

Report #6 of the Planning & Economic Development Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

June 26, 2024

The Planning & Economic Development Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Lafarge Canada Inc. to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #30 in the Township of Uxbridge, File: OPA 2024-001 (2024-P-11)
 - A) That Report #2024-P-11 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning and Economic Development Department for consideration.
2. Reinstatement of Policy into the Durham Regional Official Plan relating to the Construction of an Interchange at Highway 412 and Rossland Road

WHEREAS the Highway 412 interchange at Rossland Road was approved in the Highway 407 East Environmental Assessment study but deferred from initial construction;

AND WHEREAS the traffic has increased in volume on Highway 412 since the tolls were lifted in 2022;

AND WHEREAS both Ajax and Whitby are experiencing significant residential growth in the area of Highway 412 and Rossland Road;

AND WHEREAS this corridor is required for critical goods movement for major employers, including Amazon, H&M, and Gordon Food Service;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is widening Rossland Road from Westney Road to Lake Ridge Road to further Support the movement of people and goods;

AND WHEREAS the Draft Durham Official Plan Decision removes policy encouraging the construction of an interchange at Highway 412 and Rossland Road;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Durham Region request the province to reinstate policy encouraging the construction of an interchange at Highway 412 and Rossland Road in the Regional Official Plan.

3. Ontario Northlander Station Strategic Case, in Beaverton (Township of Brock) (2024-P-12)

- A) That the Ontario Northlander Station Strategic Case in Beaverton prepared by WSP Inc. on behalf of the Region be endorsed, and that staff be directed to engage with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Northland and Township of Brock Council and staff, to further develop the station concept and service;
- B) That Regional staff be directed to develop a satisfactory financing and implementation proposal with the Township of Brock, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and Ontario Northland, for a new Beaverton Ontario Northland station, and report back in the fall of 2024 with a recommended proposal for Finance and Administrative Committee's endorsement, prior to proceeding to Regional Council for approval; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-12 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be provided to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Northland and the Township of Brock.

4. Regional Comments on ERO Posting #019-8707 to amend the lands covered by Ontario Regulation 102/72 (Federal Airport Lands MZO) in the City of Pickering (2024-P-13)

- A) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that Durham Regional Council has no objection to the revocation of lands within Ontario Regulation 102/72 that are outside the Greenbelt Plan Area; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2024-P-13 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Durham's area municipalities.

5. Hannover Messe Trade Show, 2025 – Participation (2024-EDT-10)

That, subject to the approval of funding by the Finance and Administration Committee, the Region of Durham's Economic Development and Tourism Division (Invest Durham) exhibit at the Hannover Messe 2025 trade fair in collaboration with the area municipalities through the Durham Economic Development Partnership (DEDP) and other partners to showcase the Region to key business audiences for investment attraction.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee