

Report #8 of the Committee of the Whole

For consideration by Regional Council

December 21, 2022

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Evolution of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) and Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) ([2022-COW-28](#))
 - A) That Regional Council endorse the concept of transitioning the DRRCC from its current role as an advisory committee to Regional Council to a future role beginning in Q1 2023 as an independent multi-stakeholder entity based within Ontario Tech University, as described within Report #2022-COW-28 of the Chief Administrative Officer;
 - B) That staff be directed to execute a collaboration agreement with Ontario Tech University (included as Attachment #1 to Report #2022-COW-28) governing the mandate, deliverables and resourcing of the independent entity as well as roles and responsibilities of participating organizations;
 - C) That the DRRCC be dissolved as an advisory committee to Regional Council effective upon approval of the recommendations in Report #2022-COW-28;
 - D) That the DRRCC's current role as an advisory committee to Regional Council on climate change matters be subsumed within a revised name and mandate of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC), as reflected in the revised committee Terms of Reference included as attachment #2 to Report #2022-COW-28, and that the revised Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Terms of Reference be approved; and
 - E) That all applications received for the DRRCC and DEAC as part of the current recruitment process for the next term of Council (2023-2026) be considered for appointments to the Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC).
2. Update on the Approval of the Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville ([2022-COW-30](#))

That Report #2022-COW-30 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

3. Durham Region's Response to the Provincial Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, ERO Postings #019-6216 and #019-6238, File D12-01 ([2022-COW-31](#))

 - A) That the letter contained in Attachment #2 to Report #2022-COW-31 of the Chief Administrative Officer be endorsed as the Region's formal comments on the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, ERO postings #019-6216 and #019-6238;
 - B) That a copy of Report #2022-COW-31 be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the area municipalities and the MPPs in Durham;
 - C) **Council ask that the province return environmental and Greenbelt protections to the Duffins Rouge Agriculture Preserve; and**
 - D) **That Council ask that the province return environmental and Greenbelt protections to all of the areas being removed.**
4. Time-Limited Construction Funding Subsidy Supplement – Update on the Proposed Long-Term Care Home in the City of Pickering ([2022-COW-32](#))

 - A) That a Statement of Readiness to proceed with construction under the Long-Term Care Home Capital Development Funding Policy, 2022 be executed for additional capital funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care to build an expedited 200-bed long-term care home in Seaton, City of Pickering;
 - B) That the updated overall capital cost estimate for the new long-term care home in North Pickering of \$126,025,000 be approved, with a financing plan to be provided as part of the 2023 Business Plans and Budget;
 - C) That the budget of \$9,900,000 be approved for the retention of architectural design and contract administration services, with financing to be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
 - D) That the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute any contracts and waive any Regional policy requirements to facilitate an expedited construction approach, with actions summarised at significant milestones to Council.
5. Implications of Bill 23 on the Region of Durham ([2022-COW-33](#))

 - A) That Council endorse staff-level feedback and recommendations on Bill 23 as provided in Report #2022-INFO-93 of the Chief Administrative Officer;
 - B) That the Province of Ontario be requested to pass further legislation to revise Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 in light of the unintended property tax implications that it will impose on existing and

future property taxpayers, and due to the community planning impacts that will affect our communities;

- C) That the Province of Ontario be requested to engage with all affected municipalities through meaningful dialogue in the spirit of collaboration, to achieve our shared goal of achieving significant increases in housing supply while directly investing in measures to improve housing affordability; and
 - D) That staff be directed to work with local area municipalities on a communications and public education campaign that details the impacts of Bill 23 on residents in the Region of Durham, with information regarding all property tax increases stemming from Bill 23 being included in the upcoming 2023 and future Regional property tax bills.
6. Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Social Services, Planning and Economic Development and Finance – Closed Matter with respect to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency or any of them, regarding an Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update (2022-COW-29)
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That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2022-COW-29 of the Commissioners of Social Services, Planning and Economic Development, and Finance be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO