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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Pickles, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Collier\*  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Neal\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\* denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also Present: Councillor Crawford\*  
Councillor Woo\* attended for part of the meeting  
**\* denotes visiting Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Chapman, Chair  
Councillor Wotten was absent on municipal business

#### Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development  
C. Boyd\*, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
M. Broderick, Manager, Economic Development, Business Development & Investment  
A. Burgess, Director, Corporate Communication & Engagement  
A. Caruso\*, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning  
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development & Tourism  
C. Goodchild, Director of Planning  
B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)  
B. Holmes, General Manager, Transit  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works

J. Kelly, Manager, Policy & Special Studies  
C. Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning  
L. Lovery, Director, Rapid Transit & Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)  
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing & Tourism  
T. Shaver, Manager, Small Business Enterprise Centre, Economic  
Development & Tourism  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Woon, Senior Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
**\* denotes staff participating electronically**

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(56) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development  
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

S. Gill announced that the Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) recently joined Invest Durham in the Economic Development and Tourism Division. He introduced Teresa Shaver as the Manager, Business Advisory Centre Durham, and members of the BACD team.

C. Goodchild introduced Chris Leitch as the new Manager of Transportation in the Planning Division.

**5. Presentations**

5.1 Aneesah Luqman, Senior Planner, Policy Planning & Special Studies, re: Durham Region Profile – Demographics and Socio-Economic Data (2024-P-15) [Item 7.2 a)]

Aneesah Luqman, Senior Planner, Policy Planning & Special Studies, provided a video presentation regarding Durham Region Profile – Demographics and Socio-Economic Data.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Roadmap
  - Introduction and Overview
  - 2021 Census Data Trends
- Durham Profile Overview
  - Reporting Areas
  - Components
  - Population
  - Social Characteristics
  - Households
  - Employment & Income
  - Education
  - Agriculture

Staff responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether the immigration statistics of new residents to the Region includes international students and residents arriving from other provinces; whether the average number of people per household statistics accounts for all residents; whether the average age of farmers is of concern; and what could be implemented to attract younger farmers to agricultural employment to create greater stability in the sector.

## **6. Delegations**

### **6.1 Terry Rekar (In-Person Attendance), re: Envision Durham**

Terry Rekar, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding Envision Durham.

T. Rekar expressed concerns with regards to the established minimum densities and intensification targets set out in the Envision Durham plan.

### **6.2 James Bountrogiannis (In-Person Attendance), re: Envision Durham**

James Bountrogiannis, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding Envision Durham.

J. Bountrogiannis expressed concerns with regards to the climate change and sustainability objectives set out in the Envision Durham plan, particularly as it relates to achieving a net-zero carbon footprint and the policies for reducing greenhouse gases.

### **6.3 James Bountrogiannis (In-Person Attendance), re: Transportation Master Plan**

James Bountrogiannis, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding the Transportation Master Plan.

J. Bountrogiannis stated his support for bike lanes and the electric scooter program in the City of Oshawa. He further stated the importance of maintaining adequate parking, particularly in the downtown Oshawa core, as future developments are designed and constructed.

6.4 Patricia Conlin (In-Person Attendance), re: Envision Durham

Patricia Conlin, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding Envision Durham.

P. Conlin expressed concerns with regards to the sustainability plans in Envision Durham; the proposed population growth targets for the Region; and the implication of a rapid increase in population to achieving a net-zero carbon footprint.

6.5 David Ward (In-Person Attendance), re: Envision Durham

David Ward, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding Envision Durham.

D. Ward expressed concerns with regards to the projected numbers for rapid population growth expected in the Region by 2051 and how it compares to the projected job growth figures set out in Envision Durham.

6.6 Jeanette Miller (In-Person Attendance), re: Envision Durham

Jeanette Miller, participating in-person, appeared before the Committee regarding Envision Durham.

J. Miller expressed concerns regarding the strategic growth policies set out in the Envision Durham plan. She expressed further concerns regarding high-density developments and the unsuitability of the transit-oriented development objectives for rural areas of the Region.

**7. Planning**

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence received from Maya Harris, Manager Community Planning and Development (East), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated September 3, 2024, re: Region of Durham 2023 Official Plan Notice of Decision

B. Bridgeman responded to questions from the Committee regarding the implementation process if Bill 23 is proclaimed; the planning responsibilities that would be affected by Bill 23; and whether communication regarding the changes resulting from Bill 23 would be issued to residents.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(57) That Correspondence received from Maya Harris, Manager Community Planning and Development (East), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated September 3, 2024, re: Region of Durham 2023 Official Plan Notice of Decision be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Information Report #2024-INFO-57, re: Envision Durham – Provincial Decision on the New Regional Official Plan

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(58) That Information Report #2024-INFO-57, re: Envision Durham – Provincial Decision on the New Regional Official Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) Durham Region Profile – Demographics and Socio-Economic Data (2024-P-15)

Report #2024-P-15 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(59) That Report #2024-P-15 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

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**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**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, November 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Pickles, Vice-Chair

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk