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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, November 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 Collier*
Councillor Kerr attended the meeting at 9:32 AM
Councillor Neal* left the meeting at 9:46 AM
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry attended the meeting at 9:31 AM
* **denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair*, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd*, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
H. Finlay, Manager, Transit Oriented Development
S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
D. Perkins, Planner, Planning Implementation
K. Ryan*, Senior Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
N. Taylor*, Commissioner of Finance
L. Trombino, Manager, Planning Implementation
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
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2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

B. Bridgeman made an announcement that Gary Muller has transitioned out of his position as Director of Planning and is now the Director of Affordable Housing Development and Renewal in the Social Services Department.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(77) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. **Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. **Presentations**

There were no presentations.

6. **Delegations**

6.1 Johan van't Hof, Board Member, GTAA, Karen Mazurkewich, Vice-President, Stakeholder Relations and Communications, GTAA, and Doug Allingham, Board Chair (GTAA), re: Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Annual Update

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(78) That the rules of procedure be suspended to allow for an additional five minutes of time for the delegation.
CARRIED (A 2/3rds Vote Was Attained)

Johan van't Hof, Board Member, GTAA, Karen Mazurkewich, Vice-President, Stakeholder Relations and Communications, GTAA, participating, and Doug Allingham, Board Chair (GTAA), all participating in-person, and with the use of a PowerPoint presentation, appeared before the Committee with regards to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Annual Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Toronto Pearson and Durham Region, Partners in Economic Growth
- 2023 has been a year of comeback, growth and improvement
 - GTAA worked with aviation ecosystem during hockey-stick growth in 2023
- Summer 2023 Operations Were Improved over 2022

- Winter is Coming
- 2023 has seen Stronger Financial Performance
- Transforming the airport and putting the joy back in travel
 - A transformative, 10-year capital program
- Our path forward is together
 - Building the future airport and passenger experience with our partners

K. Mazurkewich stated that 2023 has been a year of comeback, growth, and improvement for Pearson Airport with a focus on accountability and financial incentives. K. Mazurkewich further stated that Pearson has experienced an overall improvement from summer 2022 to now, moving from low ranking to higher ranking among airports across North America. She indicated that airlines are still challenged with on-time performance and Pearson has made great strides to successfully meet and surpass wait time targets and improve baggage issues.

K. Mazurkewich stated that Pearson also experienced a stronger financial performance in 2023, which will contribute to the investment of improving aging infrastructure and operational efficiencies.

K. Mazurkewich advised that Pearson has begun a 10-year strategic transformative capital program which includes restoring aging infrastructure, implementing digital infrastructure, enhancing customer service, and advocating for transit connections for passengers and employees with a focus on affordability.

D. Allingham expressed the GTAA's intention to engage with the community of Durham on the transformation of Toronto Pearson to provide the best passenger experience for customers as they continue to recover and grow.

J. van't Hoff stated that the audit committee for the GTAA has been working with management and its board in order to develop new strategies to resolve ongoing issues, such as charging airlines penalties for late flights, offering incentives for airlines to receive refunds if flights and baggage are on time, and developing a new Pearson standard.

K. Mazurkewich, J. van't Hoff, and D. Allingham responded to questions from the Committee.

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence received from the City of Oshawa, dated October 6, 2023, re: Recommended Part II Plan for the Columbus Planning Area, and Related Amendments to the Oshawa Official Plan
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(79) That the correspondence received from the City of Oshawa, dated October 6, 2023, regarding the Recommended Part II Plan for the Columbus Planning Area, and Related Amendments to the Oshawa Official Plan, be referred to staff for appropriate action.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence received from Kaik Barucha (Resident), dated November 6, 2023, re: Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(80) That the correspondence received from Kaik Barucha (Resident), dated November 6, 2023, regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003, be referred to consideration of Report #2023-P-26.

CARRIED

- C) Correspondence received from Janice Mears (Resident), dated November 6, 2023, re: Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(81) That the correspondence received from Janice Mears (Resident), dated November 6, 2023, regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003, be referred to consideration of Report #2023-P-26.

CARRIED

- D) Correspondence received from Peter Renz (Resident), dated October 31, 2023, re: Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(82) That the correspondence received from Peter Renz (Resident), dated October 31, 2023, regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Amendment #195, OPA 2022-003, be referred to consideration of Report #2023-P-26.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by CBM Aggregates, to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 2 in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-003 (2023-P-26)
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Report #2023-P-26 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(83) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #195 to the Durham Regional Official Plan to permit the expansion of an existing Aggregate Resources Extraction Area, as detailed in Attachment #3 to Report #2023-P-26 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, be approved; and
- B) That a "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the Township of Brock, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and to all persons or public bodies who made a submission or requested notification of the decision.

CARRIED

- B) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Wooden Sticks Golf Inc., to permit a hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course in the Township of Uxbridge, File: OPA 2022-006 (2023-P-27)

Report #2023-P-27 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(84) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #194 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit a hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course, be adopted as contained in Attachment 2 to Report #2023-P-27 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development;
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Uxbridge, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other persons or public bodies who requested notification of the decision; and
- C) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to modify the newly adopted Durham Regional Official Plan as shown on Attachment 3 to Report #2023-P-27 so that the approvals granted by Regional Council through Amendment #194 are carried forward and properly reflected in the Region's new Official Plan which is currently pending approval by the Minister.

CARRIED

- C) Durham Region's response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings #019-7735 and #019-7739 related to a Proposed Act regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve and Proposed Act to return lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 (2023-P-28)
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Report #2023-P-28 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(85) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2023-P-28 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be endorsed as the Region's formal comments supporting Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings #019-7735 and #019-7739 related to a Proposed Act regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve and Proposed Act to return lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023, as consistent with Regional Council's December 21, 2022, position that the province return environmental and Greenbelt protections to all of the areas being removed;
- B) That the proposed policy and mapping modifications to the adopted Regional Official Plan, as amended, as contained in Attachments #2 and #3 to Report #2023-P-28 be endorsed to support the return of lands to the Greenbelt;
- C) That Regional staff be directed to work with Provincial staff in their consideration of the proposed modifications in an effort to obtain approval of the new Regional Official Plan; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2023-P-28 be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPPs in Durham and the area municipalities.

CARRIED

8. Economic Development

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communication items to be considered.

8.2 Reports

There were no Economic Development Reports to be considered.

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

A) Resolution regarding Letter of Support for the Second Marsh in the City of Oshawa

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(86) That we recommend to Council:

That whereas the Oshawa Second Marsh is an important part of Durham's natural environment, that the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) send a letter supporting the protection and preservation of the Marsh through the Love the Marsh! campaign initiated by the Friends of Second Marsh.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(87) That the main motion (86) of Councillors Shahid and Kerr be amended by adding to the end the words, "and that the DECAC Chair be authorized to sign the letter of support".

CARRIED

The main motion (86) of Councillors Shahid and Kerr was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(88) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk