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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair
B. Baszyk, Brock
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
B. Foxton, Uxbridge attended the meeting at 7:09 PM
K. Lui, Member at Large
L. Nguyen, Youth Member
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa
B. Widner, Whitby
Councillor Wotten, Alternate
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
M. Nasir, Ajax

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
A. Smith, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, Office of the CAO
***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by K. Lui,
That the agenda for the March 21, 2024 Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Basztyk, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Durham Region Strategic Plan, Andrea Smith and Lesley-Ann Foulds, CAO's Office

Andrea Smith, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Strategic Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Approach to Strategy Development
 - Data-Informed Insights
 - Innovative Thinking
 - Meaning Engagement
 - Community-Oriented Transparent Decision-Making
- Timeline
- Engagement Activities
- Your Voice Matters

A. Smith responded to questions from the Committee regarding the deadline for the Durham Region Strategic Plan resident survey; and whether there are going to be any detailed metrics/a reporting system to show the impact that Regional Council's decision has made with respect to Durham's targets of reaching net zero.

6. Items for Action/Discussion

A) Update on Port Perry Lions Club Waste Diversion Day Event on February 24, 2024 (K. Lui, G. Carpentier, A. Lugman)

K. Lui advised that the Port Perry Lions Club Waste Diversion Day event was held on February 24, 2024 and that it was a successful and informative event. She stated that there were a number of great presentations that included the Lake Stewards, Citizen Justice Durham, and Region of Durham Waste staff.

Councillor Wotten stated that the feedback from those that attended was very positive, and that a number of new ideas were generated to continue the waste diversion conversation. She also thanked DECAC for being a part of the event.

B) Update on DECAC Motion, re: Pollinator on Regional Facilities and Rights-of-Way (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that Works Department staff recently met with the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) and that the Scugog Works Depot and two areas located on Lakeridge Road have been selected as test sites for the pollinator project. She advised that an agreement is currently being reviewed by Legal staff, and that once the required agreements have been signed, she will be meeting with Works staff to discuss next steps.

C) Schedule for Regional Compost Day Events (DECAC Spring Pollinator Giveaway) (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that she has received the schedule for the Regional Compost Day events that will be held between April 27, 2024 and June 8, 2024. She advised that the events will occur on Saturdays between 8:00 AM and noon, rain or shine, and that historically the seed packets have been very well received. She further advised that she will share the event dates to the Committee members after the meeting and will be looking for volunteers to help pack and label the seed packets, along with volunteers to hand them out at the events.

D) Council Climate Education Session (I. McVey)

In the absence of I. McVey, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer Item 6. D) Council Climate Education Session to a future DECAC meeting.

E) Durham Greener Homes – Virtual Home Energy Audit Tech (VHEAT) Update (I. McVey)

In the absence of I. McVey, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer Item 6. E) Durham Greener Homes – Virtual Home Energy Audit Tech (VHEAT) Update to a future DECAC meeting.

7. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2024-P-7: 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget and Attachment 1

A copy of Report #2024-P-7 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

B) Commissioner's Report #2024-COW-10: Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016)

A copy of Report #2024-COW-10 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning & Economic Development was received.

- C) Commissioner's Report #2024-COW-9: Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008)

A copy of Report #2024-COW-9 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning & Economic Development was received.

- D) Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Programs and Services Inventory, December 31, 2023

A copy of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA) programs and services inventory dated December 31, 2023 was received.

- E) Walk Softly – You Alone Can't Save the Planet, but..., Geoff Carpentier, The Standard

A link to the article titled, "Walk Softly – You Alone Can't Save the Planet, but..." by Geoff Carpentier, The Standard, was received.

- F) Minutes of the February 27th, 2024 Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting

A copy of the February 27, 2024 Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting minutes was received.

- G) Minutes of the February 13th, 2024 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the February 13, 2024 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by B. Widner, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That Information Items 7. A) to 7. G) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A) Help Keep Ajax Green this Spring with Ajax Green Living Days

In the absence of M. Nasir, A. Luqman shared that the Town of Ajax is hosting its annual Ajax Green Living Days (GLD) with a number of free activities in April and May. She advised that she would share the link to the events to the Committee members.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the

Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East,
Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

J. Cuthbertson, Chair, Durham Environment
and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk