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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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 attended the meeting at 9:34 AM
Councillor Collier
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Shahid* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Woo*

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
S. Baldie Jagpat, Manager, Administrative Services
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
V. Chanthavong, Planner, Plan Implementation
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
C. Goodchild, Director of Planning
W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
L. Trombino*, Manager, Plan Implementation
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(18) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(19) That the agenda be altered to consider Item 7.2 A) Application to Amend
the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting
Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of
a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-
abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-
001 (Regional Official Plan Amendment #197) (2024-P-6), next.
CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-001 (Regional Official Plan Amendment #197) (2024-P-6)
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Report #2024-P-6 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(20) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2024-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development;
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Municipality of Clarington, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and

all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision;
and

- C) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to modify the Council adopted Durham Regional Official Plan as shown on Attachment #4 to Report #2024-P-6 so that the approvals granted by Regional Council through Amendment #197 are carried forward and properly reflected in the Region's new Official Plan which is currently pending approval by the Minister.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Colleen Goodchild, Director of Planning, and Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, re: 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget (#2024-P-7)
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Following introductory comments from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, and N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets, Colleen Goodchild, Director of Planning, and Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview
 - Departmental Budget Achieves the Regional Council approved 2024 Business Plans and Budgets Guideline
- 2024 Proposed Expenditures & Financing – Planning and Transit Oriented Development
- 2023 Planning Accomplishments
 - Envision Durham
 - At Home Incentive Program
 - Transportation
 - Application Review
 - Conservation Authority MOUs
- 2024 Planning Strategic Highlights
- 2023 Rapid Transit (RT) and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Accomplishments
- 2024 RT and TOD Strategic Highlights
- 2024 Proposed Expenditures & Financing – Economic Development and Tourism
- 2023 Economic Development Accomplishments
- 2024 Economic Development Strategic Highlights
- 2024 Business Plans and Budgets

- Reductions and Deferrals
- Risks and Uncertainties
- Beyond the 2024 Business Plans and Budget
 - Forecasted Pressures and Strategic Considerations

C. Goodchild and S. Gill responded to questions from the Committee with regards to the number of housing units to be constructed as part of the Colborne Street housing project; the difference between supportive and affordable housing; whether there is an anticipated date for the Bus Rapid Transit's first route from Oshawa to Scarborough to take place; when the Bowmanville GO station is expected to be operational; the investment attraction statistics of new businesses to the Region; the impacts of the Region not participating in the 2024 Collision Conference; and who is responsible for updating population signs along the Highway 401.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communication items to be considered.

7.2 Reports

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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. [See Item 7.2 A) on pages 2 and 3 of these minutes]

- B) 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget (2024-P-7)
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Report #2024-P-7 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Chair Henry,
(21) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2024 Business Plans and Budget of the Planning and Economic Development Department be approved.

CARRIED

This item will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee at their meeting to be held on March 19, 2024.

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

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Durham Region Receives Award of Excellence for Ready Set Future from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario

Councillor Chapman congratulated the Economic Development and Tourism team for their achievements in winning an Award of Excellence from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario for the Region's Ready Set Future economic development strategy and action plan.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Chair Henry,
(22) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk