROP incorporates the work undertaken throughout the Envision Durham process, including:
 - a. Proposed Policy Directions across all disciplines;
 - b. Growth Management Study including:
 - Employment Area conversions In 2021, there was an extensive process to consider employment area conversion requests which culminated in a decision on each request by Council in December of 2021. Council's decision on these requests is reflected in this draft new ROP without further change;

- identification of Strategic Growth Areas, including all Centres, Corridors and Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) - This component of Envision Durham culminated in the adoption of Regional Official Plan Amendment #186 which establishes a policy framework for the Region's PMTSAs. ROPA 186 was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval in January of 2022. As of this date the Amendment has not yet been approved by the Minister;
- allocation of regional population, household and employment forecasts to each area municipality;
- identification of 2051 Urban Expansion Areas, and
- allocation of required intensification within the Built Boundary.
- c. Regional Natural Heritage System; and
- d. Implementation of the provincial Agricultural System.
- 4.4 The draft new ROP also incorporates the extent and location of proposed Settlement Area Boundary Expansions (SABEs) that are required to accommodate the Region's population and employment forecasts to 2051 as detailed in Report #2022-INFO-91 released on November 10, 2022. The 2051 Expansion Area Employment Areas have been distributed along 400-series highways, and clustered at future interchanges.
- 4.5 Mapping for the draft New ROP has been organized to address:
 - Regional Structure Urban & Rural Systems;
 - b. Greenlands System Regional Natural Heritage System; Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan Land Use Designations; Water Resources System, including Key Hydrologic Features, Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas, and Significant Surface Water Contribution Areas and Ecologically Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas; Source Water Protection; Highly Vulnerable Aquifers and Areas of High Aquifer Vulnerability; and Landform Conservation Areas on the Oak Ridges Moraine;
 - Transportation System Transit Priority Network; Road Network; Strategic Goods Movement Network; Active Transportation Network; and Regional Road Right-of-Way Requirements; and
 - d. Aggregate Resources.

4.6 The Greenbelt Plan Areas removed by the province within Pickering, Ajax and Clarington have been identified as Special Study Areas in the draft new ROP. This approach is necessary given the province's stated intention to return removed lands back to the Greenbelt if certain milestones are not achieved, (e.g. progress on planning approvals by 2023, and homes under construction by 2025). The proposed policies in the draft new ROP mirror the province's requirements for development within these areas. As the province is both the approval authority for the new ROP and the authority to be satisfied as to the progress of development in the Greenbelt Removal Areas, any modifications to the ROP due to Greenbelt removals will form part of a future provincial decision.

5. Consultation on Proposed Settlement Area Boundary Expansions and Area Municipal Growth Allocations

- 5.1 Initial results of Phase 2 of the Growth Management Study, consisting of proposed locations for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABEs) and Area Municipal Growth Allocations, were released for public review and comment on November 10, 2022. The consultation period closed on January 18, 2023. The proposed locations for SABEs and growth allocations have been incorporated into the draft new ROP, with no changes made to what was released in November 2022. During the commenting window, at the time of preparing this report, the Region had received:
 - a. 60 written letters addressed to Envision Durham commenting on proposed SABEs and/or growth allocations;
 - b. 46 comments on proposed SABEs received through an online public mapping viewer; and
 - c. 55 similarly worded emails stating that it is premature to seek feedback on the proposed SABEs given changes to the Greenbelt Plan, requesting a detailed accounting of the value of Durham's natural assets, timeline and servicing plan for SABEs, and requesting compliance with the Region's Climate Emergency Declaration by prioritizing intensification.
- 5.2 The nature of the submissions vary, (excluding the 55 similarly worded emails). There are numerous submissions that both support and oppose the proposed SABEs. While staff continue to review and consider these submissions, there are a number that warrant being brought to Committee and Council's attention at this time:

- a. Comments from the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation opposing the implementation of Scenario 2a (the Council Endorsed Scenario), opposing the SABE in northeast Pickering, suggesting if a SABE were to occur that consideration be given to shifting the expansion to the lands in Clarington, and requesting additional studies, including:
 - an opportunity cost assessment of the impact of losing ecosystem services provided within the Carruthers Creek Headwaters;
 - a cumulative effects assessment on the impact to Williams Treaties First Nations harvesting rights;
- Comments from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority requesting that the impact from ongoing flood modelling be determined before the Region makes a decision on proposed SABEs;
- c. Comments from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority requesting additional lands been protected/removed from the developable land supply in northeast Pickering and added to the Region's Natural Heritage System or Water Resource System in accordance with various noted data sources;
- d. Comments from the Northeast Pickering Landowners Group (NEPLOG) which dispute the total allocation of developable land contained in northeast Pickering, requesting the Natural Heritage System developed by the NEPLOG environmental consultant be used/implemented, and requesting the reduction and reorientation of proposed Employment Areas to be weighted on the south side of Highway 407;
- e. Comments from the Cherrywood Area landowner group requesting that the lands recently removed from the Duffin's Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act and the Greenbelt Plan in west Pickering be considered for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion;
- f. A number of requests seeking alternative Whitebelt lands be included in the proposed SABEs, including lands near the federal Pickering Airport lands and lands within the Urban Separators in Clarington;
- g. Several requests seeking additional lands that are currently within the Greenbelt be added as potential SABEs, (Note, these requests cannot be entertained as the Region does not have the jurisdiction to amend the Greenbelt Plan);

h. Comments requesting a Community Area designation instead of the currently proposed Employment Area designation, (i.e. new employment conversion requests). Several letters have been received for lands on the north side of the 407 in Whitby in the vicinity of Cochrane Street and Country Lane and for lands on the south side of the 407 in proximity to the Harmony Road interchange. A letter has also been received requesting a portion of the proposed Sunderland Expansion be for Community Area;

- i. Comments seeking the reconsideration of Employment Area conversion requests, including lands in Beaverton (CNR-23 [Beaverton Commons/Mazzotta]) and in Scugog (CNR-17 [Wannop]);
- j. Correspondence from the Township of Scugog supporting the request by Mr. Richard Wannop for the Region to reconsider its decision to not endorse Employment Area Conversion CNR 17 and also requesting the Region assess the impact of increased employment land absorption as a result of servicing initiatives, and if this would result in a lesser Employment Area surplus over the long term; and
- k. Comments from the Municipality of Clarington asking the Region to attend a Clarington Council meeting and host a Public Information Centre in Clarington, reassess the land needs and SABEs required to accommodate the Claringtonendorsed Scenario 2a to account for Greenbelt Plan removals, and to extend the commenting period on SABEs and the Draft Working Copy of the ROP (circulated to the province, Area Municipal and Conservation Authority Working Groups and to internal Regional departments on December 22, 2022) to at least March 31, 2023.

6. Public Consultation on the Draft New ROP

Notification

6.1 A copy of this report and notification of the forthcoming Public Open House and Public Meeting will be forwarded upon publication (February 10) to all Envision Durham Interested Parties, Durham's area municipalities, Indigenous communities, conservation authorities, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee, the Durham Active Transportation Committee, the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) – Durham Chapter, Durham Region Home Builders' Association, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Circulation will also be provided to agencies and service providers that may have an interest in the planning of long-term growth in the region (e.g. school boards, hospitals, utility providers, etc.).

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How to Provide Input

6.2 The draft new ROP is now available for public review and comment. Mapping of the proposed Regional Structure, which includes the Urban and Rural Systems of the draft new ROP (Map 1), can also be reviewed by accessing an online map viewer available on the Envision Durham website. Additional proposed mapping, including for the Greenlands System (Map 2), Transportation System (Map 3) and Aggregate Resources (Map 4) are available as PDFs within the draft new ROP online at www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham (also see Attachment #1).

6.3 Those wishing to provide comments may do so by inputting a comment in the online map viewer or by submitting written correspondence by mail or by email to EnvisionDurham@durham.ca. The deadline for comments is end of day Monday April 3, 2023. Previous submissions received have been catalogued and will form part of the Clerk's Record that will be provided to the Minister following Council's adoption of the new ROP.

Public Open House (March 6)

- 6.4 The Region will host an in-person Public Open House on March 6, 2023, in the Main Atrium on first floor of Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will not be a formal staff presentation; however, the Public Open House will provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the draft new ROP and to provide comments and information to staff.
- 6.5 Any person may attend the March 6th Public Open House; however, you are encouraged to register in advance by visiting the <u>Envision Durham web page</u>.

Public Meeting (March 7)

6.6 A hybrid Public Meeting will be held on March 7, 2023 as part of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting. The Committee meeting will start at 9:30 am for consideration of other scheduled agenda items; however, the Public Meeting portion of the Committee meeting specific to the draft new Regional Official Plan is scheduled to commence at 11:00 AM, or as soon as the other agenda items have been completed. At the start of the Public Meeting, Regional planning staff will deliver a 30-to-40-minute presentation followed by questions from members of Committee and visiting Councillors. It is not expected that delegations from the public will commence until after a lunch break. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide interested parties with the opportunity to provide the Planning and Economic Development Committee comments and provide additional information relative to the draft new ROP.

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6.7 Any person may make submissions concerning the draft new ROP and are invited to attend the Public Meeting in-person at Durham Regional Council Chambers, or virtually.

- 6.8 Members of the public who wish to delegate at the Public Meeting in-person shall be permitted to speak without prior registration, but nevertheless are encouraged to register in advance by emailing EnvisionDurham@durham.ca advising of their name, address, email and who they represent. Members of the public who wish to delegate electronically must register in advance of the Public Meeting by submitting their request to delegate in writing to delegations@durham.ca by 12:00 PM, on Monday, March 6, 2023.
- 6.9 The maximum time for delegations is five minutes. If your delegation involves presentation slides, the slides must be provided to delegations@durham.ca by 12 noon on Monday March 6, 2023 otherwise they cannot be displayed.
- 6.10 Members of the public are invited to view the Public Meeting remotely via live streaming at www.durham.ca/live as an alternative to attending the meeting inperson.
- 6.11 For those unable to attend the Public Meeting but wish to make a written submission on or before March 7th, or for those who want to provide supplemental written information related to their oral delegation, it should be submitted to clerks@durham.ca by 12:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2023, to allow correspondence to be included on an addendum to the March 7, 2023 Planning and Economic Development Committee agenda.

Future Involvement

- 6.12 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the new Regional Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body:
 - a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Regional Official Plan, if the Minister refers all or part of the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
 - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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6.13 Following Council's consideration and adoption of the New Regional Official Plan, the document will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act.

6.14 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the new Regional Official Plan may submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East
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EnvisionDurham@durham.ca

7. Future Regional Council Decision

- 7.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee or Committee of the Whole will consider a final draft of the new ROP at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council.
- 7.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, or who have registered as an Interested Party through the Envision Durham website, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, or Committee of the Whole and Regional Council at which the final draft Regional Official Plan will be considered.

8. Relationship to Strategic Plan

8.1 This report aligns with/addresses all the strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan.

9. Conclusion

9.1 The draft new ROP is now available for public review and comment at www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham (also see Attachment #1). Those wishing to provide comments may do so by inputting comments in the online Regional Structure map viewer or by submitting written correspondence by mail or by email to EnvisionDurham@durham.ca. Comments are requested by end of day April 3, 2023. Note: The draft new ROP mapping reflects the proposed SABE locations released on November 10, 2022.

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9.2 Notification of the early release of the draft New ROP, as well as upcoming Public Open House (March 6) and Public Meeting (March 7) has been advertised via local newspapers, social media channels, and via public service announcement. In addition, a copy of this report and notification of how to provide input, as well as how to participate in the Public Open House and Public meeting will be forwarded upon publication (February 10) to a broad range of public and private interested parties.

9.3 Following these consultation activities, staff anticipate bringing forward a final draft ROP for Council's consideration before the Council summer recess. The final draft ROP will be available to the public two weeks prior to the Committee meeting at which it will be considered. Once the new ROP has been adopted by Regional Council, it will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

10. Attachments

Attachment #1: <u>Draft New Regional Official Plan (online)</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair Chief Administrative Officer If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2564



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #2023-P-4 Date: March 7, 2023

Subject:

2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council that the 2023 Business Plans and Budget of the Planning and Economic Development Department be approved.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain Planning and Economic Development Committee concurrence of the 2023 Business Plans and Budget for the Planning and Economic Development Department. The Planning and Economic Development Department 2023 Business Plans and Budget will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration during deliberations of the 2023 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget.

2. Overview

2.1 The recommended 2023 Planning and Economic Development Business Plans and Budget meets the Council approved guideline for the 2023 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget.

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2.2 The 2023 Planning and Economic Development Business Plans and Budget supports the following five goals of the Region's Strategic Plan.

- a. Environmental Sustainability
- b. Community Vitality
- c. Economic Prosperity
- d. Social Investment
- e. Service Excellence.
- 2.3 The recommended 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget includes \$13.3 million in gross expenditures requiring \$12.1 million in property tax funding with the remaining funded by program fees.
- 2.4 At some point in the future, it is understood that Bill 23 will have an impact on certain aspects of the regional planning function which may, in turn, affect certain aspects of the Planning Division's budget. At the time of writing this report, however, it is not known when the operative changes in Bill 23 will take effect. Therefore, the Planning Division's proposed budget for 2023 is generally the same as the Council-approved budget for 2022. It would be premature to make any changes to the operational aspects of the Planning Division until such time as the impacts of the Bill 23 changes are properly understood.
- 2.5 The recommended 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget provides operating and capital funding for the following Divisions and functional areas:
 - a. Planning Division
 - Policy Planning and Special Studies
 - Transportation Planning
 - Plan Implementation
 - Land Division
 - Executive, Administrative and Support Services
 - Citizen Advisory Committees
 - Application Fee Revenue
 - b. Economic Development and Tourism Division
 - Administration
 - Business Development
 - Tourism
 - Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD)

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- Rural and Agriculture
- Community Promotion Resource
- Marketing Strategy Partnerships
- c. Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office

3. 2022 Accomplishments

3.1 In 2022, the Planning and Economic Development Department undertook several activities including the delivery of core and mandated services:

a. Planning Division

- Through Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan, the following was undertaken:
 - Through the Land Needs Assessment process of the Growth Management Study, released the following reports for public, agency and stakeholder review and comment:
 - (i) Proposed Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary;
 - (ii) Recommendations on a Preferred Land Need Scenario;
 - (iii) Draft Settlement Area Boundary Expansions and Area Municipal Growth Allocations;
 - Released the following reports for public, agency and stakeholder comment:
 - (i) Identifying a Regional Natural Heritage System;
 - (ii) Implementation of the Provincial Agricultural System;
 - To support public and agency comment, implemented an on-line mapping and commenting portal;
 - Presented staff's recommendations on the Land Needs Assessment component of the Growth Management Study.
- Presented the new At Home Incentive Program (AHIP) to support the development of affordable housing through direct funding support through amendments to the Region's Municipal Capital Facilities By-law.
- Presented information and staff's recommendation on various Regional Official Plan Amendment applications for Committee's consideration.
- Commenced the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study, as a key component of a connected, safe, and accessible region-wide cycling network of the Regional Cycling Plan Update.

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 Undertook enhancements to PLANit, the Region's new development tracking system under the provincial Streamline Development Approval Fund, allowing for the electronic submission, circulation and commenting on development applications filed with the Region.

- Continued work in support of the Region's efforts to advance the GO East Extension.
- Continued work in support of Regional efforts to advance opportunities for affordable housing.
- Convened a Freight and Goods Movement Forum to identify issues and highlight opportunities in coordination with GTHA agencies.
- Provided timely review of land development applications where the Region is a commenting agency to the area municipalities. Where the Region is an approval authority, provided timely review, comment and approval of development applications including effective administration of the Regional Land Division Committee.
- Assisted in the preparation and filing of comments on provincial legislative changes introduced through Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act.
- Supported the activities of the Durham Environmental Advisory
 Committee, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, and the Durham
 Active Transportation Committee, including hosting an in-person Farm
 Tour.
- b. Economic Development and Tourism Division
 - Coordinated the work of the Durham Economic Task Force (DETF) to support Durham's business community through programs and initiatives such as the Shop Where You Live Campaign. The Shop Where You Live, Shop in Durham campaign is a joint effort with Durham's Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade and in 2022 it achieved a 61% year over year growth in traffic to the campaign landing page -Shop in Durham Week.
 - Supported the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) and helped to coordinate 63 film and television productions in Durham, while increasing awareness of the industry among students by hosting a Film and Television career fair with local partners.

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 Teamed up with Durham's local innovation community—including the eight local municipal economic development teams; three post-secondary institutions; as well as 1855 Accelerator; and Spark Centre—to showcase Durham Region's exciting development potential to businesses and investors at Collision Conference, resulting in more than 1,000 connections.

- Continued promotion of Durham Region as a desirable location for new investment and job creation, with a 17.67% growth in social media followers across the Invest Durham social channels.
- Received council endorsement for Ready Set Future A PLACE
 Blueprint for Durham, the Region's new five-year Economic Development
 and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.
- Received council endorsement of the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan, which sets out activities and goals to support the growth of the agri-food industry over the next five years.
- Supported 2 Access IO events to foster technological entrepreneurship and connect early-stage investors with innovative technological solutions in the local community.
- Advanced progress on a business case for a local food centre and assisted with the application for many Rural Economic Development (RED) grants to support our rural municipalities.
- Developed and launched a new business line for the Regional corporation, a Regional Broadband Network. Work included many successful grant applications, laying many kilometres of fibre backbone infrastructure, and establishing an entirely new special purpose entity to develop, construct, and commercially operate a network, bringing service to our unserved and underserved communities. In December of 2021, Regional Council approved the creation of a municipal services corporation that will lead future broadband initiatives.
- Delivered extraordinary customer service to 157 new prospective investment leads, organizing and suggesting suitable real estate options, hosting site visits, and preparing pitch packages.

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 Bid on and hosted a variety of sporting events with local partners such as the Quidditch Canada 2022 Eastern Regional Championship and the 2022 Ontario Lacrosse Festival, demonstrating Durham Region's expertise at hosting large-scale sporting events.

- Promoted Durham Region's vibrant agriculture sector through a variety of projects, such as showcasing 10 farms to 2,500 people at the Gates Open event and reaching more than 400 participants through a Vertical Farming 101 four-part webinar series. This webinar series supported advancement of agri-innovation in Durham region. 150 guests were also welcomed to Feast on the Farm—an event supporting industry changemakers who are championing regenerative farming and sustainable practices—in partnership with the Culinary Tourism Alliance.
- Launched the North Durham Tourism Ambassador Program to support tourism in North Durham.
- Continued work on Project Woodward to establish a clean energy innovation hub for business in Clarington Energy Park.
- Advanced the servicing of priority employment lands as part of the Employment Land Servicing Project.
- c. Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office
 - Leveraged advocacy strategies to ensure the Bowmanville GO East
 Extension project was announced, funded, and with procurement started.
 - Developed station implementation frameworks in tandem with Metrolinx Bowmanville Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Strategy.
 - Continued Region/Area Municipal collaboration tables with Metrolinx to advance the Bowmanville GO East Extension design and feasibility assessment work.
 - Continued the Preliminary Design Business Case for the Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project.
 - Commenced recruitment of an Active Transportation Project Manager to work in collaboration with Transportation Planning to deliver Active Transportation projects.
 - Recruited Manager TOD (Acting) and Works Technician positions.
 - Advanced detailed design of over 13 kilometres of bus rapid transit for Kingston Road, half of which will proceed to tender in 2023.
 - Commenced the Simcoe Rapid Transit Environmental Assessment by initiating a Visioning Study and Initial Business Case.

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2023 Strategic Highlights

The 2023 Business Plans and Budgets provide critical resources to advance the programs and services provided by the Department. Some of the tasks in 2023 include:

d. Planning Division

- Completing Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan, including recommendations on new Regional policies, designations, maps, and schedules to inform coordinated growth management, infrastructure, and service planning
- Undertaking a Regional Housing Assessment report to inform the local municipal consideration of Inclusionary Zoning opportunities in Protected Major Transit Station Areas.
- Presenting recommendations in support of eligible new affordable housing projects through the Region's At Home Incentive Program;
- Implementing recommendations contained in the Region's 2021 Cycling Plan including:
 - Advancing public engagement and conceptual designs for the Durham Meadoway in partnership with area municipalities;
 - Undertaking a Signage and Wayfinding Strategy;
 - Assisting in developing school safety plans as part of the Active and Sustainable School Travel Program (ASST); and
 - Working with partners to facilitate a Durham specific cycling event.
- Conducting the 2023 Durham Region Business Count, including the addition of one or two new survey questions to gauge the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses and the region's workforce.
- e. Economic Development and Tourism Division
 - Begin execution of the action items in the newly approved 2023 to 2027
 Ready Set Future A PLACE Blueprint for Durham, a five-year Economic
 Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.
 - Strengthen the Region's internal investment attraction capabilities and resources, through a reallocation of funds previously used for membership fees with Toronto Global, to be a trusted voice to domestic and international investment audiences and coordinate seamless concierge services.

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 Develop and deliver marketing campaigns through innovative digital channels to grow awareness of the Region, supporting growth of the clean energy and advanced automotive clusters.

- Continue to promote Durham Region as a destination for sporting events by bidding and hosting on opportunities such as the Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games and the 2023 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, among other events.
- Continue to support innovation and entrepreneurship regionally, working with local partners to showcase Durham Region's exciting development potential to businesses and investors at 2023 Collision Conference.
- Undertake Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) programming across north Durham, including a Scugog focused BR+E project funded in part by the Rural Economic Development program.
- Advance Project Woodward for the purpose of creating an energy innovation park and attracting new EN3 sector investment and jobs.
- Advance the development of marketing initiatives to promote serviced and market-ready employment lands regionally to attract investment.
- Continue to implement the Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Action Plan to support the retention and expansion of agrifood businesses, and work to grow the agri-tourism sector regionally.
- f. Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Division
 - Advance station implementation frameworks for adoption as part of the Region's TOD Strategy for the Bowmanville GO East Extension.
 - Continue to identify transit-oriented development opportunities associated with rapid transit investment in the Region.
 - Continue to build the Rapid Transit Deployment Plan and advance inprocess projects
- 3.2 A series of initiatives are included in the 2023 Business Plans and Budgets that will help provide mitigation and adaptation measures and strategies to address the Region's climate change initiatives, including the following:
 - a. Envision Durham, the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan incorporates mitigation and adaptation policies, a greater focus on transit-oriented development, and a regional natural heritage system that will help address the Region's climate change initiatives.
 - b. The *At Home Incentive Program* supports the delivery of needed affordable housing.

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c. The PLANit development tracking system will enable streamlined on-line submission, while supporting data collection, tracking and monitoring of new developments.

- d. Improved rapid transit service and the extension of GO Train service to Bowmanville will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.
- e. Advancing the planning and implementation of transit-oriented communities in Protected Major Transit Areas will create walkable, sustainable, and compact communities that provide a broader range of housing choice, with less reliance on the automobile.
- f. The implementation of projects identified under the Regional Cycling Plan, including ongoing work with area municipal partners for the Durham Meadoway will help support mode shift toward active modes of transportation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3.3 Until such time as changes to the Planning Act are proclaimed by the province, the role of Regional Council in the approval of planning applications remains unchanged. However, once the applicable sections of Bill 23 are proclaimed, Regional Council's role as the approval authority of certain applications under the Planning Act will be removed, primarily with the three northern townships. Similarly, Regional Land Division responsibilities will be assumed by the area municipalities. Area municipal responsibilities within the southern five lakeshore municipalities, including approval of official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments, draft plans of subdivision and condominium will continue. The Region will continue to provide comments on development applications.

2023 Risks and Uncertainties

- 3.4 Some of the risks and uncertainties that could be experienced through 2023 include:
 - a. Bill 23 has introduced challenges and uncertainties in the context of an ambitious 2023 workplan and existing staff vacancies.
 - b. The potential that application revenue may not meet the forecast due to Bill 23 changes and market factors.
 - c. Restrictions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 may have a continued impact on the business community including the hardest hit retail, hospitality, and tourism sectors.
 - d. The procurement for the construction of the Lakeshore Go East Extension to Bowmanville will advance substantially in the upcoming year, and this will increase pressure on the Region and the province to ensure plans for station delivery are agreed and advanced.

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4. Future Budget Pressures

4.1 The Planning and Economic Development Department anticipates the following future budget pressures that are of note:

- a. The Region's population is forecast to grow at an unprecedented pace. Once the Region's new official plan is approved, the combination of pressures from Regional infrastructure and service planning, responding to development applications, housing and area municipal initiatives, will be significant.
- b. Technological changes and improvements as the Department continues to offer a greater variety of on-line services.
- c. The timing and amount of Transit Oriented Development and related infrastructure coordination may result in additional staffing pressures.
- d. Ready Set Future the new Five-Year Economic Development & Tourism Strategy and Action Plan, sets out an action item to create a resourcing plan for currently un-resourced components of the Strategy. This resourcing plan will identify further details related to talent attraction, place-making, and job creation.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

Goal 5 Service Excellence – to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery. By responsibly managing the Region's financial assets, the proposed 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget looks to optimize resources to deliver critical infrastructure and services for current and future generations.

Goal 3 Economic Prosperity - To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation, and partnership.

5.2 The Strategic Priorities section of the 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget document further highlights planned activities for the current budget year which will contribute to the achievement of the Region's priorities outlined in the Region's Strategic Plan.

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6. Conclusion

6.1 The recommended 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget meets the Council approved guideline for the 2023 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget and supports the Department's role in generating new investment, creating jobs, and establishing and implementing a long-term vision for the growth and prosperity of the Region.

- 6.2 It is recommended that the Planning and Economic Development Committee approve the 2023 Business Plans and Budget for the Planning and Economic Development Department and forward this report to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration during the budget deliberations of the 2023 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget.
- 6.3 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the recommendation.

7. Attachments

7.1 The detailed 2023 Business Plans and Budget for the Planning and Economic Development Department is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

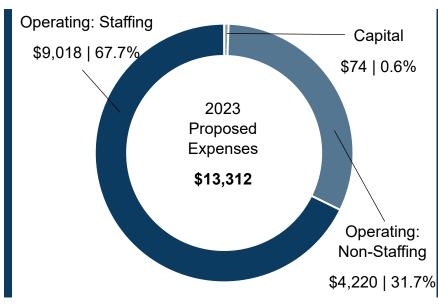
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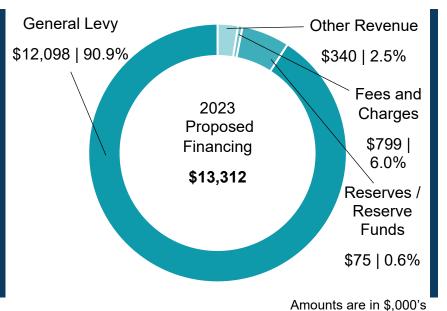
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Major Programs and Services

Planning

Responsible for reviewing and administering the Durham Regional Official Plan, which provides a broad policy framework for managing the future growth and development of the Region.

At some point in the future, it is understood that Bill 23 will have an impact on certain aspects of the regional planning function which may, in turn, affect certain aspects of the Planning Division's budget. At the time of preparing this budget it is not known when the operative changes in Bill 23 will take effect. Therefore, the Planning Division's proposed budget for 2023 is generally the same as the Council-approved budget for 2022. It would be premature to make any changes to the operational aspects of the Planning Division until such time as the impacts of the Bill 23 changes are properly understood.

Policy and Special Studies

Formulates, maintains, and monitors the policies of the Durham Regional Official Plan, the Region's principal planning document. The Durham Regional Official Plan guides decisions on long-term growth and development through policies that ensure an improved quality of life – by securing the health, safety, convenience, and well-being of present and future residents of the Region.

Transportation Planning

Develops strategic transportation policies and initiatives such as the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and the Regional Cycling Plan (RCP) and the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy. Supports and promotes sustainable and active transportation options including walking, cycling, and carpooling. Employs travel demand forecasting models to assess how growth will affect the transportation system within the community.

Plan Implementation

Fulfills planning review responsibilities assigned to the Region through the Planning Act and ensures Regional and Provincial interests and policies are implemented through the review of various plans and development applications. Administers the Region's Soil and Groundwater Protocol, Woodland Conservation By-law, and Street Naming functions.

Land Division

Provides administrative support and expertise to the Durham Land Division Committee – a quasi-judicial body appointed by Regional Council to act as its delegated approval authority for consents, in accordance with the Planning Act.

Major Programs and Services Continued

Executive

Establishes and implements the overall direction for delivering Regional planning and economic development services, from current to strategic long-range planning, economic development, and tourism, as directed by Regional Council and as mandated by the Planning Act. Discharges certain planning approval powers delegated from the Province on behalf of Regional Council.

Administration and Support Services

Provides customer care, administrative support and assistance to professional and management staff in delivering their responsibilities. Provides data, mapping and graphics services including the provision of Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis, database design and management and visual products including maps, artwork, and infographics.

Citizen Advisory Committees

Supports the education, outreach and communication activities of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Durham Active Transportation Committee, and the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee.

Application and Approval Revenue

Provides cost recovery through fees for certain statutory planning approvals, applications, and related matters.

Headquarters Shared Cost – Planning Portion

The allocated share of costs attributable to the Planning Division for their portion of the operation of Regional Headquarters facility.

Economic Development and Tourism

Promotes Durham Region as an ideal place to establish and do business while enjoying a high quality of life.

Administration

Responds effectively to current and evolving conditions within the local economy and delivers programs and services, in cooperation with partners across the Region, in business development and investment attraction, agriculture and rural economic development, tourism, marketing, cluster development, arts and cultural industries, and broadband programming. This will support long-term economic growth and prosperity and promote the Regional value proposition for talent growth and new investment. This program is also responsible for advancing strategic projects to improve investment readiness, including continual evaluation of the supply of serviced employment lands, and investigating the viability of strategic land development opportunities.

Major Programs and Services Continued

Business Development

Focuses on the following core areas of service delivery: 1) Investment Attraction (Domestic and Foreign), including a specific focus on growing the EN3 (energy, environment, and engineering) sector and Advanced Mobility sector, alongside continued relationship development with partners at senior levels of government and abroad; 2) Increased focus on business retention and expansion for large and strategic employers; 3) Strengthening the Innovation Community, and 4) Data, Research, and Analytics focused on continued improvement of our web content and promoting available sites in the Region.

Tourism

Promotes Durham which will increase inbound tourism, support local businesses, and enhance quality of place, by profiling and supporting a wide range of activities including sport, culinary, agri-tourism, live music, and cultural events. The Tourism Section grows the brand and Regional reputation for urban excitement and country charm, it works to strengthen the Region's Quality of Place, champions inclusive tourism, and drives prosperity by prioritizing activities with high potential for spending at locally owned businesses.

Business Advisory Centre Durham

Provides financial support to the Business Advisory Centre Durham which in turn assists, advises, mentors and monitors start-ups and existing small businesses and business associations to increase local job creation, benefitting the local economy and residents. Regional funding is matched by the Province through the Province-wide Small Business Advisory Centre program.

Agriculture and Rural Economic Development

Provides support and services for the attraction, retention, and expansion of new and existing businesses within the Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock. This program also supports the targeted growth of the agri-food industry in Durham Region by working closely with agri-food organizations and businesses to develop and implement programs and initiatives, including targeted support to develop on-farm diversification, agri-tourism, and agri-tech.

Community Promotion Resource

Offers an opportunity to showcase the Tribute Communities Centre and profile Durham as a location for a wide range of activities and events, including sporting and cultural events, which increase inbound tourism and builds a quality of place for residents.

Major Programs and Services Continued

Marketing Strategy Partnerships

Provides promotion of Durham Region's value proposition to potential investors and businesses. The program supports sector development, overall brand awareness of the Region's economic assets, and communications to the business community. The program works closely with partners to nurture, develop, and grow industry sectors. This program works to support and grow the Region's Arts, Cultural, and Creative Industries, including Film & Television.

Headquarters Shared Cost – Economic Development and Tourism Portion

The allocated share of costs attributable to the Economic Development and Tourism Division for their portion of the operation of Regional Headquarters facility.

Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office

The Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office is responsible for building a Rapid Transit Deployment Plan, coordinating and implementing rapid transit projects, and ensuring that the community building and economic benefits associated with rapid transit investment are captured by the Region in the form of Transit Oriented Development Strategies.

Strategic Priorities

For 2023 some of the key priorities and planned actions focus on:

Environmental Sustainability



Continue to advance Envision Durham, the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan including delivery of the Growth Management Study, the allocation of growth forecasts to the area municipalities and providing a framework for growth to 2051



To proactively implement land use and fiscal planning with infrastructure planning and place-making, the Planning Division will ensure the policies, delineations, and density targets for Protected Major Transit Station Areas are approved and implemented



Lead and coordinate the creation of a signature destination, the Durham Meadoway, that will feature a multi-use path, public spaces, connections to adjacent neighbourhoods and parks, public art and areas for environmental restoration



Research, monitor and report on planning indicators as a basis for evaluating the performance of the policies and targets contained in the Regional Official Plan (e.g. growth management, development, building activity, growth trends and the natural heritage system)



Lead and coordinate efforts to provide a Regional perspective on planning policy initiatives introduced by the Province

Strategic Priorities Continued

Community Vitality



Implement the Affordable Housing Incentive Program, and continue with the evaluation of a Regional Community Improvement Plan to support targeted high employment generators in Protected Major Transit Station Areas



Advance the active transportation actions of the 2021 Regional Cycling Plan to realize complete communities that are bikeable, walkable and well connected, while enhancing community safety and well-being

Economic Prosperity



Continue to progress the approved Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville by advancing and refining the Region's Transit Oriented Development Strategy to capitalize on the economic and community building benefits associated with rapid transit investment. Continue to build the Rapid Transit Deployment Plan



Implement the new Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan: READY SET FUTURE: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham



Support business decision making by leading the annual Business Count program

Strategic Priorities Continued



Focus investment attraction efforts at the intersection of the Future Energy and Advanced Automotive sectors, including through promotion of the Region as the 'Clean Energy Capital of Canada'



Produce promotional materials encouraging visits, tourism, sport tourism and local business support in Durham Region including the Discovery Guide and new cycling maps



Implement the Growing North Durham 2.0 Plan in the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge



Support the Region's incredible innovation community, including showcasing Durham at the 2023 Collision Conference



Implement the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan, which encourages local food production, on-farm diversification and agri-tourism uses



Initiate the actions from the 2022 Durham Region Freight and Goods Movement Forum to enhance supply chain resiliency, streamline inter-modal connectivity, improve the efficient movement of freight along 400-series highways and reduce barriers to transitioning to carbon neutral goods movement practices

Strategic Priorities Continued



Host the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games to deliver a positive local economic impact, provide volunteer opportunities, foster community pride and have significant social benefits, including further investment into parasport legacy initiatives to support the continued growth of parasport opportunities and participation in the Region

Service Excellence



Advance the deployment of PLANit - the Region's new development application tracking system to make the development application process faster and easier and accelerate housing development approval timelines

Key Targets for 2023

Planning

- Maintain a minimum 50% of new residential building permits constructed within the built-up area to demonstrate intensification target of A Place to Grow: A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, is being met
- Maintain a target of 98% of new residential units being located within Settlement Areas to demonstrate protection of Rural Areas

Economic Development and Tourism

- Interact with 40 companies from the EN3 Sector (Energy, Environment, and Engineering) and Advanced Mobility sector for the purpose of investment attraction
- Implement 5 actions from the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan, including the launching of a Food Processing BR+E project to grow and support Durham's Agri-Food Industry
- Achieve 50,000 unique visitors to the Durham Tourism website for visitor information and resources
- Achieve 15% average follower growth across all Economic Development & Tourism social media accounts
- Respond to 200 investment inquiries

Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office

- Work cooperatively with Regional Departments, provincial and local area municipal partners to secure inclusion
 of appropriate infrastructure in the procurement for the approved Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville
- Continue to refine station implementation frameworks for adoption as part of the Region's Transit Oriented Development Strategy for the approved Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville
- Continue to build a Rapid Transit Deployment Plan, by working cooperatively with Regional Departments, the
 province and local area municipal partners to advance the Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit to the
 Preliminary Design Business Case stage and the Visioning and Environmental Assessment Study for Simcoe
 Rapid Transit

Financial Details: Summary by Account (\$,000's)

Provides the gross expenditures and revenues - including both operating and capital - and the resulting net property tax requirement

Durham \tag{\mathbb{Z}}	COOC Fatire et al Astrola	cocc American I Burdana	cocc Burner of Burlant	Varian	ce
Durham Budget 202	2022 Estimated Actuals	2022 Approved Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	\$	%
Operating Expenses					
Operating Expenses					
Personnel Expenses	7,691	8,861	9,018		
Personnel Related	230	295	288		
Communications	700	682	722		
Supplies	23	24	15		
Computer Maintenance & Operations	146	185	166		
Materials & Services	90	103	95		
Buildings & Grounds Operations	2	2	2		
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	7	10	10		
Vehicle Operations	7	7	7		
Outside Agency Expenses	452	556	315		
Professional Services	1,143	1,090	1,092		
Contracted Services	10	7	7		
Leased Facilities Expenses	69	64	71		
Rentals - Tribute Communities Centre Box	16	16	16		
Financial Expenses	1	1	1		
Minor Assets & Equipment	1	5	5		
Contribution to Reserves / Reserve Funds	56	56	78		
Headquarters Shared Costs	585	585	751		
Operating Expenses Subtotal	11,229	12,549	12,659	110	0.9%
Internal Transfers & Recoveries					
TOD Solicitor	223	223	283		
TOD Real Estate	68	68	68		
TOD Procurement	126	126	126		
TOD Communications	101	101	102		
Internal Transfers & Recoveries Subtotal	518	518	579	61	11.8%
Gross Operating Expenses	11,747	13,067	13,238	171	1.3%

Financial Details: Summary by Account (\$,000's)

Provides the gross expenditures and revenues - including both operating and capital - and the resulting net property tax requirement

■ Durham 🕿	2022 Estimated Actuals	2022 Annuary of Burdant	2022 Browned Budget	Variance			
Durham Budget 202	2022 Estimated Actuals	2022 Approved Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	\$	%		
Capital Expenses							
New	6	6	4				
Replacement	53	53	70				
Capital Expenses Subtotal	59	59	74	15	25.4%		
Total Expenses	11,806	13,126	13,312	186	1.4%		
Operating Revenue							
Fees & Service Charges	(852)	(797)	(798)				
Sale of Publications	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Revenue from Municipalities	(55)	(56)	(56)				
Reserve Fund Financing for Operations	(75)	(75)	(75)				
Recovery from Transit	(283)	(283)	(284)				
Operating Revenue Subtotal	(1,266)	(1,212)	(1,214)	(2)	(0.2%)		
Total Revenues and Financing	(1,266)	(1,212)	(1,214)	(2)	(0.2%)		
Property Tax Requirement Planning and Economic Development	10,540	11,914	12,098	184	1.5%		

Financial Details: Summary by Program (\$,000's)

Provides the total operating expense, capital expense, subsidy, other revenue and the resulting property tax requirement for each major program and service

٦	Durham 🛱	2022		2022 A	pproved B	udgets			2023 P	roposed B	udgets		Varia	nce
		Estimated	Operating	Gross	Subsidy	Other	Approved	Operating	Gross	Subsidy	Other	Proposed	\$	%
, l	Budget	Actuals	Expenses	Capital	Funding	Funding	Budget	Expenses	Capital	Funding	Funding	Budget	Ψ	70
Plan	ning													
1	Policy and Special Studies	1,287	1,535	-	-	-	1,535	1,552	-	-	-	1,552	17	
2	Transportation Planning	1,290	1,652	_	-	(283)	1,369	1,508	-	-	(284)	1,224	(145)	
3	Plan Implementation	1,347	1,634	-	-	-	1,634	1,427	-	-	-	1,427	(207)	
4	Land Division	140	149	-	-	-	149	150	-	-	-	150	1	
5	Executive	479	481	-	-	-	481	492	-	-	-	492	11	
6	Administration and Support Services	1,391	1,475	47	-	(1)	1,521	1,556	52	-	(1)	1,607	86	
7	Citizen Advisory Committees	11	23	-	-	-	23	28	-	-	-	28	5	
8	Application and Approval	(852)	-	-	-	(797)	(797)	-	-	-	(798)	(798)	(1)	
9	Headquarters Shared Cost - Planning Portion	463	463	-	-	-	463	534	-	-	-	534	71	
Plan	ning Subtotal	5,556	7,412	47	-	(1,081)	6,378	7,247	52	-	(1,083)	6,216	(162)	(2.5%)
Ecor	nomic Development													
1	Administration	480	495	8	-	_	503	430	18	_	_	448	(55)	
2	Business Development	750	925	_	-	(30)	895	986	-	_	(30)	956	61	
3	Tourism	943	899	-	-	-	899	905	-	-		905	6	
4(a)	Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD)	163	163	-	-	-	163	163	-	-	-	163	-	
4(b)	Facilities - Garden Street (BACD)	82	74	_	-	_	74	81	-	_	_	81	7	
` ,	Subtotal BACD	245	237	-	-	-	237	244	-	-	-	244	7	
5	Agriculture and Rural Economic Development	486	550	-	-	-	550	555	-	-	-	555	5	
6	Community Promotion Resources	16	16	_	_	_	16	16	_	_	_	16	_	
7	Marketing Strategy Partnerships	834	803	_	_	(26)	777	779	_	-	(26)		(24)	
8	Headquarters Shared Cost - Economic Development Portion	122	122	-	-	-	122	217	-	-	-	217	95	
Ecor	nomic Development Subtotal	3,876	4,047	8	-	(56)	3,999	4,132	18	-	(56)	4,094	95	2.4%

Financial Details: Summary by Program (\$,000's)

Provides the total operating expense, capital expense, subsidy, other revenue and the resulting property tax requirement for each major program and service

■ Durham ≅	2022		2022 Approved Budgets					2023 Proposed Budgets					ince
Durham Budget	Estimated Actuals	Operating Expenses	Gross Capital	Subsidy Funding	Other Funding	• •	Operating Expenses	Gross Capital	Subsidy Funding	Other Funding	Proposed Budget	\$	%
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office													
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	1,108	1,608	4	-	(75)	1,537	1,859	4	-	(75)	1,788	251	
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Subtotal	1,108	1,608	4	-	(75)	1,537	1,859	4	-	(75)	1,788	251	16.3%
Planning and Economic Development	10,540	13,067	59	-	(1,212)	11,914	13,238	74	-	(1,214)	12,098	184	1.5%

Financial Details: Summary of Capital (\$,000's)

Provides a summary of the current year capital budget, nine-year capital forecast and proposed financing summarized by asset type. See Appendices for specific capital projects

■ Durham ≅	2022	2023			Forec	ast		
Durham Budget	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028-2032	Forecast Total
Planning								
Capital Expenditures								_
Information Technology	47	52	56	44	89	45	284	518
Capital Expenditure Subtotal	47	52	56	44	89	45	284	518
Capital Financing								
General Levy	47	52	56	44	89	45	284	518
Capital Financing Subtotal	47	52	56	44	89	45	284	518
Total Capital Planning	47	52	56	44	89	45	284	518
Economic Development and Tourism								
Capital Expenditures								
Information Technology	8	18	13	10	17	13	73	126
Vehicles				80	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	80
Capital Expenditure Subtotal	8	18_	13	90	17	13	73	206
Capital Financing								
General Levy	8	18	13	10	17	13	73	126
Reserve/Reserve Funds	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	80
Capital Financing Subtotal	8	18	13	90	17	13	73	206
Total Capital Economic Development and Tourism	8	18	13	90	17	13	73	206

Financial Details: Summary of Capital (\$,000's)

Provides a summary of the current year capital budget, nine-year capital forecast and proposed financing summarized by asset type. See Appendices for specific capital projects

■ Durham ≅	2022	2023	23 Forecast								
Durham Budget 202	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028-2032	Forecast Total			
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Developm	ent Office										
Capital Expenditures											
Information Technology	4	4	2	4	12	2	37	57			
Capital Expenditure Subtotal	4	4	2	4	12	2	37	57			
Capital Financing											
General Levy	4	4	2	4	12	2	37	57			
Capital Financing Subtotal	4	4	2	4	12	2	37	57			
Total Capital Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	4	4	2	4	12	2	37	57			
Total Capital Planning and Economic Development	59	74	71	138	118	60	394	781			

Strategic Investments: Planning	2023 Impac (\$ 000's
Various transportation planning studies including Transportation Tomorrow and various transportation data consortium studies (\$150k), Bike Parking Study (\$50k), studies to advance the action of the Transportation Master Plan (\$60k), Smart Mobility Studies (\$50k) and update of the Walking Network (\$12k) which are more than offset by the 2022 approved transportation studies (-\$375k)	(53)
Advance inter-municipal advocacy projects through our association with the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario	5
Net increase in capital investment – see detailed project listing in Appendix A	5
Strategic Investments: Planning Subtotal	(43)
Base Adjustments: Planning	2023 Impact (\$ 000's)
Economic Increases	97
Inflationary Pressure	6
Line-by-line savings	(395)
Removal of one-time savings identified in the 2022 budget	103
Increase in Planning's share of costs for the operation and maintenance of Regional Headquarters	70
5	

Net Changes: Planning

(162)

Details of Budget Changes Continued	
Strategic Investments: Economic Development and Tourism	2023 Impact (\$ 000's)
Strengthen the Region's internal investment attraction capabilities and resources, through the reallocation of funds previously used for membership fees with Toronto Global (-\$218k), to be a trusted voice to domestic and international investment audiences and coordinate seamless concierge services. Investment includes 2.0 FTEs (\$227k) and other support services (\$48k)	57
Transfer of 1.0 FTE to support Service Durham to centralize and improve the customer experience across all channels within the Region	(66)
Net increase in capital investment – see detailed project listing in Appendix C	10
Strategic Investments: Economic Development and Tourism Subtotal	1
Base Adjustments: Economic Development and Tourism	2023 Impact (\$ 000's)
Economic Increases	25
Economic increases	23
Line-by-line savings	(54)
Line-by-line savings	(54)
Line-by-line savings Inflationary Pressures Increase in Economic Development's share of costs for the operation and maintenance of Regional	(54)

Details of Budget Changes Continued	
Strategic Investments: Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	2023 Impact (\$ 000's)
Additional temporary resources (\$55k) and professional resources (\$67k) to continue to advance and refine the Region's Transit Oriented Development Strategy to capitalize on the economic and community building benefits associated with rapid transit investment	122
Strategic Investments: Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Subtotal	122
Base Adjustments: Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	2023 Impact (\$ 000's)
Economic Increases	4
Annualization of 2.0 FTEs approved in the 2022 budget	118
Inflationary Pressures	14
Line-by-line savings	(7)
Base Adjustments: Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Subtotal	129
Net Changes: Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	251
Net Changes: Planning and Economic Development	184

Staffing Details			
Planning	Full Time E	quivalents (FTE's)	
2022 Approved Complement	45.0		
Planning Subtotal		45.0	
Economic Development and Tourism	Full Time E	Equivalents (FTE's)	
2022 Approved Complement		<u>17.0</u>	
Positions Transferred in Year			
Clerk (1.0 FTE) transferred to Service Durham to centralize and improve the customer experience across all channels within the Region	(1.0)		
Total Transferred Positions		(1.0)	
Positions Approved in Year			
Business Development Specialist (1.0 FTE) to service investment leads and investment attraction missions, strengthen relationships with foreign partners and senior government investment agencies. This position is funded in part through the reallocation of the Toronto Global funding (as per Section 8.1 of the Budget Management Policy)	1.0		
Total Approved in Year Positions		1.0	

Staffing Details Continued	
Proposed New Positions	
Program Coordinator (1.0 FTE) to deliver customized pitch proposals to prospective investors and host in-bound delegations and tours. This position is funded in part through the reallocation of Toronto Global funding	1.0
Total Proposed New Positions	<u>1.0</u>
Economic Development and Tourism Subtotal	18.0
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office	Full Time Equivalents (FTE's)

Total Complement: Planning and Economic Development 69.0

2022 Approved Complement

Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Subtotal

6.0

6.0

Looking Forward

Economic Development and Tourism will continue to support the local economy by:

- Increasing the level of support in advancement of the Region's Arts, Cultural, and Creative Industries, and of growing underlying quality of place
- Strengthening partnerships with Durham Farm Fresh in continued support of our agricultural sector, and activities will continue to promote the support of our culinary and tourism industries
- Supporting the agri-food sector through programming and events to help them grow, and north-Durham businesses will be supported in plans to grow, expand, and hire new staff
- Investment attraction focusing on sectors with high growth potential, such as innovative technology, energy, and EV/AV automotive; and nurturing relationships with key investment attraction agencies with senior levels of government; and
- Delivering innovative and modern new marketing campaigns to promote the Region for investment and showcase our value proposition.

The Department will continue to improve the ways it addresses the needs of residents and the business community through strategic planning and modernization of services aimed at integrating technology to provide timely and relevant services such as:

- Modernizing the Region's current official plan approaching 30 years of age with a new Regional Official Plan that
 incorporates contemporary policies and best practices, makes better use of digital data, and provides a stronger online presence that is streamlined, accessible, intuitive, and user-friendly. The new Regional Official Plan will support
 economic development and job creation, encourage more sustainable communities, enable more affordable housing,
 encourage more transit supportive development, support farming and rural communities and protect natural features
- Continuously looking to improve the Region's economic development and tourism on-line presence to better respond
 to the needs of the Durham residents and businesses. This includes improving access to digital information that allows
 users to customize queries to suit their individual needs

Looking Forward Continued

- The on-line development application and review experience will be transformed by PLANit, the Division's new
 development application tracking and reporting software. PLANit will allow staff to dramatically reduce paper-based
 development processes, will improve monitoring capabilities and will allow applicants to track applications and monitor
 their progress in real time; and
- Liaising with Regional departments, area municipalities, the province, and the private sector to advance the
 construction of the Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville, the approval of unfunded segments of the
 Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project and the Visioning and Environmental Assessment Study for Simcoe
 Rapid Transit, recognizing the economic and community building benefits that will be catalyzed by this rapid transit
 investment.

These opportunities and challenges will continue to build the partnerships and collaborations that make Durham Region a great community to live, invest, innovate, and create.

Appendix A: 2023 Planning Capital Projects (\$,000's)

Provides financing details for capital project proposed in 2023. See Appendix B for the comprehensive capital 2023 budget and 2024-2032 forecast

Durhom	က		New				2023	Proposed Final	ncing				2023	Approved		Total
Durham Budget	Quantity		Other	Reserve/ Reserve Funds	Industrial DCs	Institutional DCs	Commercial DCs	Residential DCs	Subsidy /Grant	Debenture	General Levy	Proposed	Funding Prior to 2023	Forecast 2024-2032	Project to 2032	
Planning																
Information Technology																
2 Power Laptop		4	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	13
4 Standard Laptop		10	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	-	-	18
5 Tough Pad		6	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	-	-	21
Information Technology Subtotal						-		-	-			52	52		-	52
Planning Capital Subtotal					-	-	-			-		52	52	-		52

Appendix B: 2023 - 2032 Planning Capital Forecast (\$,000's)

Provides a listing for all projects within the 2023 budget and nine-year capital forecast. See Appendix A for financing details for capital projects proposed in 2023

Durham	က		Forecast						
Budget	2023	2023 Proposed Budget	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028-2032	Forecast Total	
Planning									
Information Technology									
1 Large Format Scanner/Plotter		-	-	-	31	-	-	31	
2 Power Laptop		13	6	16	13	7	70	112	
3 Smartboard		-	15	-	-	-	16	31	
4 Standard Laptop		18	35	28	23	38	153	277	
5 Tough Pads		21	-	-	22	-	45	67	
Information Technology Subtotal		52	56	44	89	45	284	518	
Total Capital Planning		52	56	44	89	45	284	518	

Appendix C: 2023 Economic Development and Tourism Capital Projects (\$,000's)

Provides financing details for capital project proposed in 2023. See Appendix D for the comprehensive capital 2023 budget and 2024-2032 forecast

Durham S			2023 Proposed Financing					Approved		Total					
Quantity	/ Replacement		Reserve/ Reserve Funds	Industrial DCs	Institutional DCs	Commercial DCs	Residential DCs	Subsidy /Grant	Debenture	General Levy	Proposed	Funding Prior to 2023	Prior to 2024-2032	Project to 2032	
Economic Development and Tourism															
Information Technology															
6 Mobile Laptop	2	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6
7 Power Laptop	1	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3
8 Standard Laptop	2	New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4
8 Standard Laptop	3	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5
Information Technology Subtotal			-		-			-			18	18		-	18
Economic Development and Tourism Capital Subtotal			-	-		-	-	-	-	-	18	18	-	-	18

Appendix D: 2023 - 2032 Economic Development and Tourism Capital Forecast (\$,000's)

Provides a listing for all projects within the 2023 budget and nine-year capital forecast. See Appendix C for financing details for capital projects proposed in 2023

Durham		Forecast						
Budget	2023	2023 Proposed Budget	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028-2032	Forecast Total
Economic Development and Tourism								
Information Technology								
6 Mobile Laptop		6	9	-	6	9	23	47
7 Power Laptop		3	-	-	3	-	7	10
8 Standard Laptop		9	4	10	8	4	43	69
Information Technology Subtotal		18	13	10	17	13	73	126
Vehicles								
9 Vehicle		-	-	80	-	-	-	80
Furniture and Fixtures Subtotal			-	80	-	-	-	80
Total Capital Economic Development and Tourism		18	13	90	17	13	73	206

Appendix E: 2023 Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Capital Projects (\$,000's) Provides financing details for capital project proposed in 2023. See Appendix F for the comprehensive capital 2023 budget and 2024-2032 forecast 2023 Proposed Financing 2023 Approved Durham 2023 Total New Funding Forecast Reserve/ Quantity Proposed Project to Institutional Commercial Residential Subsidy 2024-2032 Prior to Other Reserve Industrial DCs Debenture General Levy 2032 Replacement DCs DCs DCs /Grant Budget 2023 Funds Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Information Technology 2 Replacement 10 Standard Laptop **Information Technology Subtotal** Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development

Capital Subtotal

Appendix F: 2023 - 2032 Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office Capital Forecast (\$,000's)

Provides a listing for all projects within the 2023 budget and nine-year capital forecast. See Appendix E for financing details for capital projects proposed in 2023

Durham S			Forecast						
Budget	2023	2023 Proposed Budget	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028-2032	Forecast Total	
Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development	Office								
Information Technology									
10 Standard Laptop		4	2	4	12	2	37	57	
Information Technology Subtotal		4	2	4	12	2	37	57	
Total Capital Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development	Office	4	2	4	12	2	37	57	

Appendix G: Planning – Citizen Advisory Committees

Durham \times	2022	20	23
Durham Budget 820	Approved Budget	Change	Proposed Budget
Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee	10,480	5,000	15,480
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee	9,770	-	9,770
Durham Active Transportation Committee	3,000	-	3,000
Planning – Citizen Advisory Committees Total	23,250	5,000	28,250

Appendix H: Planning – Application and Approval Revenue

■ Durham 🕿	2022	2023	
Durham Budget 802	Estimated Actuals	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget
Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments			
Application		43,750	43,750
Approval		5,250	5,250
Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments Subtotal	63,000	49,000	
Subdivision/Condominium			
Rental Applications			
Application		26,341	26,341
Approval		4,046	4,046
Delegated Applications			
Subdivision Approval		115,100	115,100
Condominium Review		29,974	29,974
Major Revision		10,791	10,791
Clearance		44,361	44,361
Other (Extension/Recirculation)		14,387	14,387
Subdivision/Condominium Subtotal	274,100	245,000	245,000

Appendix H: Planning – Application and Approval Revenue

Durham	2022		2023	
Durham Budget 820	Estimated Actuals	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	
Land Division				
Application		161,421	161,421	
Commenting		80,710	80,710	
Certification & Re-stamping		91,808	91,808	
Tabling		12,107	12,107	
Special		504	504	
Land Division Subtotal	382,000	346,550	346,550	
Regional Official Plan Amendments				
Minor		48,658	48,658	
Major		46,342	46,342	
Regional Official Plan Amendments Subtotal	74,300	95,000	95,000	
Rezoning Applications	37,000	43,200	43,200	
Other Fees	21,500	18,800	18,800	
Planning - Application and Approval Revenue Total	851,900	797,550	797,550	

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #2023-P-5 Date: March 7, 2023

Subject:

Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Membership Appointments

Recommendations:

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

- A) That the following citizen volunteers be appointed as "area municipal representatives" to the Durham Active Transportation Committee: Aisha Heywood (Pickering); Tanja Van Helsdingen (Ajax); Ron Lalonde (Whitby); Bob Astley (Oshawa); Connor Houston (Clarington); Kamal Mirani (Brock); Philip Smith (Uxbridge); and Marc Gibbons (Scugog);
- B) That the above-named citizen volunteers be advised of their appointment to the 2023-2026 term of the Durham Active Transportation Committee; and,
- C) That a copy of Commissioner's Report #2023-P-5 be forwarded to the area municipalities and the Durham Active Transportation Committee.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to appoint citizen volunteers to serve on the Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) for the 2023-2026 term.

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2. Background

2.1 DATC, formerly the Durham Trails Coordinating Committee, was established in 2005 to provide advice to Regional Council on active transportation policy and planning matters, as expressed in the Durham Regional Official Plan and Regional Cycling Plan.

- 2.2 DATC's activities are guided by Regional Council's approved Terms of Reference that establishes the scope of activities, membership selection and composition, as well as meeting dates. The activities are further guided by an annual workplan, approved by Regional Council. DATC reports annually to the Planning and Economic Development Committee (PEDC) on their activities.
- 2.3 DATC Terms of Reference outlines PEDC's role to recommend individuals for appointment by Regional Council, based on nominations received from each of the eight area municipalities. DATC membership corresponds with the term of Regional Council.
- 2.4 DATC is comprised of nine members, as follows:
 - One Council representative from the Planning and Economic Development Committee (Councillor Rick Kerr), and Councillor Maleeha Shahid as the alternate member (appointed December 2022); and
 - Eight citizen volunteers as "area municipal representatives", one from each area municipality in Durham.

3. Membership Nominations/Appointments

- 3.1 In accordance with the DATC Terms of Reference, advertisements were placed online and in local newspapers throughout the Summer and Fall of 2022 seeking expressions of interest from individuals wishing to serve on DATC. The names of all individuals who expressed interest are presented in confidence (refer to Confidential Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Each area municipality was provided with a list of qualified candidates and requested to nominate one Committee representative in accordance with the DATC Terms of Reference.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the citizen volunteers summarized in Table 1 be appointed as "area municipal representatives" to the 2023-2026 term of the Durham Active Transportation Committee:

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Table 1: Area Municipal DATC Recommended Representative

Ref.	Area Municipality	DATC Representative
1	City of Pickering	Aisha Heywood
2	Town of Ajax	Tanja Van Helsdingen
3	Town of Whitby	Ron Lalonde
4	City of Oshawa	Bob Astley
5	Municipality of Clarington	Connor Houston
6	Township of Brock	Kamal Mirani
7	Township of Uxbridge	Philip Smith
8	Township of Scugog	Marc Gibbons

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

4.1 In January 2023, Council endorsed DATC's 2022 Annual Report through Commissioner's Report #2023-P-3.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability's objective: To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Area Municipal Nominations (under separate cover)

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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair Chief Administrative Officer