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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Committee of the Whole  
From: Chief Administrative Officer  
Report: #2023-COW-6  
Date: February 15, 2023

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## **Subject:**

Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) Leadership Committee –  
Regional Councillor Nominations

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the appointment of Regional Council members to the DRRCC Leadership Committee be approved and confirmed
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## **Report:**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. confirm the appointment of Regional Councillors to serve on the DRRCC Leadership Committee for the 2023-2026 term and,

### **2. Background**

2.1 On December 21, 2022, Durham Regional Council endorsed the recommendations contained in report [#2022-COW-28](#), including the evolution of the DRRCC from being an advisory committee of Regional Council, to an independent collaborative governance entity hosted by the Brilliant Energy Institute at Ontario Tech University.

2.2 As part of the new DRRCC, a Leadership Committee will be formed comprised of between 19 to 21 members as follows:

- a. Co-chairs (one from academia, and the Regional Chair or designate),  
b. One Regional Councillor representative from each of the eight local area municipalities and the elected Council of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSFIN)

- c. Eight to ten representatives from other organizations based or operating within Durham Region that have demonstrated a commitment to advancing Durham's low carbon pathway, such as:
- Public agencies focused on energy, housing, transportation, and conservation (e.g., local electricity distribution companies, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corp, and/or Conservation Authorities)
  - Academia (e.g., Ontario Tech University, Durham College, Trent Durham University, and/or local school boards)
  - Professional and Industry Associations (e.g., Durham Labour Council, Durham Region Homebuilders Association, etc.)
  - Community organizations (e.g., Durham Community Foundation, Community Development Council Durham, Rotary Club, Climate Justice Durham, etc.)
- 2.3 The DRRCC Leadership Committee will meet twice annually to receive updates on progress with implementation of Durham's Low Carbon Pathway and to collaboratively confirm strategic priorities for action across the Region. The 2023 meetings are anticipated to take place in April and October (dates TBD).
- 2.4 Following Regional Council endorsement of the recommendations contained in report #[2022-COW-28](#), the Office of the Regional Chair contacted the mayors of each local area municipality in Durham to invite them to join the DRRCC Leadership Committee or nominate a Regional Councillor delegate from their respective local area municipality.
- 2.5 Table 1 below list the nominees representing each local area municipality, as confirmed by the office of the mayor of each local area municipality.

**Table 1 Regional Council Member Nominees to the DRRCC Leadership Committee**

<b>Local Area Municipality</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Pickering	Councillor Brenner
Ajax	Councillor Lee
Whitby	Councillor Leahy
Oshawa	Mayor Carter
Clarington	Councillor Foster
Uxbridge	Councillor Barton
Scugog	Councillor Wotten
Brock	Councillor Schummer

### **3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal #1 – Environmental Sustainability

- Accelerate the adoption of green technologies and clean energy solutions through strategic partnerships and investment.
- Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change

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Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by

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