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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health and Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2026-SS-2
Date: April 9, 2026

Subject:

Dissolution of the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee

Recommendation:

That the Health and Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee be dissolved.
 - B) That the Regional Solicitor, or their designate, is authorized to prepare housekeeping amendments to the Minutes of Settlement between The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Corporation of the Township of Brock dated November 24, 2021, to remove references to the Community Liaison Committee.
 - C) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute an amending agreement to the Minutes of Settlement according to Recommendation B).
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee and to request that Regional Council dissolve it and authorize housekeeping amendments to Minutes of Settlement between the Region of Durham (Region) and the Township of Brock.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee (the CLC) was established by a motion adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on October 28, 2020. In accordance with the direction from Regional Council, the CLC's mandate is to provide a structured forum for information exchange, address operational concerns

and facilitate the successful integration of Beaverton Heights into the Brock community.

- 2.2 As part of a settlement between the Region and the Township of Brock dated November 24, 2021, the Region committed to further information-sharing and consultation with the CLC.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 [Report #2020-INFO-103: Beaverton Supportive Housing Update](#)
- 3.2 [Report #2020-SS-9: Expedited Supportive Housing Development](#)
- 3.3 [Report #2021-A-21: Beaverton Supportive Housing Development](#)
- 3.4 [Report #2022-COW-11: Updated Construction Cost Estimate and Additional Capital Financing for the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project](#)
- 3.5 [Report #2025-SS-5: Update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's Transitional Housing Programs](#)

4. Rationale on Dissolution of the CLC

- 4.1 Since the opening of Beaverton Heights in November 2024, the CLC has fulfilled its intended role successfully. There have been minimal community complaints or operational issues requiring intervention and recent CLC meetings have focused mostly on general information-sharing rather than project-related concerns.
- 4.2 This shift reflects that the original need for the CLC has diminished, as it now functions primarily as a forum for information-sharing on human services programs and services in North Durham more generally.
- 4.3 Well-established communication channels remain in place between the Region, the operator Blue Door Support Services (Blue Door) and the Township of Brock. These channels ensure that any future concerns can be addressed promptly, without the need for a standing committee.
- 4.4 Accordingly, at its meeting on November 17, 2025, the membership of the CLC adopted a resolution to support its dissolution (Attachment #1). Consequently, at its meeting on February 23rd, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted a resolution supporting and agreeing to the dissolution of the CLC (Attachment #2).
- 4.5 It is therefore recommended that Regional Council adopt a resolution to formally dissolve the CLC and direct staff to prepare necessary amendments to the Minutes of Settlement between the Region and the Township of Brock to remove references to the CLC.

5. Feedback from Members

- 5.1 Feedback from the CLC identified strengths in the delivery and operation of Beaverton Heights. Members noted that the building design and site layout were executed well within the surrounding community. On-site services were viewed as effective and responsive to resident needs, and the service provider, Blue Door, was recognized for strong operations management. It was identified that communication with the CLC and community improved over time and that the intake criteria and program agreements shared with the CLC in advance of the program opening supported effective communication and confidence in the project.
- 5.2 The CLC also identified opportunities to strengthen transparency and engagement in future projects, noting the importance of early and visible communication throughout the project lifecycle to support community trust and understanding. Members emphasized that future project implementation would benefit from early, transparent, and consistent engagement. Clear communication of project objectives, decision-making processes, and timelines through accessible Council reporting and public messaging was identified as essential, along with early collaboration to support effective implementation and timely project delivery.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction(s) and Pathway(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Healthy People, Caring Communities
 - H2. Collaborate with partners to respond to complex social issues that improve community safety and well-being, including mental health and addictions.
 - H3. Integrate and co-ordinate service delivery for positive life outcomes, including investments in poverty prevention, housing solutions, and homelessness supports.
 - b. Strong Relationships
 - S1. Enhance inclusive opportunities for community engagement and meaningful collaboration.
 - S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 It is therefore recommended that Regional Council adopt a resolution to formally dissolve the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee and direct staff to

prepare necessary amendments to the Minutes of Settlement between the Region and the Township of Brock to remove references to the Community Liaison Committee.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Excerpt of the minutes of the November 17th, 2025, meeting of the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee endorsing the dissolution of the CLC.

Attachment #2: Correspondence from the Township of Brock confirming its support for the dissolution of the CLC.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

BEAVERTON TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday November 17th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Beaverton Transitional Housing Liaison Committee was held on Monday, November 17th, 2025 in person at Beaverton Heights.

Present: Brett Bloxam
Mary Beddows
Karen Hakonson
Lianne Megarry
Alex Cheng, Blue Door
Kaitlin Long, Blue Door

Staff

Present: Erin Valant, Director of Housing Services
Rachel Hirstwood-Judd, Supervisor Family Services, APSW
Lynn Alexander, Property Manager
Cindy McCreight, Administrative Assistant

1. ADOPTION OF JULY 14TH MINUTES

Moved by Mary Beddows THAT the Minutes of July 14th be adopted. Seconded by Brett Bloxam.

CARRIED

2. MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Moved by Erin Valant, THAT the Beaverton Community Liaison Committee be dissolved. Seconded by Karen Hakonson.

CARRIED

This motion must proceed through appropriate legal channels to formally dissolve the Committee.

A recommendation report will highlight the lessons learned and recommendations from the CLC for Regional Council including what worked well and what did not. Erin will structure phone interviews with each member to capture lessons learned.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brett Bloxam, that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mary Beddows.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by _____

Erin Valant, Chair



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The Township of Brock
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February 24, 2026

Erin Valant, Chair and Director of Housing Services/Social Services
Regional Municipality of Durham

Sent via email: Erin.Valant@durham.ca

Re: Township of Brock Agrees with the Memorandum for Dissolution of Beaverton Heights
Community Liaison Committee

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated December 19, 2025 which was considered by Council at their meeting held on February 23, 2026. Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution:

C-2026-055

"Be It Resolved That Communication Number 83/26 from Erin Valant, Chair and Director of Housing Services, Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the dissolution of the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee, be received; and

That Council supports and agrees to the dissolution of the Beaverton Heights Community Liaison Committee."

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fernando Lamanna", written over a white background.

Fernando Lamanna
Deputy CAO/Clerk

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