



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-101
Date: October 30, 2020

Subject:

Proposed Changes to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide background on the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement (Policy) and Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) staff comments on the recently proposed changes.

2. Background

2.1 The Policy was first published in 2018 under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act. The Policy establishes timelines and diversion goals for food and organic waste in municipalities and multi-residential buildings in Ontario.

2.2 The diversion goals established in the Policy vary by geographic location in Ontario. For Durham Region, reduction and resource recovery of food and organic waste in single family homes must reach 70 per cent by 2023. Multi-residential buildings in Durham Region must reach 50 per cent food waste reduction and resource recovery 2025. The planned mixed waste pre-sort and Anaerobic Digester will help the Region achieve both these objectives.

- 2.3 The Policy sets out categories that must be included in reduction and resource recovery systems such as food waste and leaf and yard waste. Additional categories of organic waste are encouraged for inclusion. The encouraged categories include items such as pet waste and hygiene products.
- 2.4 The Region is promoting food waste reduction with its Buy It, Eat It education campaign. Additional resource recovery from food and organic waste will be achieved with the mixed waste pre-sort and anaerobic digestion facilities currently in development.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 2018-INFO-74 - Update on the Provincial Food and Organic Waste Framework
- a. Received for Information
- 3.2 2018-COW-11 - Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study
- a. Regional Council endorsed comments on the proposed Policy expressing support for the principles outlined including reduction and recovery of resources from food waste.
 - b. Comments on the original Policy also included a request for provincial support including funding support for the infrastructure and promotion and education efforts that would be required to meet the targets of the Policy.

4. Proposed Changes to the Policy

- 4.1 The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is proposing changes to the Policy. The changes are open for consultation under [Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\) #019-2498](#) with comments due on November 14, 2020.
- 4.2 The focus of the proposed changes to the Policy is compostable food packaging and take-out containers and utensils. The list of organic waste that municipalities should make efforts to accept in diversion programs has been expanded to include many types of compostable or paper packaging. New items include compostable coffee pods, paper flour and sugar bags, paper take-out containers and ice cream boxes. Wooden chopsticks, stir sticks and toothpicks are not mandated but also strongly encouraged for consideration in municipal organics diversion programs.
- 4.3 Proposed changes to the Policy include encouraging municipalities and owner/operators of food and organic waste management systems to participate in

pilot projects with producers to research processing methods for compostable products.

- 4.4 Municipalities are encouraged under the proposed Policy changes to examine the feasibility of upgrading existing infrastructure to more effectively manage compostable packaging and to adopt new technology capable of managing compostable packaging when planning for new or expanded capacity.

5. Impact to Region of Durham Organics Program

- 5.1 The Region currently uses aerobic composting to process the source separated organics and leaf and yard waste collected from single family homes in Durham Region. The Region's aerobic composting system is not suitable for compostable items such as coffee pods. These items require a five week or longer retention time in the active composting phase that is not possible in the Region's system (or most other systems) due to the high volumes of materials to be managed.
- 5.2 When the anaerobic digestion facility is constructed and operational, many of the organic waste items added to the revised Policy would be acceptable for anaerobic digestion. However, as portions of the compostable packaging have similar characteristics to plastics, they are likely to be diverted to the residue stream from the anaerobic digestion facility for disposal.
- 5.3 The proposed Policy changes do not address consumer confusion of items that are certified compostable or made solely out of paper or wood and therefore potentially compostable while other items are made out of plastic or contain plastic layers that render them non-compostable. Consumer confusion on what items are acceptable in the food and organic waste stream is a risk to the quality of the food waste feedstock and has the potential to increase processing costs for the Region's diversion facilities.
- 5.4 Maximizing the diversion of food and organic waste from disposal to resource recovery aligns with the Region's resource recovery and climate change mitigation goals. The mixed waste pre-sort and anaerobic digestion facility will support the diversion of food and organic waste while generating a carbon-neutral renewable natural gas.

- 5.5 Given the timeline for commenting, the attached letter (Attachment #1) has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as staff comments on the proposed changes. The substantive comments include:
- a. Many of the suggested packaging materials, often labelled as compostable, mimic plastics and therefore, are not suitable for processing with organics;
 - b. The Region does not support any policy direction that moves paper and packaging out of the Blue Box program and into the municipally managed organics waste stream;
 - c. Similarities between compostable and non-compostable packaging create consumer confusion on the appropriate disposal methods for this material. Producers should be responsible for consumer education in this area; and
 - d. Producers should be required to ensure packaging labelled as compostable is certified and meets environmental standards in Ontario.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 1.2 - Increase waste diversion and resource recovery.
 - b. Goal 1.4 - Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The proposed changes to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement expand the list of organic items to be considered in municipal organics programs to include certified compostable packaging, paper packaging and take-out containers and wooden utensils.
- 7.2 Waste Management staff are supportive of the goals to divert organic items from disposal where possible but maintain that municipalities must keep control of the feedstock quality to ensure the maximum value the compost, digestate or renewable natural gas produced from the process.
- 7.3 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3445.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Regional Municipality of Durham Staff Comment Letter dated October 28, 2020, to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Attachment #2: Link to [Environmental Registry of Ontario #019-2498: Proposal to amend the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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October 28, 2020

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Dear Mr. Durrani:

**RE: Regional Municipality of Durham Comments on Food
and Organic Waste Policy Statement ERO #019-2498**

The Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) is located immediately to the east of Toronto and includes large urban and rural areas. Durham Region launched a curbside source separated organics program for single-family residences Region-wide in 2006. The Region currently uses aerobic composting for managing the collected organics and is in the procurement stage for an anaerobic digestion system for this material in the future. Durham Region's source separated organics program generates AA compost that is provided free of charge to residents each year and is sold by our operator to landscape supply companies and greenhouses.

Durham Region supports the diversion goals as stated in the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement and offers the following comments on the proposed changes.

Durham Region appreciates the recognition by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) that most municipal composting operations are not currently suitable for compostable packaging. Municipal compost systems manage a high volume of organics and must maintain a two to three-week residence time of organics in the active composting process. The short residence time is not adequate for many compostable, plastic-like packaging to properly decompose. While an anaerobic digestion process may be more suitable for decomposing compostable packaging, it is questionable if the packaging would make it to the digestion chamber or be skimmed off after the hydro-pulper as plastic waste. **Many of the suggested packaging-like items for consideration would be removed**

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from the organics system prior to composting or digestion and become residue for disposal rather than processed as organic material. The Policy Statement may benefit from inclusion of two lists of organic materials – those suitable for aerobic composting facilities and those best suited for anaerobic digestion.

Anaerobic digestion facilities for municipal food and organic waste are not common in Ontario. These types of facilities are difficult to site and expensive to develop. **Provincial support for streamlining approvals and funding assistance would encourage municipalities to pursue this type of facility that can accommodate the pet waste and hygiene materials listed in the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement.**

Durham Region is also concerned with the suggestion that municipalities consider food packaging such as ice cream boxes, paper flour and sugar bags for the organic waste stream. This type of packaging is currently captured in the blue box program of many municipalities where the cost of collection and processing is partially paid by the producers of the packaging. When the anticipated blue box regulation is finalized and municipal programs have transitioned to full producer responsibility, the cost for managing these items will be fully borne by the producers of the packaging. One of the provincial interests under the RRCEA is to hold entities most responsible for the design of product and packaging responsible for them at the end of life. Moving packaging out of the blue box program and into an organics program runs counter to the provincial interest. **Durham Region does not support policy direction that shifts the responsibility for paper and packaging from producers to municipalities thereby making this material an organic waste and not a blue box material.**

Many of the items suggested for inclusion in organic collection are supplied into the market as both compostable items and as non-compostable items. Educating consumers on which items are acceptable in the organics stream and which items are garbage is a significant undertaking with uncertain effectiveness. Since non-compostable items can have a significant negative impact on the quality of the compost created, continual consumer education is required to minimize potential contamination. **Producers of these items along with the point of sale retailer or provider of the items should undertake the consumer education obligations on the differences between compostable and non-compostable items and the importance of confirming what is acceptable in the consumer's municipality.** Further, a consistent packaging standard for items such as coffee pods would reduce the risk of consumer confusion as all pods would be required to be either compostable or recyclable in the Blue Box rather than the current mix of packaging types.

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The Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement does not require producers of compostable packaging and service items to introduce to the Ontario market only certified products that meet Ontario environmental standards. If these items are potentially being diverted into the municipal food and organic waste stream, **producers should be obligated to ensure all products labeled as compostable are certified and meet Ontario environmental standards.** Compost quality in Ontario is highly restricted and the potential introduction of material labelled as compostable but not certified and meeting Ontario environmental standards could have detrimental effects on the compost produced.

Durham Region is willing to partner with producers of compostable items in pilot projects to determine the effectiveness of the anaerobic digestion process in diverting these items from the garbage stream. However, **producers of the compostable items should be financially responsible for costs associated with conducting pilot projects and the cost of technology upgrades that could be necessary to maximize the diversion of compostable items.** Currently, municipal taxpayers pay the full cost of food and organic waste diversion systems.

Although there are no proposed changes to the climate change goals under the policy statement listed in Section 6, Durham Region would like to emphasize that the proper operation and feedstock management of anaerobic digestion facilities is crucial to maximize the value of the resulting biogas and digestate. The capture of methane biogas for conversion into renewable natural gas will be Durham Region's model for the future to create a carbon neutral source of fuel from the residential organics stream. **Municipalities and owner/operators of these systems must maintain ultimate control over the feedstock to ensure maximum climate benefit.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement. Durham Region remains committed to maximizing diversion of food and organic waste generated by its residents and to generating the highest use end products from this waste.

Sincerely,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2020-INFO-102
Date: October 30, 2020

Subject:

Durham Region Health Department COVID-19 Response and Restoration

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) ongoing response to COVID-19 and restoration activities.
- 1.2 As DRHD continues to be actively engaged in COVID-19 response activities, this report is provided in place of Program Reports for July to September 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was first informed of cases of pneumonia with an unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. On January 7, 2020 it was confirmed that the cause was a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern.
- 2.2 In early January, when there were no COVID-19 cases in Canada, the public health sector began close monitoring of the situation and preparations to respond in the event that symptoms consistent with COVID-19 appeared in people in Canada. DRHD was engaged with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Public Health Ontario (PHO) at the earliest monitoring and surveillance stages.
- 2.3 Canada confirmed its first case of COVID-19 on January 25, 2020 related to travel in Wuhan China.

- 2.4 DRHD was monitoring the global situation very closely in order to prepare for the potential emergence of COVID-19 in the region and identify populations at risk. Close monitoring and pandemic preparedness activities enabled staff to take immediate action to address the risks of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the region.
- 2.5 As COVID-19 began to spread rapidly across the globe, DRHD mobilized its resources, began implementing measures identified in the Health Department Emergency Master Plan (HDEMP) and ensured ongoing communication with local health care providers including Lakeridge Health.
- 2.6 DRHD was informed of the first local positive COVID-19 case on February 28, 2020.
- 2.7 On March 11, 2020, with 118,319 cases globally, the WHO announced that COVID-19 was a pandemic.

3. Status of COVID-19 in Durham Region

- 3.1 The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) shows the number of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region by age and gender, municipality and status (home isolation, hospitalized, resolved, deceased). This resource also displays the number of new cases and cumulative cases by reported date and onset date as well as information on the status of outbreaks in childcare centres, institutions and schools.
- 3.2 The Data Tracker also includes information on exposure source, trends, a map of cases by Health Neighbourhood and monitoring indicators that show how well Durham Region is doing in terms of virus spread and containment, health system capacity, public health capacity and laboratory testing. As of October 21, 2020, there have been **982,883** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker from durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.
- 3.3 As of October 26, 2020, Durham Region has a total of 2,881 confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which 2,447 have been resolved. Currently, 240 of these cases are in home isolation and 12 are hospitalized.
- 3.4 Over half (58 per cent) of Durham's overall COVID-19 cases were in Pickering and Ajax. Oshawa and Whitby account for 30 per cent of cases. Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock each represent less than seven per cent of cases.
- 3.5 The first wave of COVID-19 had three noticeable phases: growth, flattening and recovery. The second wave of COVID-19 began in late September and Durham is currently in a growth phase.
- 3.6 As of October 26, 2020, there are four active institutional outbreaks and 42 outbreaks have concluded. As containment of COVID-19 in institutions improved over time, outbreaks were controlled more quickly and involved fewer cases.

- 3.7 As of October 26, 2020, there are two active outbreaks ongoing in schools and three active outbreaks in childcare centres. Two school and three childcare centre outbreaks have resolved.
- 3.8 The most likely exposure source for local cases has changed over time. During the first wave, the most likely exposure sources were linked to institutional outbreaks. Now, residents and staff at institutions with outbreaks only account for three per cent of active cases.
- 3.9 As of October 26, 2020, the most likely exposure sources for active case are household contacts (41 per cent) and community exposure (25 per cent). Other types of exposures sources include other close contact (19 per cent); workplace contact (6 per cent); travel (1 per cent); and 4 per cent under investigation.

4. COVID-19 Response

- 4.1 As one of DRHD's critical public health functions under the *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability* (OPHS), it is required to prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts.
- 4.2 DRHD staff members have been assigned to various roles according to their skills and expertise. Staff has been working across divisions and in collaboration to achieve goals and implement response activities.
- 4.3 COVID-19 response activities include: case management and contact tracing; communications; inspections and investigations; issuing instructions and orders; surveillance; and testing support. A snapshot of some of DRHD's response activities is provided in the [#PublicHealthProtects Infographic](#) which is updated regularly and available on durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.

a. Case and Contact Management

- Case and contact management continue to be a main focus of COVID-19 response activities.
- Case management involves, but is not limited to: data entry and reporting; investigation of disease exposure; daily monitoring and counselling; and contact assessment.
- Contact management activities include: making initial contact with contacts identified; assessing exposure risks; providing instructions and recommendations based on risks; and daily monitoring as appropriate.
- As of October 21, 2020, public health nurses (PHNs) have managed **8,523** cases and contacts and have completed **33,936** nursing assessments to determine if further medical intervention is required.
- The PHNs are supported by the Administrative Services Team which has received and disseminated **95,914** test results for follow-up.

b. Communications

- DRHD is responsible for communicating medical advice and guidance to local and Regional partners and the public. Staff must ensure that information is provided in a timely, accurate and accessible manner.
- Timely information helps local partners and the public understand requirements and preventive actions they can take to prevent the spread of illness.
- Communications occur through various venues and platforms including: phone interactions with residents and community partners, response to media requests, public appearances through local media outlets, participation in community events, participation on local planning tables, social media and a comprehensive webpage on durham.ca.
- A dedicated COVID-19 webpage was established early in the pandemic to provide important and timely information to community partners and residents. The webpage is continually updated as DRHD receives new information. Staff has developed messages, guidance documents and resources for local stakeholders such as FAQs, Facts About documents, Fax Abouts and Infographics. Resources are continually updated as the Region responds to a fluid pandemic situation to ensure residents have the latest information on best practices, directives and instructions to protect their health.
- The comprehensive COVID-19 webpage includes: information on case status in Durham Region; a [Community Reopening Toolkit](#), local COVID-19 Testing information; facts and frequently asked questions; information for health care professionals, local institutional outbreak information, resources, a [Schools Reopening Toolkit](#) and travel advice.
- Durham Health Connection Line (DHCL) continues to respond to COVID-19 inquiries from the public and local partners. As of October 21, 2020, there have been **117,711** COVID-19 phone interactions with residents and community partners.

c. Inspections and Investigations

- The Health Protection Division (HPD) is responsible for conducting inspections of local businesses to ensure compliance with guidelines, orders and regulations. Investigations are conducted of facilities experiencing outbreaks, to address non-compliance, or in response to inquiries or complaints.
- As of October 21, 2020, HPD has conducted **1,997** investigations regarding priority population settings, **121** investigations have been completed for confirmed positive cases not contacting DHCL for follow-up, **66** investigations have been completed for people failing to self-isolate under the Section 22 Class Order, **7,760** investigations have been initiated in facilities and **15,223** follow-ups have been completed with facilities.

d. Instructions and Orders

- The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health (C&MOH) and Assistant Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continue to provide medical advice, guidance and oversight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have the responsibility of: monitoring the spread of COVID-19 at the local level; assessing risks and impacts; and using their medical expertise to provide recommendations on how best to mitigate risks within the region.
- The C&MOH has used his legal authority to issue instructions and class orders to address the risk to health presented by COVID-19 as follows:
 - (a) April 7, 2020 - a class order that requires anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or anyone who has had contact with a person that has COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days or longer, if directed by public health staff. This order remains in effect and was revised on October 14, 2020 to require noted individuals to co-operate fully with DRHD staff for the duration of COVID-19 isolation including participating in daily phone calls for ongoing monitoring.
 - (b) April 21, 2020 - an order to Lakeridge Health and Orchard Villa that required Lakeridge Health to lead the monitoring, investigating and responding of the COVID-19 outbreak at Orchard Villa and required Orchard Villa to enhance measures for the protection of residents and staff.
 - (c) June 24, 2020 - a class order that requires all owners and operators of agricultural farms in the region who employ temporary foreign workers to implement public health measures and take actions listed in the order to minimize the risks to health for those they employ.
 - (d) July 6, 2020 - instructions to commercial establishments to have a policy in place to prohibit people not wearing a non-medical mask or face covering from entering or remaining in the premises. The instructions were updated on September 28, 2020 to require all persons responsible for a business or organization permitted to open during Stage 3 and all persons responsible for an apartment building or condominium to have a policy in place to ensure that no person is allowed to enter an enclosed public space, including a common area of an apartment building or condominium accessed by residents and/or visitors, unless they are wearing a face covering at all times.

e. Outbreak Management

- DRHD has been coordinating the support to institutions, including childcare centres and schools, experiencing outbreaks. Staff has provided support to institutions to implement outbreak control measures including following Chief Medical Officer of Health directives, ensuring appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing environmental sanitation, cleaning and disinfection, and emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene amongst residents and staff. Staff also maintains daily contact with institutions experiencing outbreaks to provide support as required.

- As of October 26, 2020, DRHD has managed **46** outbreaks in long-term care homes, retirement homes and hospitals and **10** outbreaks in childcare centres and schools.

f. Surveillance

- The Health Analytics & Research Team (HART) is responsible for assessment and surveillance of COVID-19 from an epidemiological perspective. Responsibilities include: development and adaptation of existing data systems to document information; production of data quality reports and identification of gaps or issues; communication and engagement with PHO and the MOH regarding surveillance; and analyzing and reporting data related to cases of COVID-19 in Durham Region.
- HART continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 across Durham Region and identify opportunities to enhance the information that is provided to community partners and residents.
- Two epidemiological reports have been developed to describe COVID-19 activity in Durham Region: [Epi Summary 1](#) is a snapshot of the local epidemiology of COVID-19 activity from its beginning on February 24, 2020 to the end of Stage 1 reopening on June 18, 2020; and [Epi Summary 2](#) is a snapshot of how COVID-19 changed over time in the region from its beginning to the end of Stage 1 reopening.
- The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) is continually enhanced and provides details on the status of COVID-19 across the region.

g. Testing Support

- In collaboration with provincial and local partners, DRHD has supported the establishment of local testing sites and related policies and procedures. Provincial direction regarding testing has been changing. Currently, any person who has at least one symptom or anyone exposed to a confirmed case of the virus can be tested for COVID-19. DRHD has collaborated with local partners to update procedures and resources as appropriate.
- Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) has provided essential support to testing activities by collecting nasal swabs in targeted populations. As of October 21, 2020, RDPS has collected **8,136** nasal swabs from area residents, school staff and students, clients and staff in childcare centres, long-term care and retirement homes, shelters and other congregate living settings.
- Administrative Services staff has been responsible for preparing COVID-19 testing kits for use by local facilities and RDPS. As of October 21, 2020, **9,778** testing kits have been prepared by staff.

5. Restoration

- 5.1 DRHD developed an adaptive restoration plan to resume program activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of July 6, 2020, some DRHD clinics and services were restored after being suspended for nearly three months.
- 5.2 Program activities were restored based on priorities identified in the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Flexibility has been incorporated into the restoration plan to anticipate the need to reduce program activities based on COVID-19 response capacity needs.
- 5.3 Programs and services that were restored between July and September 2020 are described below.

a. Health Protection

- Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) resumed inspections of food premises, completing **353** compliance inspections and **95** re-inspections between July and September.
- PHIs responded to **334** COVID-19 food safety complaints, resulting in **74** directives for compliance/follow-up. In addition, PHIs responded to **114** food safety complaints not related to COVID-19, resulting in **59** directives for compliance/follow-up.
- PHIs resumed accommodation inspections at **125** migrant farm worker facilities to reduce the risk of illness, exposure to health hazards, and ensure compliance with regulations. PHIs also monitored the health status of over **340** migrant workers during the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Durham. In addition, the C&MOH issued the Section 22 Class Order to employers of temporary foreign workers outlining requirements to decrease COVID-19 health risks associated with the arrival of migrant farm workers.
- PHIs inspected **58** small drinking water systems to ensure safe and sanitary conditions, resulting in the issuing of seven warning notices and six offence notices.
- Staff processed **156** building permit applications and **92** applications for additions.
- Staff resumed the mandatory sewage inspection program, inspecting **61** sites in Brock, **69** in Scugog, and **49** in Uxbridge.
- Rabies investigations were restored resulting in **387** investigations. Zero animals tested positive for rabies (ten animals were submitted to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) lab in Ottawa for testing); and **50** rabies post-exposure prophylaxes were administered.

b. Healthy Families

- Infant and Child Development (ICD) is a home-visiting service supporting families with children experiencing developmental concerns or special

needs from birth to school entry. From July to September, ICD restored home visiting services virtually, completing **414** virtual visits using MS Teams and **448** consultations over the telephone.

- Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) home-visiting services were restored to support priority families with healthy child development and effective parenting. PHNs and family visitors conducted **393** visits in August and September. Services were modified to offer virtual visits and telephone interventions.

c. Healthy Living

- On March 15, 2020, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) strongly recommended that all non-essential and elective dental services should be suspended, and that emergency treatment should continue. Emergency treatment is defined as trauma to teeth and bones of the face, uncontrolled hemorrhage related to the mouth and jaws, pain that is not relieved with medication, and swelling.
- The Oral Health Division (OHD) suspended all Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) services in response to RCDSO recommendations as well as health promotion activities for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) clients. School screening activities were suspended as schools were closed as of March 16, 2020.
- While most OHD staff was seconded to COVID-19 activities, the remaining OHD staff members responded to oral health inquiries and coordinated access to urgent dental care within the community for HSO, OSDCP and OW clients. During the closure, OHD triaged **936** calls from the public requiring access to urgent dental care and made patient records for **714** people.
- Following guidance from the RCDSO and the Province, the Oral Health Clinic began a phased reopening on July 6, 2020. The clinic is taking clients by appointment only, has increased clinic hours to support physical distancing, has implemented the increased use of PPE, and has installed a glass barrier at the front desk.
- OHD has been managing a 1,500-person waiting list for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP). All 1,500 people have now been contacted and appointments have been booked for them.
- From July to September, the Oral Health Clinic has seen **1,037** clients, including children, youth and seniors.

d. Infectious Diseases

- Community immunization services were restored to reduce the burden of vaccine preventable diseases. Between July and September, staff held **24** community clinics serving **181** clients and administering **302** vaccines in Oshawa, Pickering, and Whitby. In addition, staff held a clinic for Grade 7 students in Oshawa, serving **31** clients and administering **52** vaccines.

- On-site fridge inspection services were resumed to support the 2020/2021 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) which included inspection of **141** pharmacies and **21** organizations.
- Staff contacted **170** childcare centres to review immunization requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*. Telephone education sessions were also held focusing on updating immunization records, exemptions and the importance of immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sexual Health Clinics (SHCs) provide prevention and control services for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs). From July to September SHC staff completed **754** in-person appointments and **1,371** virtual assessments.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 COVID-19 continues to be a public health priority and will remain a priority for the foreseeable future. Data show that a significant risk of COVID-19 to the community remains.
- 6.2 An Adaptive Restoration Plan was developed which continues to be adjusted as new information becomes available.
- 6.3 From July to September, DRHD had capacity to resume some programs due to reduced COVID-19 caseloads. Restored programs were delivered in a modified manner to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including increased physical distancing, virtual visits, and the use PPE.
- 6.4 Due to the increasing case numbers across the region, several program activities have had to be suspended again to manage resource requirements for COVID-19 response. DRHD remains flexible and continuously evaluates resources to ensure it has capacity to respond to the pandemic while offering regular programs when feasible.
- 6.5 Plans for the restoration of regular services through the fall and winter months will be adjusted based on DRHD's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6.6 DRHD is committed to continue to keep the public and local partners informed of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2020-INFO-103
Date: October 30, 2020

Subject:

Beaverton Supportive Housing - Update

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Expedited Supportive Housing development at 133 Main St., Beaverton specifically as it relates to;
 - a. The Suitability Study provided by OrgCode Consulting Inc., and
 - b. Additional Provincial funding announced for this project through the provincial Social Services Relief Fund-Phase 2.

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2020, Regional Council approved the expedited development of a supportive housing project consisting of approximately 50 residential units and an approximate 5,000 square foot ancillary structure (Refer #2020-SS-9) on Regionally owned land located at 133 Main Street, Beaverton.
- 2.2 The estimated cost of this project is \$13.5 million and is being funded from regional reserves (\$7.9 million) and federal/provincial funding under the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) (\$5.6 million). Staff was directed to pursue all available and eligible funding from senior levels of government related to this project.
- 2.3 The development raised many concerns and questions from local residents which resulted in the circulation of a petition opposed to the project and calls for more research to be conducted.

3. Suitability Study

- 3.1 To address resident concerns the Region hired OrgCode Consulting Inc., an internationally recognized consulting firm specializing in housing and homelessness issues to conduct a Suitability Study for this project. The scope of work included;
- Specific concerns raised in the resident petition
 - Size of project (50 residents)
 - Recommend optimal mix of clients (mix of need requirements)
 - Suitability of intake process (By-Name List)
 - Confirmation of need for supportive housing and support services in Beaverton and North Durham
 - Potential risks and risk mitigation solutions related to the establishment of the supportive housing building within this community
 - Review of Q&A's located on the Regions website (www.durham.ca) to identify gaps in planned services, supports and operational plans
 - Review of on-line posts from residents to be considered in analysis; and
 - Identify and advise on other considerations based on expertise
- 3.2 The Suitability Study has been completed (Attachment 1) and in the opinion of OrgCode Consulting, Inc. the supportive housing project is suitable for Beaverton so long as the support services operator is effective. Neither the location nor volume of units in the building are likely to result in project or program failure. However, insufficient or ineffective support services might. If support services are of excellent quality, then Beaverton is an excellent opportunity for 50 people with histories of homelessness and housing instability to have a new community to call home.

4. Social Services Relief Funding-Phase 2

- 4.1 In order to respond to increased demands for services and supports as a result of COVID-19, the Province introduced the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) for 2020-2021.
- 4.2 The Region's initial SSRF allocation (Phase 1) was \$2,832,100 and, based on input from the Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness (DACH) was used to;
- Support physical distancing in our shelters by utilizing motel spaces and Camp Samac.
 - Provide COVID-19 isolation and recovery space.
 - Adding new Housing First programs to house more unsheltered, high acuity homeless residents.
 - Support two local hubs for unsheltered and chronically homeless residents to access supports and participate in surveillance testing for COVID-19.
 - Redesign the Housing Stability Program to be more responsive to needs due to COVID-19.

- 4.3 On August 12, 2020 the Region received notification from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) that under the second phase of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF-Phase 2) the Region would be eligible to receive an additional planning allocation of \$3,634,016 in 2020-2021.
- 4.4 A business case, informed by DACH, was submitted to MMAH which included \$2 million to be directed to the Beaverton Supportive Housing project. This project is aligned with the SSRF-Phase 2 objective that encourages longer-term housing solutions to homelessness post COVID-19 with modular housing being specifically noted in the program guidelines as an expedited means to complete construction by the program deadline of December 31, 2021.
- 4.5 On October 26, 2020 the Region received notification that the SSRF-Phase 2 Service Manager Business Case was approved (Attachment 2) and on October 27, 2020 MMAH issued a media release announcing that the Government of Ontario is providing the Region of Durham with \$3,634,016 as Phase 2 of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) to help build modular supportive units, provide funding for rent relief and expand shelter operations.

5. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 5.1 Report #2020-SS-9 granting pre-budget approval for the development of a modular supportive housing project of approximately 50 units and the construction of an approximate 5,000 square foot ancillary structure on Regional land located at 133 Main St., Beaverton.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing
 - b. Enhance community safety and well-being
 - c. Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations
 - d. Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery
 - e. Build a healthy, inclusive, age friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging
 - f. Build awareness and community capacity to address poverty
 - g. Expand access to existing life stabilization programs
 - h. Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The suitability study prepared by OrgCode Consulting Inc., to address resident concerns over the development of a 50 units supportive housing building at 133

Main St., Beaverton has been completed and is available for the public to review. The report concluded that with the provision of sufficient and effective on-site support services, 133 Main Street, Beaverton is a suitable location for 50 units of supportive housing.

- 7.2 Regional staff has secured \$2 million through the provincial SSRF-Phase 2 program towards the expedited supportive housing development at 133 Main St., Beaverton. This project is aligned with the SSRF-Phase 2 objective that encourages expedited construction methods to create longer-term housing solutions to homelessness post COVID-19.
- 7.3 For additional information, contact: Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 2500.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: 133 Main Street Beaverton Supportive Housing Suitability Study

Attachment #2: MMAH letter dated October 26, 2020 Re: Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 2 Service Manager Business Case Approval

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133 MAIN STREET BEAVERTON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SUITABILITY STUDY



ORGCODECONSULTING, INC.



Preamble

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ABOUT ORGCODE CONSULTING, INC.

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. is a Canadian-based international consulting firm specializing in reducing and ending homelessness through housing-focused shelters, impactful outreach, and evidence-informed supportive housing programs. The firm is known for its training and commitment to professionalizing the homelessness and housing services system, leadership development in the sector, homeless and housing system evaluations and redesign, design of tools to be used in supporting and assessing people's strengths and needs, data analysis, and thought leadership in effective, efficient and enduring responses to homelessness.

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E XECUTIVE SUMMARY

Supportive housing is an evidence-informed, professional housing intervention that has proven successful at stabilizing and providing a place to call home for people with moderate to high support needs who have experienced homelessness and housing instability. It can effectively be provided in large metropolitan cities and small towns. Residents of supportive housing make an informed choice in where they want to live. The type of building the supportive housing is offered within (e.g., high rise, mid-rise, low-rise, dwelling in a single family home, etc.), the location of the building (particular neighbourhood or a community at large), and the type and intensity of supports all factor into the decision made by prospective residents of supportive housing to live in any particular building, location or program.

Essential to the success of supportive housing is the effectiveness of the supports. Using an approach that is anchored in Housing First, people with histories of mental illness, addiction, trauma, chronic disease, other disabilities, and homelessness are specifically invited to live in supportive housing. Using a trauma-informed, person-centred, strength based approach, while practicing harm reduction, professional support staff meet immediate needs, organize and encourage meaningful daily activities, and help supportive housing residents achieve longer-term goals.

The Region of Durham needs additional supportive housing throughout the Region. While some housing with support services have been added, until recent funding opportunities were available, and until the urgency to house homeless persons was reinforced by the unsafe realities for people who are homeless during COVID-19, the Region has been incapable of realizing more supportive housing. Even with the addition of 50 units of supportive housing in Beaverton, the Region will only be at 11% of its 10 year supportive housing development target - and that is just to maintain the status quo in meeting the housing needs of higher acuity individuals who are homeless or unstably housed in the Region. Without more supportive housing, there will be volumes of higher acuity people who are homeless that need housing and supports at such a rate that it will overwhelm the homelessness response system.

As is common with new developments of this nature, there are concerns from existing housed residents of Beaverton. The site is appropriately zoned for the development. It is important to note that zoning is intended to focus on appropriate use for a site, not appropriate people for a site. Furthermore, the impacts on the broader community are likely to be minimal. Few of the supportive housing residents will have vehicles, meals will be provided on site, income supports will be available on the property, and residents of supportive housing will primarily have their health care needs met through telemedicine. Research evaluating supportive housing demonstrates that people's health improves, addictions improve, and use of emergency health services all decline when in supportive housing. This doesn't mean there will be no instances that require police services or ambulances, but there will unlikely be profound negative impacts on the broader housed community of Beaverton.

With developments of this nature, often unspoken, is the concern of adding more people with mental illness and/or addiction to the community. It is false to assume that every resident of the new supportive housing will have one or both of these life issues. Assuming that two-thirds of new residents will, this brings approximately a 1% increase in people living with mental illness or mental health problems in the community, and a 1% increase in people living with addiction in the community.

The addition of 50 rental units in Beaverton supplements the existing rental housing stock in the community. It will not disrupt the balance between ownership and rental accommodation, and is on par with other communities of similar size in Ontario. Furthermore, there are examples of other smaller Ontario communities having multi-unit residential buildings of similar size. Beaverton will still be below the Ontario average in terms of rental accommodation even after the new supportive housing is built and fully occupied.

Upcoming residents of the supportive housing will be selected from the Region's By-Name List. As a community receiving federal funding through *Reaching Home*, coordinated access is a requirement. This requires transparent and fair criteria used to prioritize people for housing based upon common assessment. It is possible to prioritize people from the north part of the Region, where data to date this year shows approximately 100 requests for homelessness assistance, with approximately 70 requests for case management assistance to maintain housing. However, it is incorrect to assume

that all of the people from the northern part of the Region requesting services will need or benefit from supportive housing.

The report outlines a proposal for how to select supportive housing residents based upon acuity, and focuses on ensuring the support service provider is appropriately selected and has the training and expertise to deliver the supportive housing intervention with fidelity to best practice. Appropriate staff to resident ratios will be critical, as will phasing-in new residents to the supportive housing over time. The Region would be well served to establish key performance indicators prior to opening the operation, and to ensure there is appropriate contract monitoring once the supportive housing is open.

To address ongoing concerns and help ensure the supportive housing development achieves the intended benefits, education with existing Beaverton residents should be ongoing between now and throughout the first year of operations of the new supportive housing. Questions and answers on the Region's website can be supplemented with new information and more robust responses. Furthermore, a grievance process for residents of the supportive housing, staff, and neighbours should be well-established and ready to be operationalized prior to opening.

It is the expert opinion of OrgCode Consulting, Inc. that the supportive housing is suitable for Beaverton so long as the support services operator is effective. Neither the location nor volume of units in the building are likely to result in project or program failure. However, insufficient or ineffective support services might. If support services are of excellent quality, then Beaverton is an excellent opportunity for 50 people with histories of homelessness and housing instability to have a new community to call home.

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133 MAIN STREET BEAVERTON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SUITABILITY STUDY

SCOPE OF SUITABILITY STUDY

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. (“OrgCode”) was retained by the Region of Durham to provide an objective and independent suitability study of the proposed 133 Main Street Supportive Housing development in Beaverton, Ontario, located in the north end of the Region of Durham. Specifically, OrgCode was asked to:

- Address each of the resident concerns as identified in the petition;
- Review the proposed size of the development;
- Recommend optimal mix of future residents;
- Examine the suitability of the intake process through the By Name List;
- Examine the need for housing and support services in Beaverton/North Durham;
- Identify potential risks and propose mitigation;
- Reviews Q&A on Durham website and identify gaps in services, supports or plans;
- Advise on other considerations based upon expertise.

UNDERSTANDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Supportive housing, for the purpose of this report, is understood as a housing intervention for people that live with histories of trauma, addiction, and/or mental illness - as well as other potential issues - and histories of homelessness and housing instability. The goal is to provide affordable housing along with intensive supports provided by highly trained professional staff that allows residents to feel at home and decrease the likelihood of a return to homelessness.

CORE PRINCIPLES OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Supportive housing adheres to a set of core principles:

- **Housing First is the foundation:** the five core elements of Housing First are implemented within supportive housing. These are:
 - **No housing readiness requirements** - people with long histories of homelessness, mental illness, addiction, economic poverty, trauma, brain injuries, etc. are welcome without having to jump through hoops or prove they are worthy.
- **Individual choice is key** - people make an informed decision of whether or not they want to live in any particular community or building within the community. Residents make informed decisions on the supports they want to receive and intensity of those services.
- **Recovery orientation** - a strong emphasis is placed on mental health recovery, recovery from homelessness, and reducing harm associated with higher risk behaviour to decrease or cease participation in higher risk behaviours.
- **Individualized service planning** - no two residents have the same support plan; it is based upon the unique strengths and barriers each resident faces.
- **Social and community integration** - people are encouraged and supported in finding meaningful daily activities within the housing, and are further

encouraged to engage with the broader community like civic events and use of amenities like parks and natural spaces.

- **Services are assertive, but remain voluntary:** staff engage and check in on residents regularly, whether the resident has requested the assistance or not, to ensure everyone has their needs met and to work on longer-term goals. Residents have the right to refuse services, but that does not stop the services from being offered frequently.
- **Integration with existing communities:** supportive housing is integrated into existing communities of diverse characteristics and sizes - both urban and rural. The form of supportive housing can take many forms from stand-alone multi-unit residential buildings to scattered site apartments to single-family homes.
- **Services are linked to housing:** the aim is to ensure the residents stay housed. Mechanisms are put in place to help people pay their rent, and understand their responsibilities of being a program participant and resident. Rights and responsibilities are made transparent to residents, and they are supported in exercising the rights and responsibilities they are afforded.
- **Services are diverse:** directly and through partnerships, support services look at the whole person, and assist with mental health, chronic physical health conditions, substance use, access to income and/or employment, and, access to meaningful daily activities and socio-recreational opportunities within and/or outside of the dwelling.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HAS PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE

When the support services are delivered with fidelity to best practice, empirical research on supportive housing continues to demonstrate it is effective from a resident-outcome perspective, as well as being cost effective. Some of the highlights of that research¹ indicate:

- Residents of supportive housing are more likely to stay housed than return to homelessness;

- People with substance use disorders, mental illness, chronic illness, other types of disabilities, and long-term chronic homelessness are, overall, more successful in supportive housing;
- People with a history of incarceration are less likely to re-offend when living in supportive housing;
- Supportive housing reduces use of costly health and emergency services, and reduces use of costly homelessness services amongst the most chronically homeless persons housed.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS NOT INSTITUTIONAL CARE OR INCARCERATION

Supportive housing is a place for people to call home. Supports are available on-site 24/7, but that does not mean staff can enter into a person's dwelling without consent or advanced warning. It is voluntary. Similarly, services that are available are voluntary. There is no coercion, force, legal and/or tenancy requirements for residents to use the services. This is why the assertive nature of the services is so important. Finally, residents within supportive housing can come and go from the building as they please, just like any other tenant in any other multi-unit residential rental property anywhere else in Ontario.

UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Supportive housing for people that have experienced homelessness requires an understanding of what types of homeless persons supportive housing is more effective for, and understanding different types of homelessness. Homelessness is not one universal, homogenous experience, but rather, is a very diverse and personalized experience.

AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

In Canada, chronic homelessness is defined by how long an individual or family remains homeless (6 or more months in the last 12 months), or multiple episodes of homelessness within a predetermined period of time (546 cumulative days homeless in the past 18 months)². People who experience chronic homelessness are more likely to have a disability, experience mental illness, live with a substance use disorder, be impacted by trauma, and use a range of higher-cost emergency and homelessness services. Many of the people who are chronically homeless are, or are eligible for, the Ontario Disability Support Program. A subset of people who are chronically homeless are considered to be “harder to house” because of multiple barriers to accessing housing or maintaining housing independently. Chronically homeless persons are found in a range of settings: homeless shelters; and, living outdoors, living in vehicles, or living in other places not meant for permanent human habitation. Many of these individuals also have experience of stays in institutions like hospitals, rehabilitation centres, and/or, incarceration. The majority of supportive housing intentionally targets chronically homeless people to be residents.

At time of writing, there are 63 chronically homeless persons in the Region of Durham, and 40 (63.5%) of these persons are higher acuity³. While some, if not many, of these individuals would be a good fit for supportive housing, not all would choose to live in Beaverton or would not choose to live in supportive housing.

SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS NON-CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Supportive housing can help meet the needs of three other groups of people that are not chronically homeless:

- **People who are moderately acute and homeless:** There are some people in the Region who may still have co-occurring issues (e.g., mental illness and addiction) who do not have higher support needs in other life areas who would benefit from the intensity of supports and affordability of supportive housing, even though they have not been homeless very long.
- **People who are “hidden homeless”:** There are some people in the Region who have high to very high housing support needs, and do not have a permanent address, but are neither in shelters nor living outdoors. They are often doubled up, sometimes in precarious housing situations. The people they double up with may or may not be able to provide the level of support that is needed. Supportive housing can help address this issue.
- **People who are precariously housed with higher acuity and would benefit from more intensive supports:** In part because of the scarcity of supportive housing across the Region, some previously homeless people have been housed within market rate apartments, and may or may not be receiving supports of any kind to maintain that housing. Some of these individuals would benefit from a more intensive, structured, on-site, 24/7 support. Supportive housing provides an opportunity to relocate some of these tenants.

None of the aforementioned three groups should dominate any supportive housing building. They should be a low to moderate volume of the entire supportive housing resident base. There is a tendency on the part of some supportive housing providers to ensure some residents are easier to serve than others, which is a waste of a supportive housing opportunity. Whether moderate or higher acuity, there must be a demonstrated need for a person to even be offered supportive housing beyond just matters of affordability.

T HENEEDFORSUPPORTIVEHOUSINGIN BEAVERTON/NORTH DURHAM

ONTARIO AND REGION OF DURHAM CONTEXT

There are less than 25,000 units of supportive housing throughout the province specifically for people who have experienced chronic homelessness, and/or live with mental illness and/or substance use addiction⁴. About a third of these have been developed over the last 20 years. Meanwhile, demand and waitlists for supportive housing have increased considerably⁵. The Central East Local Health Integration Network funds less than 30 supportive housing projects for people with addictions or mental illness - which represents slightly less than 10% of all LHIN funded supportive housing in the province⁶. The Region of Durham with a population in the neighbourhood of 700,000 residents⁷, and at least 290 people experiencing homelessness every night according to Point in Time Count data⁸, needs more supportive housing.

As more and more communities throughout the province focus on reducing and ending homelessness, supportive housing is a critical part of the strategy to succeed, especially as it pertains to chronically homeless individuals with a variety of complex and often co-occurring issues that would benefit from intensive supports being available onsite. The Region's By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness in need of housing with intensive supports because of their assessed acuity level is 77 people - which is almost half of all people experiencing homelessness on the By-Name List⁹.

DEMAND FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FROM NORTH DURHAM

North Durham is not immune to homelessness. This year, more than 100 people from North Durham have reached out to Durham's homelessness support system for homelessness and housing support this year¹⁰. Year to date, almost 70 households have reached out for case management supports in North Durham for assistance in maintaining their housing situation¹¹. While not all of these households require supportive housing, some will most likely benefit from this type of housing. On top of this, there is demand for supportive housing elsewhere in the Region, and people may intentionally choose to live in Beaverton for many of the same reasons that other housed residents of Beaverton who are from elsewhere may have selected the community as the place to live.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NEEDED IN THE REGION

OrgCode completed housing demand forecasts for the Region in 2014. At that time - pre-pandemic - the estimated need for supportive housing for single adults over a 10 year period was as follows¹²:

Table 1: Region of Durham Progress in Meeting Supportive Housing Targets

	Maintaining the Status Quo	Moderate Improvements	Meeting All Housing Needs
Bachelor Units	230	352	711
One Bedroom Units	223	345	676
Total Supportive Housing Units Needed for Single Adults	453	697	1,387
Supportive Housing Already Developed	0		
Progress in Meeting Targets	0%	0%	0%
Progress in Meeting Targets If Beaverton Development is Included	11%	7%	4%

Even with the Beaverton supportive housing, the Region is behind where it should be in adding supportive housing for single adults. This has been a result of only recently available funding opportunities, and the urgency to take action that has been put under a microscope by the pandemic. The Region is already feeling the impacts of a lack of supportive housing. For example, there are currently 155 people who are homeless throughout the Region that need some form of housing with supports, with about half most likely to benefit from supportive housing with intensive services¹³. Until supportive housing is available, many of these people will languish in homelessness, or become housed but find themselves unsuccessful in that endeavour because the need for intensive supports surpasses what is currently available to them, and return to homelessness.

One of the core assumptions of the forecast was that all different types of housing - supportive housing, rent geared to income housing, and affordable market-rate housing - would be distributed throughout the Region. The 50 unit supportive housing development in Beaverton is aligned with the assumptions of the housing forecast, and assists in meeting targets for additional supportive housing for single adults.

PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION IN SMALLER COMMUNITY

Supportive housing is not reserved for large urban environments. The *Ontario Supportive Housing Best Practice Guide (March 2017)*¹⁴, for example, promotes that supportive housing occur in both urban and rural environments. The Mental Health Commission of Canada¹⁵ also promotes that supportive housing be available within locations other than large urban areas, as does the Canadian Mental Health Association¹⁶.

P ROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SIZE

SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO VOLUME OF RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Statistics Canada data¹⁷ from 2016 shows there are 150 apartment units already in Beaverton, with 135 of those in buildings with fewer than five storeys. Data shows that of the 1,205 households in Beaverton, 260 are rental households - which means 22% of all households dwell in rental accommodation. This is well below the Ontario average, which is slightly above 30%. The addition of 50 units of rental accommodation, and the 50 households within them, will bring Beaverton up to 25% of households in rental accommodation, which is still below the Ontario average, and more on par with other Ontario municipalities of almost identical size.

Table 2: Rental Households in Beaverton and Ontario Communities of Comparable Size

	Beaverton, Ontario	Frankford, Ontario	Capreol, Ontario
Population (2016)	2,822	2,825	2,815
Total Private Households	1,205	1,205	1,180
Total Rental Households	260	310	275
Renter Households as a Percentage of All Private Households	21.6%	25.7%	23.3%

SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AS A STAND ALONE BUILDING

The proposed site can accommodate the number of units being put upon it. From purely a development perspective, there are no foreseen issues with a 50 unit building.

Impacts on local roads and services will be minimal. Few, if any, of the residents will have personal vehicles. Transportation impacts will be negligible. Meals will primarily be available on-site, decreasing demand on local grocery stores or logistics challenges of getting to a grocery store. The residents are single individuals, and as such there will be no demands on local schools or daycare. There will likely be some calls for police and

ambulance from the supportive housing, but this is unlikely to be an everyday occurrence or with such frequency that it negatively impacts the ability of other Beaverton residents to access those same services if needed. That said, calls for police and ambulance will likely be higher in the early days of the supportive housing development, as residents may need time to adjust to their new surroundings and become more stabilized.

There are Ontario examples of larger supportive housing buildings that have proven successful. These include: YWCA Toronto Elm Centre with 85 units of housing for women living with mental health and concurrent mental health and substance use needs,, the HOMES Program supporting 65 units of supportive housing in one building in Hamilton, and the East End-Danforth operated by Mainstay Housing with 136 units - amongst others. As such, the size of a building operating effectively as supportive housing is not in question. There are multiple proof points that it can be done well. Staffing ratios must be appropriate to achieve the aim of quality supportive housing in larger buildings.

The next question is whether or not smaller Ontario communities have successful multi-unit residential buildings of approximately the same number of units as is projected for the Beaverton supportive housing. Azilda; Acton; Haileybury; Elora - and many more - have multi-unit residential buildings of approximately 50 units or more, though it is acknowledged these communities are larger than Beaverton.

Can a community the size of Beaverton support 50 people that are previously homeless? There are no legitimate reasons to believe it cannot, so long as the support services are of high quality. Larger supportive housing initiatives elsewhere have proven effective and larger multi-unit residential housing has been successful in other smaller Ontario communities. Here are some reasons why the Beaverton project is likely to be successful with 50 units:

- There are 24/7 supports available on-site;
- There are meals provided on-site;
- There are socio-recreational activities on-site;
- There is access to telemedicine on-site;

- There is access to income supports on-site.

While residents of the Main Street Supportive Housing can leave the property whenever they wish (like any tenant), there will be few reasons for residents to ever leave the property in such a manner that will unduly disrupt existing Beaverton residents. It is anticipated that residents may make use of public spaces like parks. They may also make use of the library. Occasionally, some residents may engage in some shopping (primarily for things like snacks or cigarettes). Furthermore the site that the building is on, with a long-term care home on one side, train tracks on the other, and across the street from a curling club and arena, are unlikely to have immediate impacts on surrounding neighbours when residents use the outdoor space surrounding the building while remaining on the property.

SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO THE STATE OF INCOME IN THE COMMUNITY

Implicit in the concerns raised by some of the residents is whether or not 50 economically poor people can be accommodated in the community. The short answer is yes. Again, look at comparisons to other Ontario communities of almost identical size:

Table 3: State of Income of Beaverton and Ontario Communities of Comparable Size

	Beaverton, Ontario	Frankford, Ontario	Capreol, Ontario
Population (2016)	2,822	2,825	2,815
Percentage of tenants spending 30% or more on shelter costs	57.7%	41.9%	41.8%
Unemployment rate	7.7%	7.2%	10.6%
Average after tax income	\$34,102	\$33,708	\$37,007

Accommodation in the supportive housing in Beaverton will be highly affordable. For residents on income assistance (e.g., Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program), the rent amount will be equivalent to the shelter allowance portion of their income assistance. For people on Ontario Works, that is \$390 per month¹⁸, and for people on

Ontario Disability Support Program that is \$497 per month¹⁹. Other residents who are working will pay an affordable percentage of their gross income towards rent, which should be 30% in most, if not all, instances.

SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO EXISTING ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Unspoken, but implied in some concerns, is that the supportive housing development will increase the volume of people with addictions and/or mental illness into the community. Not every person that will move into the Beaverton supportive housing will have an addiction and/or a mental illness, though it is safe to assume that many will. Based upon Statistics Canada data that examines rates of addiction within the overall Canadian population²⁰, it is safe to assume that approximately 610 existing housed residents of Beaverton have had an addiction at some point in their life, and approximately 282 have an addiction at the present time. The supportive housing will add more people with addiction to the community; however, the community already has people living successfully within it who live with an addiction.

Using estimated rates of mental health problems or illness in the Canadian population from the Canadian Mental Health Association²¹, it is safe to assume that 564 existing housed people in Beaverton each year will personally experience a mental health problem or illness. The supportive housing will add more people with a mental health problem or illness to the community; however, the community already has people living successfully within it who live with a mental health problem or illness.

If it is assumed that two-thirds of the supportive housing residents live with an addiction, this represents an 1% increase in the volume of people living with an addiction in the community. If it is assumed that two-thirds of the supportive housing residents live with a mental health problem or issue, this represents a 1% increase in the volume of people living with a mental health problem or issue in the community. Neither of these rates pose a considerable increased saturation of people with addiction or mental illness in the community. Furthermore, discriminating on the grounds of either would likely be very problematic from a legal perspective.

SUITABILITY OF THE INTAKE PROCESS THROUGH THE BY-NAME LIST

Coordinated Access is a requirement of all communities that receive federal funding through *Reaching Home*. The By-Name List is part of that process. Housing access comes through one consolidated list of all people experiencing homelessness. This is fair and transparent.

In creating a process for matching people who are homeless to available housing, the community establishes prioritization criteria for different types of housing, including supportive housing. People with the highest needs, meeting most or all of the priority criteria, are offered supportive housing first. Filtering can be done based upon factors like location of housing, acuity of prospective residents, or presence of specific strengths or barriers to housing stability of the individual. The point is this: the By-Name List allows a community to match the right person to the right housing and support intervention in the right order based upon the best available information.

Table 4: Proposed Breakdown of Supportive Housing Units

Unit Volume	Description
10 highest intensity units	10 individuals with complex and co-occurring issues with higher acuity that would benefit from very intensive supports
20 high intensity units	20 individuals with complex and co-occurring issues, usually one or two issues related to mental health, chronic physical health, and/or substance use disorder. Still require intensive supports, but able to manage independent living in their own bachelor suite.
10 moderately high intensity units	10 individuals in the higher end of the moderate acuity range, usually with one high intensity life issue (e.g., mental health, chronic physical health condition or substance use disorder) and moderate or no issues in other life domains

Unit Volume	Description
10 units proportionately allocated to people with higher acuity	10 individuals from different subpopulations (e.g., youth, older adults, Indigenous persons, LGBTQ2S+, unsheltered) should specifically be targeted and invited to live in the building, if they are amongst the higher acuity individuals within their subpopulation group and not adequately represented in the other unit categories

The intentional mix must be layered against: a) a preference for people from North Durham; b) meaningful choice on the part of the individual being offered the unit that they desire to live in a smaller community in the northern part of the Region.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION

QUALITY OF SUPPORT SERVICES

The future success of the Beaverton supportive housing hinges on the quality of the support services provided. The operator must be top-notch professionals who are appropriately trained on how to deliver high quality supportive housing, meeting the needs of residents with complex and co-occurring issues. Consideration may be given to bringing in external expertise to assist with writing the Request for Proposals for the operator, selecting the preferred applicant, and/or providing training, coaching and monitoring of service for the first 12 months of operations. In addition, the Region may go a step further and fully articulate the exact services it wants and how, and then have service providers bid in a manner more aligned with a Purchased Service process than a Request for Proposals.

TOO MANY PEOPLE ALL AT ONCE: STAGGER THE MOVE-IN

If 50 people move in all at once, it is difficult to attend to everyone’s needs during their period of adjusting to the new housing, and makes it difficult for staff to help create a culture of belonging and safety in the building. The following is offered for consideration in managing the move-in process:

Table 5: Proposed Staggered Move-in of Supportive Housing Tenants

	First Cohort	2-4 Weeks After First Cohort	4-8 Weeks After First Cohort	8-12 Weeks After First Cohort	TOTAL
10 highest intensity units	3	3	3	1	10
20 high intensity units	5	5	5	5	20
10 moderately high intensity units	0	3	3	4	10
10 units proportionately allocated to people with higher acuity	2	2	3	3	10
TOTAL	10	13	14	13	50

SERVICE ORIENTATION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

The service orientation for the support services has to align to best practice in supportive housing. Amongst these:

Table 6: Core Service Orientation for Supportive Housing

Key Feature of the Service Orientation	Commentary
Trauma-informed	The service provider must embrace that trauma is widespread within the population being served, and as such orient all engagements toward a trauma-informed orientation.
Harm Reduction	Many of the residents will engage in the use of alcohol or other drugs, or participate in other higher risk behaviours. A harm reduction orientation is necessary to improve safety, reduce immediate harms to the person, other building residents and the community at large, and build rapport that is necessary to assist people in exploring treatment options if they so desire.
Strength-based	With the population to be served, it will be easy to see deficits; it will be critical to see and build off strengths to help people achieve residential stability and integrate into the new building and community. Supports must be person-centred and case support plans must be individualized for each person.
Mental Health Recovery-orientation	Given that many of the residents will live with mental illness, a service provider that understands what mental health recovery is, how to support it and integrate it within day to day practice will be essential.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

While the development is designed to allow for considerable services in-house, including meals and a range of socio-recreational activities and supports, the residents are not prisoners. They should be welcome to explore and engage with the broader community. If there is a sense of “otherness” and supportive housing residents are ostracized from the

start, integration with community will be difficult. Intentional engagement strategies like having supportive housing residents participate in already scheduled community events may be helpful. Furthermore, inviting the broader community to make use of amenities on the site will also help existing residents of Beaverton see the Main Street development as an asset to the broader community. Any efforts at community integration will, of course, have to function in accordance with protocols to mitigate spread of COVID-19.

INFORMED CHOICE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

Choice is one of the critical foundations of Housing First. This includes choice in where a person wants to live. The Beaverton setting is aligned to known promising practices in supportive housing - ensuring supportive housing is available in smaller communities and more rural settings. It can be a great opportunity for supportive housing residents to heal and recover in a quieter, community-focused environment. But, this type of situation won't be for everyone. It is recommended that prospective residents be well informed of where they are living, the resources and amenities that are available and are not available, and even tour the community before making an informed choice to live in Beaverton.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Creating a culture of acceptance, and appropriate social interaction within the building, is an intentional process. Consideration should be given to creating a Resident Advisory Board of supportive housing residents immediately upon the building being fully occupied. This should be a feedback loop for the support service provider and for funders. Furthermore, the Resident Advisory Board can help plan socio-recreational events for supportive housing residents, and help plan events that may be of interest to the broader community.

SAMPLE SIZES OF ONE

There will be one or more issues of a supportive housing resident within the broader Beaverton community. This will be put under a microscope and used as an example of the failure of the entire supportive housing development. It is, therefore, critical that data be maintained on the wellness and success of residencies in the building, improvements in quality of life, decreased acuity, and positive community connections. Summary (aggregate, non-identifying) statistics may be published monthly on a publicly accessible

website or available upon request. In addition, as discussed later, it will be important to have a well-established, transparent grievance policy if there are concerns that need to be addressed.

COMMUNITY CONFLICT

Some housed residents of the existing Beaverton community have already expressed concerns with regards to the supportive housing building slated for Main Street. While it is hoped that through education and time these concerns dissipate, that is not guaranteed. The social support provider should aim to be responsive to concerns from the broader community as a good neighbour, but should not alter who is invited and selected for supportive housing, or negatively impact the services offered to supportive housing residents.

REVIEW OF QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON THE REGION OF DURHAM WEBSITE

EXISTING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS²²

There are a few areas where it is recommended that answers be further clarified:

1. On the matter of success rate, it is recommended that the existing response be supplemented with the following:

Success is measured on a person by person basis. Success for one person may look quite different from success for another person. For example, for one person paying their rent on time and in full three months in a row may be a huge achievement, while for another person, success is no visits to the emergency room for three months.

When success is measured across the entire building, then it is common to examine the percentage of people that maintain housing over any 12 month period, and specifically tracking residents of supportive housing that return to homelessness. When examining data from other supportive housing studies, it is appropriate that a target of 75% of all residents not returning to homelessness in any 12 month period be sought. This measure of success is a result of efforts on the part of the individual resident, as well as the quality of support services that are provided.

2. On the matter of issues people may have heard about in temporary homeless shelters, it is recommended that the existing response be supplemented with the following:

Statistically speaking, there is a strong likelihood that some existing housed residents of Beaverton also live with mental illness and/or addiction, and have demonstrated it is possible to stay housed and live with profound life issues such as these. Furthermore, residents of supportive housing are able to access intensive support, which should reduce the impact of these types of issues on the broader community.

3. On the matter of police/security, it is recommended that the existing response be supplemented with the following:

The supportive housing will be home to the new residents. It is not institutional care or incarceration. Residents of supportive housing are able to come and go as they please. Individual residents of supportive housing are responsible for their own actions and are not immune to the law.

4. On the matter of access to medical care and doctors, it is recommended that the existing response be supplemented with the following:

It is likely that some of the residents will already have health care supports in place, and as such each individual case will be examined to determine if those supports can continue or if new connections need to be made. For example, if a supportive housing resident comes from North Durham and already has a health care provider in North Durham efforts would be made to sustain that existing connection.

OTHER INFORMATION TO CONSIDER PROVIDING

Consideration may be given to adding the following questions and answers:

- *How does the cost of supportive housing compare to the cost of supporting the same person in homelessness?*

Ontario estimates indicate supportive housing costs approximately \$72 per person per day to operate²³. The same person using shelter services in Durham Region would cost upwards of \$100 per day depending on what type of emergency accommodation they are provided (hotel stays are most costly than shelter stays, but both make up the contingent of available emergency accommodation options currently).

- *How much rent will people in the supportive housing pay?*

The income sources amongst the supportive housing residents will vary. For example, some will have Ontario Works as their income, others will be on the Ontario Disability Support Program, and others still will have pension or other

sources of income such as employment income. Those on Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program will pay the shelter portion of their social assistance on rent each month - \$390 and \$497 respectively. For people with other sources of income, rent will generally be 30% of gross monthly income.

- *Is the housing transitional?*

No. This is permanent housing. Some residents of the supportive housing will likely live in the building until they are no longer able to care for themselves or pass away. Others may voluntarily relocate at any point in time, but are not required to leave or transition within a predetermined period of time.

- *Will supportive housing residents be required to stay on the supportive housing property?*

No. Residents can come and go as they please. It is their home. Just like any Beaverton resident can come and go from their home as they please.

- *How will the quality of the services be monitored by the Region?*

The Region undertakes monitoring of all homelessness and housing support programs that it funds to ensure ongoing prudent use of public funds and excellence in service delivery. In the event there are any issues with services detected through monitoring, a remediation plan is put into effect to assist the service provider in meeting contractual service expectations. In extreme cases, consideration can be given to contracting with an alternative service operator.

- *Can supportive housing residents have guests over?*

Yes. As part of the support services, residents will be supported in having an appropriate number of guests only, and working to ensure that guests do not negatively impact other residents.

C ONCERNS RAISED BY EXISTING HOUSED BEAVERTON RESIDENTS

Concerns have been raised by housed residents of Beaverton. These types of concerns are not uncommon when there is a new housing development that is affordable, let alone specifically targeted to people that have an experience of homelessness and co-occurring life issues that benefit from additional supports. In the following table, each of the concerns is named and responded to in order to further educate and make clear what supportive housing is and is not.

Table 7: Resident Concerns and Response

Concern	Comments
Lack of public consultation prior to Regional approval	The site appears to be appropriately zoned for the intended use. There are no amendments or adjustments necessary. As such, no public consultation is required by law, regulation or statute. Zoning specifically addresses the type of use (e.g., residential) not the type of people (the residents). If the residents of Beaverton were seeking consultation with regard to who is going to live in the supportive housing, or the fact that it is supportive housing at all, this is discrimination. If the consultation is about knowing more about what the project is, what it will look like, and how it works, the Region did not need to undertake this consultation prior to approval and is appropriately engaged in that process now, with engagement of all interested parties happening in late October.

Concern	Comments
Lack of research for the proposed location	Regional staff, when presented the opportunity to develop the housing, seem to have completed due diligence throughout the entire Region. The site appears to be well suited to modular development. North Durham does not have a disproportionate amount of supportive housing or services to people experiencing homelessness. In fact, the development will result in more resources available to this part of the Region (e.g., access to Ontario Works at the ancillary building) which better meets the needs of the broader community.
Lack of studies demonstrating need in this area	OrgCode completed a previous housing need study for the Region. The study considered the Region as a whole. As Beaverton is within the Region, it is in keeping with the needs identified in the study.
Lack of tender for the design, delivery and installation of the 50 housing units	This study has found no evidence of the Region running afoul of its own purchasing and procurement policies. In fact, the study has found that cost savings were likely found through the approach the Region participated in, piggybacking with Toronto on the order for modular housing.
Lack of priority for North Durham residents	More than 100 people from North Durham have tried to access homelessness support programs this year. The Region has been clear that people from North Durham will be considered in prioritization for access to the supportive housing.

Concern	Comments
<p>Lack of access to necessary community services (as outline in the <i>Ontario Supportive Housing BestPractices Guide, March 2017</i>)</p>	<p>The residents further include a listing of the following, as presumably in the <i>Guide</i>: addiction/treatment facilities; medical services; emergency services; transportation; shopping; recreation; employment; and, social networks. Almost none of these types of services are named in the <i>Best Practices Guide</i>. For example, the <i>Best Practices Guide</i> makes zero mentions of addiction/treatment facilities, medical services or emergency services. Where transportation is concerned, the <i>Guide</i> includes assistance with transportation as one of the elements a supportive housing provider can arrange to help people connect to community events. There is no mention of public transportation anywhere in the <i>Guide</i>. Beaverton has some shopping, recreation, employment, and social network opportunities. In fact, the proposed supportive housing development in Beaverton meets or exceeds the recommendations of the <i>Best Practices Guide</i> including elements omitted in the residents' concerns such as ensuring supportive housing is available in a range of settings, both rural and urban environments.</p>



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS BASED UPON EXPERTISE

Based upon OrgCode's work on other supportive housing projects, the following is offered for consideration:

ESTABLISH MEASURES FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESIDENT OUTCOMES IN ADVANCE OF THE OPENING

Measurement will be key to adjusting management and supports within the building. It is important to have predetermined measures that are tracked, as opposed to waiting for residents to move in and then trying to figure out which measures to track and which data to collect. At a minimum, there should be agreement to measure and make adjustments based upon the following: retention; changes in quality of life; changes in health outcomes; and, social connectedness. Satisfaction with the Beaverton community may also be measured.

PREDETERMINED APPROACH TO GAINING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESIDENT FEEDBACK

Neither the support services provider nor the Region of Durham should have to guess or rely on anecdotes to understand how supportive housing residents feel about the building, services and/or community. Establishing feedback loops prior to residents moving in will be important. This can include a quarterly or annual feedback survey, focus groups with supportive housing residents, or the use of technology like electronic feedback kiosks.

ENSURE APPROPRIATE STAFF TO RESIDENT RATIOS IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Insufficient staffing is a common problem in buildings of this size for the population of residents to be supported. Consideration may be given to the following where support staff are concerned:

Table 8: Proposed Shift Breakdown of Support Services

	Number of Staff	Shift Coverage	Days of the Week
Resident Assistant Day Shift	2	1 @ 6am-2pm; 1 @ 7am-3pm	Sunday through Saturday
Resident Assistant Afternoon Shift	2	1 @ 1pm-9pm; 1 @ 2pm-10pm	Sunday through Saturday
Resident Assistant Night Shift	2	1 @ 10pm-6am; 1 @ 11pm-7am	Sunday through Saturday
Team Leader	2	1 @ 7am-3pm; 1 @ 3pm-11pm	Monday through Friday
Case Manager	2	1 @ 8am-4pm; 1 @ 10am-6pm	Monday through Friday

The above model ensures sufficient shift overlap for information exchange, 24 hour coverage and allows for distinguishing between assistance and case management. An overnight and weekend Team Leader on call function is recommended as well. If there is an onsite manager, they can take the place of one of the Team Leader positions noted in the table above.

Food services, property maintenance and ancillary supports would be in addition to the support staff position laid out for consideration.

BUILDING AND COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

Not only will it be a new building at the start, it will be a new place to live and a new community to live in for many of the supportive housing residents. Thoughtful planning and engagement can help promote pride of the asset from the beginning, the creation of home, and help people integrate into the Beaverton community.

Internal to the building, property maintenance staff should consider preparing an “Intro to Your Unit” program that runs through the basics of how everything operates in the

building and who to contact and when in the event of damage or an emergency. Other staff should orient new residents to the fire safety plan, COVID considerations in the building, social events, and practical things like where to do laundry and when, how the dining hall works, where to get mail, and where guests with vehicles should park.

Outside of the building, a walking tour to downtown Beaverton is recommended to familiarize new residents with various shops (e.g., where to get cigarettes), and natural features of interest within walking distance of the new building (e.g., park space).

TRANSPARENT RESIDENT SELECTION CRITERIA THAT IS ALIGNED TO BOTH HOUSING FIRST AND BY-NAME LIST

The Region has already messaged the alignment to Housing First, the intention to use the By-Name List of Coordinated Access, and prioritization for North Durham people experiencing homelessness as important for filling the 50 units within the new development. Being transparent of what exactly this means and how it will be operationalized will be important for prospective residents, homelessness serving organizations that may think they have prospective residents, and the broader Beaverton community that wants to ensure preference is given to North Durham people.

SAFE, PLANNED SOCIO-RECREATIONAL GATHERINGS WITHIN THE BUILDING FROM THE BEGINNING

Socio-recreational gatherings are a form of meaningful activity that helps build community. It can assist with getting supportive housing residents out of their unit and engaged with other residents. Supportive housing tends to struggle with trying to implement these sorts of events with good turnout after a building is already established. Consideration should be given to at least one activity every two weeks. Examples could include physically distant movie projected in the parking lot (drive-in style but with portable chairs), games night, BBQ, art projects, etc. This may also be an opportunity to invite the broader Beaverton community to participate, or have trained volunteers organize and operate the events. Measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be important in the implementation of these types of activities.

MIX WITHIN THE BUILDING

With the exception of the 10 units for the most acute people living in the supportive housing, it is strongly encouraged that the remaining 40 supportive housing residents be mixed throughout the building instead of “ghettoizing” pockets of people based upon their support needs. The more mix there is, the greater the potential for community development and appropriate social integration throughout the building.

The Region may also wish to reconsider having any shared space for the 10 individuals with the most acute needs. Independent bathrooms, for example, will decrease conflict and in other supportive housing evaluations, have proven to be the least desirable aspect of living in supportive housing. Furthermore, having 40 residents with high degrees of independence and 10 with less will make those 10 perhaps feel and be treated as less than by other residents, or even staff. In addition, so long as the pandemic continues, sharing spaces in this way will create a considerable health and safety burden on building residents and staff to maintain physical distancing and cleanliness.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF RENT ENCOURAGED

Collection of rent is a normal part of the rental relationship. It can also be a huge burden on staff time and can create conflicts when people are late. In rare instances, in supportive housing it can lead to eviction. To help mitigate this, it is strongly encouraged that direct payment of rent occur through income supports whenever possible, or that there be automatic withdrawal of rent payments on “cheque day” for people on assistance. For people with other sources of income, arranging for automatic withdrawal from a bank account is also encouraged whenever possible. This can be normalized as part of the offer to live in the building, and the orientation of business functions within the building.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

So long as Canadian society is impacted by COVID, measures will need to be taken to protect the safety of staff and residents in the building. As previously noted, consideration may need to be given to adjusting the 10 units for highly acute people that were intended to share bathroom facilities. Furthermore, as the building is providing food services on site, consideration will need to be given to how people access food while remaining physically distant, and how they are to safely eat in a shared dining space when physical distancing is in effect.

GUEST MANAGEMENT

Some supportive housing has struggled with guests in the building. The Region and/or the support services operator will need to develop policy related to visiting hours, the number of visitors a person can have at a time, whether or not overnight guests are allowed, and whether or not the supportive housing resident has to accompany their guest at all times while in the building. It is strongly recommended that all guests must engage with a staff person upon entry to sign in, and that the same person has to sign out upon exit.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

Supportive housing residents and their families, staff, and community residents and neighbours benefit from having a well-defined, operational grievance policy that is followed in the event that any of the parties wish to lodge a complaint against the supportive housing. There must be a timely, impartial review process and action-oriented resolution. Analyzing grievance data over time should also point to service, process or building improvements that can be made to decrease the likelihood of the same grievances repeating over and over again.

INDEPENDENT EVALUATION

After one full year of being completely occupied, it is recommended that the Region spearhead an independent evaluation of the opening, onboarding, and operations of the supportive housing. After that time, recommendations are likely that will help further refine operations and further improve resident outcomes.



C ONCLUSION

133 Main Street, Beaverton, Ontario is a suitable location for 50 units of supportive housing, so long as:

- The 50 units contain a mix of higher acuity individuals and the higher end of moderate acuity;
- Supportive housing residents make an informed choice to live in Beaverton;
- The support services provider is appropriately trained, is knowledgeable of the population, provides the right intensity of support services, and aligns to the right service orientation for the mission;
- There is suitable monitoring of service quality by the Region;
- There are appropriate ratios of support staff to the volume of supportive housing residents at all times;
- Not all 50 supportive housing residents move in at the same time;
- Anticipated ancillary resources come to fruition (e.g., telemedicine);
- Socio-recreational activities and other meaningful daily activities are planned for and implemented with supportive housing residents;
- Explicit efforts are made to be a good neighbour by all parties.

For the supportive housing to succeed over the long-term, two ingredients will be essential as well: patience, and, continuous improvement. Things will not be perfect. There will be growing pains for at least the first year as the supportive housing residents, staff and broader community adapt to the new housing. However, the community will likely be of benefit to the supportive housing residents that choose to call Beaverton home.

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⁴ https://amho.ca/wp-content/uploads/AMHO-Supportive-Housing-Report_Web-final_April-6.pdf

⁵ <https://amho.ca/our-work/supportive-housing/>

⁶ https://amho.ca/wp-content/uploads/AMHO-Supportive-Housing-Report_Web-final_April-6.pdf

⁷ <https://www.durham.ca/en/economic-development/invest-and-grow/demographics-and-statistics.aspx>

⁸ https://www.homelesshub.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/PROOF3_2018PIT_Report_CDCCD-1.pdf

⁹ Data provided by the Region of Durham, October 2020.

¹⁰ <https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/new-supportive-housing-projects.aspx#What-is-the-success-rate-for-individuals-in-this-type-of-setting>

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¹² This pertains exclusively to supportive housing as defined in this report. While other forms of housing with supports have been implemented, these are not, technically, supportive housing.

¹³ Based. Upon By-Name List data provided by the Region of Durham, October 2020.

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²⁰ <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/82-624-x/2013001/article/11855-eng.htm>

²¹ <https://cmha.ca/fast-facts-about-mental-illness>

²² As reviewed October 21, 2020

²³ <https://ontario.cmha.ca/provincial-policy/social-determinants/housing/>

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October 26, 2020

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO, Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby ON L1N 6A3

Dear John Henry:

**Re: Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) – Phase 2
Service Manager Business Case Approval**

As you know, this summer, my ministry announced \$362 million in new provincial and federal funding under a second phase of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) to help protect vulnerable people from COVID-19. The Social Services Relief Fund has been effective in supporting Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators to respond quickly, adapt services, and address the housing and economic impacts of COVID-19 in their communities. The additional investment of SSRF Phase Two can help Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators continue to protect homeless shelter staff and residents, expand rent support programming and create longer-term housing solutions.

This brings the government's total Social Services Relief Fund investment provided to Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators to \$510 million.

This is part of our commitment of up to \$4 billion for municipalities across the province under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement. This funding will help municipalities protect the health and well-being of the people of Ontario while delivering critical public services, such as public transit and shelters, as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery.

Prior to receiving SSRF Phase 2 funds, you were asked to submit a business case to the Ministry. The business case process provided an opportunity for you to outline how your initial planning allocation would be used and assisted the Ministry in ensuring that funds were being directed to the communities most in need. The business cases were reviewed by the Ministry, as well as an inter-ministerial working group, which made recommendations on funding decisions.

The Ministry has now completed its review of your business case, and I am pleased to confirm that we have **approved** your plan in accordance with a total planning allocation of **\$3,634,016** for the fiscal year 2020-21.

I want to acknowledge that, in addition to the capital and operating plans being approved with this letter, many Service Managers have submitted as part of their business cases additional capital proposals (i.e., additional proposals where submitted in response to Question 12 in the business cases). Where applicable, the Province encourages Service Managers to consider submitting these additional capital proposals under the federal government's Rapid Housing Initiative to maximize the potential benefits to Ontario's housing as well as the good work done by Service Managers as part of this process.

As communicated to you in August 2020, to ensure SSRF Phase 2 funding is targeted to where it is needed most, the Ministry has held back a portion of the total SSRF Phase 2 funding from the initial planning allocations. Decisions on how to allocate this hold back will be determined over the coming weeks and months based on emerging public health needs and progress to date as indicated through required program reporting. This will allow us to target these remaining investments where they are most required, as the public health situation continues to evolve. Service Managers will be notified when decisions are made to allocate this remaining funding.

SSRF Phase 2 Funding and Reporting

Now that your business case has been approved, we will provide an initial payment of up to 75 per cent of operating funding based on the projections made in your approved business case. This payment will be processed shortly.

Funding for capital projects will be dispersed based on project submissions and the funding schedule outlined in the Program Guidelines. For each capital project, you must complete and submit a Project Information Form through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system for Ministry approval.

Please note that you are required to submit an interim report by **December 15, 2020** on your use of SSRF Phase 2 funds and projected spending. A subsequent operating payment will be made following the submission and approval of this report and attestation.

As part of the quarterly reporting requirements, you will also be required to report actual expenditures for the previous financial quarter and revised projections for subsequent quarters by the relevant spending category by **January 31, 2021**. For your year-end reports, you will also be required to report on data collected on specific performance indicators.

Please note that all SSRF Phase 2 reports must be submitted through the TPON system, in accordance with the program guidelines.

Thank you again for your tireless work supporting Ontario's most vulnerable residents during this challenging time. I appreciate your continued commitment to ensuring that the province's significant investments through SSRF are directed to where they are needed most, and I look forward to continuing our work together as we serve the people of Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2463



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2020-INFO-104
Date: October 30, 2020

Subject:

Durham Region Achieves a Quality By-Name List and Advances with the Built for Zero Canada Campaign

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the transformation of Durham's homelessness support system.
 - a. Durham Region has reached an important milestone in our Built for Zero Canada journey.

2. Background

- 2.1 At Home in Durham, the Durham Housing Plan 2014-2024, commits to reducing chronic homelessness to zero by 2024. Work is being done to transform Durham's homelessness support system to a transparent, standardized and needs-based approach that can track our progress towards achieving this goal.
- 2.2 The Region of Durham was invited to join the Built for Zero Canada (BFZ-C) campaign in July 2019. The Region was one of the nine communities selected from a pool of 16 candidates.
- 2.3 The BFZ-C campaign is led by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH). It is a Canada-wide change effort that helps a core group of leading communities work towards ending chronic homelessness.

- a. The Region is developing a robust Coordinated Access System that meets CAEH quality standards. Our Coordinated Access System is fully operationalized. We can now measure month-over-month reductions in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness in our community.
- 2.4 Coordinated Access is a requirement under Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy funding. All Reaching Home designated communities, including Durham Region, are required to implement Coordinated Access by March 31, 2022.
- a. Durham Region met this goal well before the required date.

By-Name List

- 2.5 The first milestone for Durham's Coordinated Access System is to operationalize our By-Name List (BNL). A BNL is a real-time list of all people experiencing homelessness in Durham and includes specific data points to support prioritization and program matching. Knowing the people experiencing homelessness by name and prioritizing the most vulnerable is essential to ending homelessness in Durham.
- 2.6 Durham achieved an 11/11 on our BNL Scorecard in June 2020. This means that Durham has implemented the steps needed to effectively operate our By-Name List. We then tracked our data for three months, from July to October, and had it reviewed by Built for Zero Canada to ensure it is reliable and accurate.
- 2.7 In October 2020, Built for Zero declared that Durham has achieved a Quality By-Name List (QBNL). Having a QBNL means that our community has the real-time, reliable data needed to monitor our progress to ending chronic homelessness and make system improvements.
- a. Durham's baseline for actively chronic homeless people is 52. This means that we average 52 people experiencing chronic homelessness every month.
 - There is new inflow every month, as people become chronically homeless.
 - There is outflow every month, as people are housed.
 - The actively chronic homeless number is the number of people still on our QBNL at the end of each month, after inflow is added and outflow is removed.
- 2.8 Durham has now progressed to the Reduce to Zero cohort. The Reduce to Zero cohort tracks monthly reductions in chronic homelessness using our Coordinated Access System.
- a. Durham is the 23rd community to achieve this goal in Canada.
 - b. Durham's next goal is to achieve and sustain a 10% reduction in our chronic homelessness baseline.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Region of Durham is committed to reducing chronic homelessness to zero over the next five years. To achieve this goal, the homelessness support system is focusing on:
- Supporting people on the By-Name List who are actively homeless by triaging their needs in a more coordinated way.
 - Operating a Coordinated Access System to improve the outflow of our homelessness system to housing opportunities.
- 3.2 The Region of Durham is one of the core communities supported by the Built for Zero Canada campaign, led by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH), to work towards ending chronic homelessness.
- 3.3 Durham has achieved our first, significant milestone of achieving a Quality By-Name List and setting our chronic homelessness baseline. We will now be able to measure month-over-month reductions in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness in Durham.
- 3.4 For additional information, contact: Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services Division, at 905-668-7711, extension 2500.

4. Attachments

Attachment #1: QBNL Letter – Durham Region

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services



October 26, 2020

RE: Recognition of Progress in the Built for Zero Canada Campaign

Hello Durham Region!

On behalf of the Built for Zero Canada team, I want to recognize and congratulate you on the progress you have made thus far on your journey to end chronic homelessness! The first key milestone communities work to achieve is a Quality By-Name List. **Durham Region has reached this goal!**

To achieve a Quality By-Name List, communities must confirm a score of 10/10 on the By-Name List Scorecard, confirm completion of the Provider Participation Tool, submit three consecutive months of reliable chronic By-Name List data, and set a baseline month.

- In June 2020, Durham Region self-assessed 10/10 on the By-Name List Scorecard at which time both the score and Provider Participation tool were confirmed.
- Based on your most recent data submissions (July - September 2020), Durham Region has 3 consecutive months of reliable chronic By-Name List data!
- You have set your baseline as of September 2020. During that month you reported a total number of 52 people actively experiencing chronic homelessness in your community. This baseline will be used going forward to measure reductions in your total chronic active homelessness population.

Durham Region has met all the requirements for a Quality By-Name List. This is amazing! Having a quality By-Name List means that your community now has the reliable real-time data necessary to inform improvement projects, monitor trends and progress to functional zero, optimize your Coordinated Access system, and advocate for resources based on concrete data.

Durham Region is a leading community, proving to others that achieving a Quality By-Name List is possible. As the 23rd community to reach this milestone, you are supporting the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness goal of having 50 Canadian communities achieve a Quality By-Name List by March 2023 in the journey to end chronic homelessness (as one of the first steps to ending all homelessness in Canada).

Durham Region is now moving into the Reduce Cohort! The Built for Zero Canada team is very excited to continue to support your work to reduce chronic homelessness and reach your functional zero goal!

Congratulations and thank you for all your amazing work!

Onward!

Marie Morrison

Marie Morrison, Director, Built for Zero Canada



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 30, 2020

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 25, 2020

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*



UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 25, 2020

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/y9k4v422>

- Guests of wedding held at Caribbean Culture Centre, Oshawa, urged to call Health Department regarding COVID-19 investigation (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y26nrb3x>

- High-Dose Influenza Vaccine: Product Availability Update (Oct 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3vdu6ky>

- Transition from Zostavax II to Shingrex (Oct 15)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Accessibility Standards Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y63ze8vo>

- Accessibility Standards Canada releases its first Annual Report (Oct 7)

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3rnqmkf>

- Protecting the health and safety of farm workers during COVID-19 (Oct 5)

Canada Revenue Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/yy7toabm>

- The Government of Canada launches applications for the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (Oct 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxs3umh4>

- The Government of Canada launches applications for the Canada Recovery Benefit (Oct 12)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/y2wxmd4v>

- New import requirement: romaine from parts of California must be tested for *E.coli* (Oct 2)

Department of Justice Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5d6l39f>

- Government of Canada reintroduces proposed changes to medical assistance in dying legislation (Oct 5)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6zqxjgj>

- Legislation to support new recovery benefits and extend funding for COVID-19 measures receives Royal Assent (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxls3l8n>

- New interest relief measure to provide much-needed help to Canada Student Loan borrowers on medical or parental leave (Oct 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/yynhughw>

- Government of Canada extends deadline to apply for the Disability Tax Credit to receive the COVID-19 one-time payment for persons with disabilities (Oct 23)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxd79y82>

- Canada joins the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (Sept 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4g6bdpt>

- Canada one-step closer to zero plastic waste by 2030 (Oct 7)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxvyuddg>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Sept 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxl8jjkh>

- Health Canada begins first authorization review of a COVID-19 vaccine submission (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2k425y6>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Oct 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5okvvpv>

- Government of Canada highlights support for safer drug supply project in Ottawa (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxk59hf6>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Oct 19)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6oot4tk>

- Statement – Oath of Citizenship bill introduced in Parliament (Oct 22)

Indigenous Services Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3vq5l99>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Oct 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2gbfnod>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ktqfzq>

- Statement from the Minister of Indigenous Services, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Northern Affairs on Eliminating Racism in the Healthcare System (Oct 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4nmz3q8>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Oct 22)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y4v2jltu>

- Government of Canada expands Regional Relief and Recovery Fund to provide further support for businesses (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y55wrkb4>

- Government of Canada invests in innovative small modular reactor technology (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3wh22c4>

- Government of Canada launches new COVID-19-related challenges to help reduce environmental impact of PPE in Canada (Oct 16)

Natural Resources Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yy3zoov3>

- Government of Canada Launches the Canadian Centre for Energy Information Website (Oct 7)

Parks Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6pu2225>

- Canadians Invited to Virtually Participate in Parks Canada Consultation (Oct 5)

Prime Minister's Office

<https://tinyurl.com/y6zch4rk>

- Prime Minister announces infrastructure plan to create jobs and grow the economy (Oct 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyavv2fe>

- Prime Minister announces reappointment of Canada's top scientist (Oct 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxj7lnfj>

- Prime Minister announces additional support for food banks and local food organizations (Oct 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy7lzawf>

- Statement by the Prime Minister for World Mental Health Day (Oct 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxjhlyrj>

- Statement by the Prime Minister on Thanksgiving (Oct 11)

<https://preview.tinyurl.com/y64ovjg4>

- Prime Minister's remarks on COVID-19 testing and support for Canadians (Oct 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4znl78n>

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Oct 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/yywqokan>

- Prime Minister announces funding to advance the development of Canadian COVID-19 vaccine technologies (Oct 23)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y634h523>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on September 28, 2020 (Sept 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4rokqw3>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, September 29, 2020 (Sept 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycd5udvx>

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses – Latest National Opioid-Related Harms Data (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7lxv4oh>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on September 30, 2020 (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yx9ymfcd>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 1, 2020 (Oct 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3rrkhoz>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 2, 2020 (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2gveb4q>

- Government of Canada and Canada's video game industry team up to #CRUSHCOVID (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2oz6we8>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 3, 2020 (Oct 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y697ntvv>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 4, 2020 (Oct 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2hjzwyf>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 5, 2020 (Oct 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/y25e2car>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 6, 2020 (Oct 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy95p9h6>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 7, 2020 (Oct 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3t3jpst>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 8, 2020 (Oct 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y363vk72>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 10, 2020 (Oct 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3u79cgr>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 11, 2020 (Oct 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/yym5o8xc>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 12, 2020 (Oct 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y559c2dq>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 13, 2020 (Oct 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxqrv4rl>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 14, 2020 (Oct 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y657bg2p>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 15, 2020 (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ch84k7>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 16, 2020 (Oct 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyjru5mx>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 17, 2020 (Oct 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4lm7p3m>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 18, 2020 (Oct 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy4hpa78>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 19, 2020 (Oct 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/y65k928m>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 20, 2020 (Oct 20)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3zr5ntv>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 21, 2020 (Oct 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxfy2jx3>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 22, 2020 (Oct 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ohbkvr>

- Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 23, 2020 (Oct 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/yynvmudg>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 24, 2020 (Oct 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2u5hfq9>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 25, 2020 (Oct 25)

Public Safety Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y263nh8d>

- Statement from Minister Blair on Fire Prevention Week (Oct 5)

Public Services and Procurement Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y2rrslzd>

- Government of Canada signs agreement for COVID-19 rapid tests and analyzers (Sept 29)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5vo55u4>

- Temperature screening for air travellers expanded to 11 additional Canadian airports (Sept 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyyh4e2y>

- Transport Canada announces new safety measures following fatal 2017 accident at CN's Melville Yard in Saskatchewan (Oct 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxktvkIf>

- Government of Canada investing in new projects that improve road safety for Canadians (Oct 21)

Treasury Board Secretariat

<https://tinyurl.com/y3wegabz>

- Jean-Yves Duclos tables *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2020-21* (Oct 22)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

<https://tinyurl.com/y4aoe6fv>

- Governments Investing \$26.6 Million to Further Protect Ontario Agri-Food Workers During COVID-19 (Oct 13)

Ministry of the Attorney General

<https://tinyurl.com/y69ghfho>

- Ontario Protects Workers, Volunteers and Organizations Who Make Honest Efforts to Follow COVID-19 Public Health Guidelines and Laws (Oct 20)

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y8o6azeo>

- Ontario Modernizes Social Assistance to Help More People Re-enter the Workforce (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ml3awc>

- Increased COVID-19 Precautions for Congregate Care Settings (Oct 9)

Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

<https://tinyurl.com/y4gestsh>

- Ontario Supports the Production of Critical Supplies to Fight the Spread of COVID-19 (Oct 16)

Ministry of Education

<https://tinyurl.com/y5tlmqxx>

- Ontario Taking Action to Improve Child Care (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yypfj8fl>

- Ontario Hires Health System Leader as Education Health Advisor (Oct 8)

Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

<https://tinyurl.com/yyoppzte>

- Ontario Helps Keep Energy Costs Low for Families, Small Businesses and Farmers (Oct 13)

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<https://tinyurl.com/yxegthhb>

- Ontario Proposes to Further Reduce Landfill Food Waste (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3dd9t7u>

- Ontario Developing a Stronger, More Effective Blue Box Program (Oct 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxgqlevs>

- Ontario Takes Action to Reduce Electronic Waste (Oct 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2a7z26r>

- Ontario Takes Action to Reduce Plastic Pollution in the Great Lakes (Oct 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y55lf58d>

- Ontario Takes Steps to Ensure Surplus Food Does Not Go to Waste (Oct 23)

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y9lgon74>

- Ontario Continues to Strengthen and Secure Public Sector Cyber Security (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3d8w5ud>

- Ontario Appoints New Expert Panel on Cyber Security (Oct 15)

Ministry of Health

<https://tinyurl.com/y4u4rww7>

- Ontario Releases Updated COVID-19 Modelling for Second Wave (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4wutfm4>

- Ontario Revises COVID-19 Screening Guidance for Schools and Child Care (Oct 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6q65vge>

- Ontario Adding Over 200 More Transitional Care Beds Across the Province (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2fx4xa9>

- Ontario Moving Additional Region to Modified Stage 2 (Oct 16)

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

<https://tinyurl.com/y6aawpvm>

- Ontario Recognizes Third-Annual Rowan's Law Day (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6kvaawr>

- Ontario Supporting Local Festivals and Events (Oct 8)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

<https://tinyurl.com/y64rkok3>

- New COVID-19 Precautions at Long-Term Care Homes (Oct 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyn38dow>

- Outings on Hold for Long-Term Care Homes in Areas of Higher Community Spread (Oct 14)

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- York Region Added to List of Areas of Higher Community Spread (Oct 17)

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- Canadian Red Cross Supporting Long-Term Care Home in Hawkesbury (Oct 23)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

<https://tinyurl.com/yxfgtoaa>

- Ontario's First Inspector General of Policing Appointed (Oct 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxa5ju9v>

- Ontario Fire Marshal Promotes Fire Safety in the Kitchen (Oct 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2lufsy7>

- Ontario Extends COVID-19 Orders to Protect the Public (Oct 20)

Ministry of Transportation

<https://tinyurl.com/y6l8m663>

- Ontario Launching Free Wi-Fi on GO Transit (Sept 28)

Office of the Premier

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- Ontario Investing \$52.5 Million to Recruit, Retain and Support More Health Care Workers (Sept 28)

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- Ontario Providing over Half a Billion Dollars to Protect Vulnerable Seniors against Second Wave of COVID-19 (Sept 29)

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- Ontario Delivers \$2.8 Billion COVID-19 Fall Preparedness Plan (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyb9h25r>

- Ontario Provides \$461 Million to Temporarily Enhance Wages for Personal Support Workers (Oct 1)

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- Ontario Implementing Additional Public Health and Testing Measures to Keep People Safe (Oct 2)

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- Ontario Releases \$35 Million to Hire More Staff, Improve Remote Learning in Targeted Communities (Oct 5)

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- Ontario Surpasses Four Million COVID-19 Tests (Oct 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4mh6977>

- Ontario Building a Modern, Connected and Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions System (Oct 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/y45ruzrp>

- Ontario Implementing Additional Public Health Measures in Toronto, Ottawa and Peel Region (Oct 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2po9ph2>

- Premier Ford Urges All Ontarians to Celebrate Thanksgiving with Immediate Household (Oct 10)

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- Ontario Continues to Support Restaurants During COVID-19 Pandemic (Oct 13)

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- Ontario Hiring Hundreds More Contact Tracers and Case Managers (Oct 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4vks2vk>

- Millions Across Canada Now Using Made-in-Ontario COVID Alert App (Oct 15)

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- Ontario Making Government Services More Convenient, Reliable, and Accessible (Oct 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/y64x59rl>

- Ontario Invests \$550 Million to Build and Upgrade Schools (Oct 20)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5kna3hq>

- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (Oct 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fcx8t5>

- Ontario Takes Steps to Accelerate the Building of Key Infrastructure Projects (Oct 22)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Addictions and Mental Health Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/yxjvhv8k9>

- Government of Ontario COVID-19 recovery must address mental health and addiction crisis warn experts (Oct 6)

Alzheimer Society of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y4mvrsk4>

- Community Support Providers Vital to Keeping Ontarians out of Hospital, Long-Term Care (Sept 28)

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

<https://tinyurl.com/y2pv8qpj>

- Fall 2020 Budget Letter (Oct 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxffequ4>

- Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Letter (Oct 19)

Canadian Association of Radiology

<https://tinyurl.com/y5oxbu6s>

- Cancer Does Not Stop for COVID! (Oct 23)

Canadian Drug Policy Coalition

<https://tinyurl.com/yxd3tyus>

- Canadian Drug Policy Coalition launches national dialogue series on the overdose crisis and COVID-19 (Oct 6)

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association

<https://tinyurl.com/yymxh62o>

- A Declaration of Family Caregiver Rights and Responsibilities Affirms the Role of Family Caregivers as an Essential Component of Care (Oct 7)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://tinyurl.com/yxl837o9>

- Government of Canada and provincial partners support research addressing mental health impact of COVID-19 on Canadians (Oct 9)

Canadian Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y45wanjb>

- Despite improvements, over half of physicians continue to have issues accessing personal protective equipment (PPE) (Sept 29)

Canadian Medical Association Foundation

<https://tinyurl.com/yx94c564>

- CMA Foundation commits \$2 million to support long-term care improvement program (Oct 14)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

<https://tinyurl.com/yxsqzqgu>

- Report provides 20/20 vision on value of ophthalmology in Canada (Oct 8)

Canadian Pharmacists Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y2m9u53y>

- Pharmacists say flu shot more important than ever, be prepared for different experience at the pharmacy this year (Oct 5)

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

<https://tinyurl.com/yx8vnua2>

- COVID-19 pandemic adversely affecting mental health of women and people with children (Oct 14)

Community Food Centres Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxjsky4x>

- BEYOND HUNGER: New national research report by Community Food Centres Canada reveals hidden, devastating impacts of food insecurity (Sept 29)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/yxl4g2k9>

- Health sector spending up 10.6 per cent in first quarter of 2020-21 (Sept 29)

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- Ontario's deficit and debt burden reach record highs amid COVID-19 pandemic (Oct 15)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

<https://tinyurl.com/y4rvw6bp>

- Heart & Stroke urges Canadians to act quickly to save more lives (Oct 21)

IC/ES

<https://tinyurl.com/y6na47mw>

- New ICES report shows immigrants, refugees and other newcomers account for nearly 44% of all COVID-19 cases in Ontario (Sept 9)

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y2p8o8od>

- Review Panel Roster – Call out for potential members of the Impact Assessment Roster for review panels under the Impact Assessment Act (Oct 22)

Kids Help Phone

<https://tinyurl.com/y2hgp444>

- Kids Help Phone launches data insights platform (Oct 8)

Lakeridge Health

<https://tinyurl.com/ybnwtuzp>

- Lakeridge Health and Durham Mental Health Services Join Together: Voluntary Integration Official Today (Oct 1)

Lung Health Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y9uwxxzf>

- Canadians Urged to Stop Asking the Wrong Question About Lung Cancer (Sept 30)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3dgd93>

- ‘Change maker and champion’: Louise Bradley announces plans to retire as head of Mental Health Commission of Canada (Sept 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydaghy87>

- National Seniors Day: Celebrating the lifelong pursuit of mental wellness (Oct 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6okt65e>

- First national Standard of its kind aims to help Canada’s post-secondary institutions support positive mental health and well-being for students (Oct 7)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/yxnxtbbu>

- The time has come for a made-in-Ontario private sector privacy law (Oct 16)

Office of the Patient Ombudsman

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zz4efu>

- COVID-19 Special Report (Oct 7)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y4vg8454>

- Commissioner’s annual report: Pandemic raises privacy concerns highlighting urgency of law reform (Oct 8)

Ontario Hospital Association

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- Everyone has a part to play – Ontario Hospital Association Launches New #StoptheSpread Campaign (Oct 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5x5jjny>

- Ontario Hospitals Facing Potentially Extraordinary Pressures in Coming Weeks (Oct 9)

Ontario Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/ycnzgfum>

- Mobile Rapid Response Teams Among Other Measures Recommended to Tackle Regional COVID-19 Flare-ups (Sept 30)

Ontario Power Generation

<https://tinyurl.com/y4wl5vfs>

- OPG Opens Centre for Canadian Nuclear Sustainability (Oct 23)

Parachute

<https://tinyurl.com/yyc4frqj>

- Even with reduced in-class school attendance, school zone traffic safety has not improved, parents report (Oct 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2lurju7>

- National Teen Driver Safety Week focuses on risks of speeding (Oct 19)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

<https://tinyurl.com/y4vqv48w>

- Canada's drug price watchdog ready to apply new powers to protect Canadians from surging high drug costs (Oct 23)

Public Health Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y ygqzzoy>

- PHO Connections (Sept 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y27tbbtf>

- Influenza-Related Resources (Oct 9)

Registered Nurses Association of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y6d7gsu4>

- RNAO relieved that Premier Ford engages late, but essential, action to lesson spread of COVID-19 (Oct 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/y63t59kx>

- A message for Canada's First Ministers: RNAO says national standards in long-term care urgently needed (Oct 14)

Standards Council of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxkejxvk>

- The Standards Council of Canada marks 50th Anniversary (Oct 7)

Statistics Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5du2796>

- Canadian Statistics Advisory Council Report: Toward a Stronger National Statistical System (Oct 20)

Technical Standards and Safety Authority

<https://tinyurl.com/yxtl7wa5>

- Fire Prevention Week Message Focuses on Safe Alfresco Dining (Oct 3)



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October 22nd, 2020

The Right Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
Frost Bldg S 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Cres, Toronto M7A 1Y7

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Re: Assessing Aggregate Resource Properties

This letter will confirm support of the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford of County of Wellington Resolution dated September 24th, 2020 from the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee including that:

That South-West Oxford Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

That South-West Oxford Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and

That South-West Oxford Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

That South-West Oxford Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Forth', is written over a blue horizontal line.

Julie Forth, Clerk
Township of South-West Oxford

cc. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
all Ontario municipalities;
MPP Ernie Hardeman



Northumberland
County

Resolution

Moved By _____

Agenda
Item 8a

Resolution No.
2020-10-21-321

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Seconded By _____

Council Date: October 21, 2020

Last Name Printed Henderson.

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by the Township of Asphodel Norwood regarding their request that:

- a governing body be created to regulate cannabis production; and
- the governing body take a unified approach be taken to land use planning restrictions; and
- the governing body enforce the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region; and
- the governing body communicates more readily with local governments; and
- the governing body provides local government with more support; and

Further Be It Resolved That Northumberland Council forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, MP Philip Lawrence and MPP David Piccini (Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, requesting that legislation be enacted to support local governments with cannabis land use management and enforcement issues."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____

Councillor's Name

Carried


Warden's Signature

Deferred _____

Warden's Signature

Defeated _____

Warden's Signature



**Northumberland
County**

Resolution

Moved By _____

Agenda
Item 8c

Resolution No.
2020-10-21-323

Last Name Printed Martin

Seconded By _____

Council Date: October 21, 2020

Last Name Printed Crate

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for a letter that the Mayor of the Town of Wasaga Beach sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, regarding her concerns about an unauthorized car rally that was recently held in Wasaga Beach; and

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough-South), the local OPP Detachment Commander, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried [Signature]
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



Northumberland County

Resolution

Moved By _____

Agenda
Item 8b

Resolution No.
2020-10-21-322

Last Name Printed Martin

Seconded By _____

Council Date: October 21, 2020

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"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by Wellington County regarding Aggregate Resource Property Valuation including that;

- Northumberland County does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- Northumberland County believes there is a need to review the current assessment process for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and
- Northumberland County calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

Further Be It Resolved That Council provides a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), all Ontario municipalities."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____

Councillor's Name

Carried


Warden's Signature

Deferred _____

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature



**Northumberland
County**

Resolution

Moved By _____

**Agenda
Item 8d**

**Resolution No.
2020-10-21-324**

Last Name Printed Martin

Seconded By _____

Council Date: October 21, 2020

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"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by Wollaston Township regarding requesting a review of the Municipal Election Act to with a view to making amendments that allows for reporting of election fraud and ensuring that legislation can be enforced; and

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough-South), all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

**Recorded Vote
Requested by** _____
Councillor's Name

Carried

Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



October 21, 2020

Via email: george.cornell@simcoe.ca

Warden George Cornell
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst ON L9X 1N6

Dear Warden Cornell and County Councillors:

Re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2.

The Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte, at its October 14th Council meeting, passed the following motion with respect to the above-noted matter:

Be it resolved:

that the correspondence dated October 9, 2020 from Sarah Huter, Assistant General Manager, Mount St. Louis Moonstone Ski Resort re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2 be received.

And whereas on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

And whereas the Government of Ontario, County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte remain in declared state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas all levels of Government are effectively working collaboratively in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has developed a comprehensive *Framework for Reopening our Province*;

And whereas many low risk outdoor activities were permitted to re-open in Stage 1 and 2 of the *Provincial re-opening framework*;

And whereas the timing of the release of *Stage 3 framework* and Ontario Regulation 364/20 made under *Reopening Ontario(A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* has not fully considered outdoor winter recreation and the operations of Ontario's ski industry;

And whereas Ontario's ski industry generates approximately \$420 million annually to the provincial economy and supports over 14,000 jobs;

And whereas nordic skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing provide low risk opportunities and outlets for participation in outdoor based activities that improve physical and mental health and overall well-being;

And whereas the ski industry has developed comprehensive operating plans and established best practices through its *Ski Well, Be Well* program to ensure compliance with regulations and public health directives and reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission;

And whereas the Township of Oro-Medonte is the proud home to three of Ontario's largest ski resorts, Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St Louis Moonstone which provide significant local, regional and provincial economic benefits.

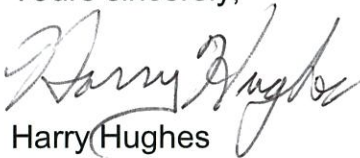
And whereas MPP Downey has advocated on behalf of these businesses.

Now therefore

On behalf of Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St. Louis Moonstone, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte hereby respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent, under the Mayor's signature, to the County of Simcoe and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Harry Hughes
Mayor

/vc

Cc: MPP Doug Downey

MPP Jill Dunlop

MP Doug Shipley

MPP Jim Wilson

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
Council

Shawn Binns, Director Operations & Community Services

Ontario Municipalities



October 22, 2020

The Honourable Rod Phillips
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The Honourable Doug Downey
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Subject : Cannabis retail stores

Dear Ministers,

On behalf of the City of Clarence-Rockland, I am hereby requesting that the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores be amended in order to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criterion, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores.

Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution #2020-191 adopted by the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland on October 19, 2020, requesting a modification to the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores.

We trust that this request will be given serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Guy Desjardins, Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

Encl.



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 2020-191
Title: Member's resolution presented by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli regarding cannabis stores
Date: October 19, 2020

Moved by Mario Zanth
Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

WHEREAS as the regulator for private cannabis retail in Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has the authority to license, regulate and enforce the sale of recreational cannabis in privately run stores in Ontario; and

WHEREAS on December 17, 2018, Council agreed to 'opt-in' to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

WHEREAS Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

WHEREAS cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public

interest when considering the application of new stores; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Maryse St-Pierre
Deputy Clerk



Résolution: 2020-191
Titre: Résolution de membre présentée par le conseiller Mario Zanth et appuyée par le conseiller Samuel Cardarelli concernant les commerces de vente de cannabis
Date: le 19 octobre 2020

Proposée par Mario Zanth
Appuyée par Samuel Cardarelli

ATTENDU QU'en tant qu'organisme de réglementation de vente privée de cannabis en Ontario, la Commission des alcools et des jeux de l'Ontario (CAJO) a le pouvoir d'octroyer des licences, de réglementer et de faire respecter la vente de cannabis à des fins récréatives dans les magasins privés de l'Ontario

ATTENDU QUE le 17 décembre 2018, le Conseil a accepté de se conformer à la directive provinciale afin de permettre la vente au détail de cannabis dans la Cité de Clarence-Rockland ; et

ATTENDU QUE le Conseil considère qu'il est d'intérêt public d'inclure une distance de 150 mètres de séparation par rapport aux autres magasins de cannabis agréés, étant donné que le Conseil de la santé a pris note des préoccupations selon lesquelles le regroupement et la concentration géographique excessifs des points de vente de cannabis au détail peuvent encourager des résultats indésirables pour la santé, et que le ministère du développement économique et de la planification craint qu'une concentration excessive ne provoque des effets indésirables sur la diversité économique d'un paysage de rue de vente au détail, notamment la distorsion des taux de location, la spéculation économique et la suppression de possibilités pour d'autres entreprises commerciales

ATTENDU QUE la vente au détail de cannabis est un marché nouveau et non éprouvé, et qu'il n'existe aucune étude ni aucun précédent pour déterminer le nombre ou la répartition des magasins qui peuvent raisonnablement être soutenus par l'économie locale, et qu'il est donc prudent d'établir les moyens par lesquels l'AGCO, avec l'aide d'une municipalité, peut réguler la surconcentration au fur et à mesure de l'évolution du marché de la vente au détail de cannabis; par conséquent

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le conseil municipal demande au maire, au nom du conseil municipal,

d'écrire à l'honorable Rod Phillips, ministre des Finances de l'Ontario, et à l'honorable Doug Downey, procureur général de l'Ontario, pour demander au ministère de modifier les règlements régissant l'établissement de magasins de vente au détail de cannabis afin de donner instruction à la Commission des alcools et des jeux de considérer la surconcentration comme un critère d'évaluation, et de donner plus de poids aux commentaires d'une municipalité concernant les questions d'intérêt public lorsqu'elle examine la demande de nouveaux magasins; et

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit acheminée aux autres municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉE

Maryse St-Pierre
Greffière adjointe



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October 27, 2020

Municipality of Tweed
(Sent via email)
clerk@tweed.ca

RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED, CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE CANNABIS ACT AND HEALTH CANADA GUIDELINES

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on October 26, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the Municipality of Tweed's motion (attached) regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines that was passed on August 25, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Paul MacPherson

THAT Council support the correspondence item as attached from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Cannabis Production.

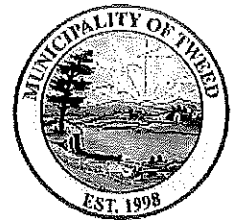
CARRIED

Sincerely,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: Prime Minister of Canada
Health Canada
Premier of the Province of Ontario
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Provincial Police
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting



Resolution No.

343.

Title:

County of Hastings and County of Lennox & Addington

Date:

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Moved by

J. Flieler

Seconded by

J. Palmateer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the *Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16* legislation legalizing properties to grow a maximum of 4 plants without a licence; and

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for medicinal cannabis production that are specific to set properties without municipal consultation and regardless of land use zoning by-laws; and

WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including *Narcotic Control Regulations C.R.C., c 1041* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations SOR/9-234*; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are authorized under the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P 13* to pass a comprehensive zoning by-law that is in compliance with the appropriate County Official Plan which must be in compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement, Under *The Planning Act, 2020*; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law in effect for each area is designed to secure the long-term safety and best use of the land, water and other natural resources found in that area's natural landscape; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has passed *Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2012-30* and further amended it by the *Cannabis Production By-Law 2018-42*, limiting cannabis production facilities to rural industrial zoned lands with required setbacks from residential zoned properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licences for properties not in compliance with the Municipal zoning by-laws for a cannabis production facility; and

WHEREAS the Province needs to amend legislation to establish a new Provincial Offence Act fine regime that creates an offence(s) when unlicensed cannabis operations break planning and environmental regulations, ignore Building Code requirements and build without a permit at a fine of at least \$100,000 per offence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licencing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario advocate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for advocacy to the Government of Canada for similar regulations and guidelines for medical cannabis licencing in alignment with other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications;

AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licencing until the potential licence holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in question;

AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced locations; and

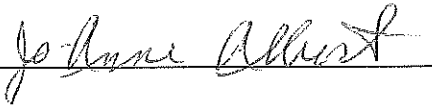
AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

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Defeated

Mayor



Lydia Gerritsen

From: Clerks
Sent: October 23, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Lydia Gerritsen
Cc: -----

Subject: EB-2020-0212 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program - Notice of Application

Hello

To: The clerks of all the municipalities in which Enbridge Gas Inc. supplies gas

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)

**Ontario Energy Board (Board) File No.: EB-2020-0212
2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application – Notice of Application**

On September 30, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed an Application with the Board requesting an Order or orders for gas distribution rate changes related to compliance obligations under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, S.C. 2018, c. 12, s. 186.

On October 14, 2020, the Board issued the Notice of Application and the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The Board has directed Enbridge Gas to serve a copy of the Notice of Application, the Board's Letter of Direction along with Enbridge Gas' Application on the clerks of all the municipalities in which Enbridge Gas Inc. supplies gas.

Attached please find a copy of the Board's Notice of Application along with Enbridge Gas' Application as filed with the Board for the 2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application. A complete paper copy of the Evidence filed in this proceeding is available upon request. Alternatively, the Evidence can be viewed by accessing the link below:

<https://www.enbridgegas.com/Regulatory-Proceedings> and navigating to: [Other Regulatory Proceedings](#).

Sincerely

Erica Piegmat

Regulatory Coordinator – Regulatory Affairs

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October 23, 2020

Sent via email

SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST

RE: Durham Live Wetland Compensation Request

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board of Directors, at its meeting #7/20, held on October 23, 2020, adopted Resolution #A164/20, as amended, as follows:

THAT in recognition of our role as a watershed management and regulatory agency, and stewards of lands within our jurisdiction, the Board of Directors indicate that they do not support development within wetlands, particularly, Provincially Significant Wetlands;

THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) acknowledge the subject lands west of Squires Beach Road contain natural and hydrological features, including a currently designated Provincially Significant Wetland and significant wildlife habitat, and that those lands warrant protection;

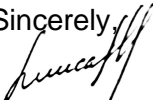
THAT prior to entering into any agreement for lands west of Squires Beach Road, the Board request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry consider the ecological value of the site, including the potential presence of endangered and threatened species, hydrological connections and ecosystem functions;

THAT authorization be given to TRCA's Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Agreement to review a proposal for ecosystem compensation to facilitate the development of the Durham Live lands containing a Provincially Significant Wetland located west of Squires Beach Road in the City of Pickering, in the event the wetland is reclassified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;

THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry be requested to provide clarity with respect to its position on the applicability of ecosystem compensation to a Provincially Significant Wetland;

AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Region of Durham, City of Pickering and Town of Ajax be so advised.

The report and referenced resolution are attached to this letter and can also be accessed at the TRCA Board of Directors [webpage](#). If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sameer Dhalla at 416-661-6600 ext. 5350, sameer.dhalla@trca.ca.

Sincerely,


Alisa Mahrova
Clerk and Manager, Policy

cc: John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA
Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services, TRCA
Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning, TRCA
Steve Heuchert, Associate Director, Development Planning and Permits, TRCA
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Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister, Natural Resources and Forestry
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Alexander Harras, Acting Clerk, Town of Ajax
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Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering

RES.#A164/20 -

DURHAM LIVE WETLAND COMPENSATION REQUEST

Authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement to review a proposal for ecosystem compensation to facilitate the development of the Durham Live lands containing a Provincially Significant Wetland located west of Squires Beach Road in the City of Pickering.

Moved by: Kevin Ashe
Seconded by: David Barrow

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AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Region of Durham, City of Pickering and Town of Ajax be so advised.

RES.#A165/20 -

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION

Moved by: Mike Layton
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the following be inserted before the first paragraph of the main motion:

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THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) acknowledge the subject lands west of Squires Beach Road contain natural and hydrological features, including a currently designated provincially significant wetland and significant wildlife habitat and that those lands warrant protection;

THAT prior to entering into any agreement for lands west of Squires Beach Road, the Board request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry consider the ecological value of the site, including the potential presence of endangered and threatened species, hydrological connections and ecosystem functions;

RECORDED VOTE

Paul Ainslie	Yes
Kevin Ashe	Yes
David Barrow	Yes
Shelley Carroll	Absent
Ronald Chopowick	Yes

Dipika Damerla	Yes
Joanne Dies	Yes
Jennifer Drake	Yes
Paula Fletcher	Yes
Chris Fonseca	Yes
Xiao Han	Yes
Jack Heath	Yes
Gordon Highet	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Maria Kelleher	Yes
Cynthia Lai	Yes
Mike Layton	Yes
Basudeb Mukherjee	Absent
Michael Palleschi	Yes
James Pasternak	Yes
Steve Pellegrini	Yes
Anthony Perruzza	Yes
Gino Rosati	Yes
Rowena Santos	Yes
Don Sinclair	Yes
Connie Tang	Absent
Estair Van Wagner	Absent
Jennifer Innis	Yes

THE AMENDMENT WAS:

CARRIED

THE RESULTANT MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

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AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Region of Durham, City of Pickering and Town of Ajax be so advised.

THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

Durham Live is an integrated mixed-use major tourist destination located in the City of Pickering, northwest of Bayly Street and Church Street and south of Highway 401. The property includes four parcels of land, one located west of Squires Beach Road, and three located east of Squires Beach Road (**Attachment 1**). A portion of the parcels to the east of Squires Beach Road are subject to approved zoning for a casino and hotel complex, now substantially built. The remainder of these lands east of Squires Beach Road are subject to a zoning by-law amendment application which is satisfactory to TRCA staff in principal. The parcel located west of Squires Beach Road (the "subject property") is the focus of this report.

According to the landowner's consultant, Durham Live is "...in serious discussions (backed by a Letter of Intent) with a very large employment user interested in the portion of the site west of Squires Beach Road." Staff understand that these discussions involve the development of an approximately 850,000 to 4 million square foot distribution centre and production facility known as "Project Lonestar". On [May 13, 2020](#), City of Pickering Council, upon the request of the landowner, approved a motion stating "That the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of Council, be directed to make a request to Minister Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for a Minister's Zoning Order for the Durham Live lands." This request was subsequently made to the Minister. On September 30, 2020, Durham Region Council expressed its support for the MZO request and directed staff to execute an Agreement between the Region of Durham, the landowner and the impacted municipalities, which Agreement provides Regional support for the Owner's request for the MZO in exchange for certain commitments as outlined in the [minutes](#).

Lands located west of Squires Beach Road includes approximately 22.8 ha (57 acres) of key natural heritage features and key hydrological features including Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW), Significant Woodland, and Significant Wildlife Habitat (**Attachment 2**). Other potential features which are likely to occur but have yet to be confirmed include Endangered Species habitat and seeps. The wetland is part of the Lower Duffin's Creek Provincially Significant Wetland Complex; however, it is located within the TRCA's Frenchman's Bay watershed. A provincial staking exercise was conducted on the property to delineate the boundary on July 15, 2014 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) with TRCA staff and external consultants in attendance. TRCA staff inventoried flora and fauna on the subject property several years ago and this data, along with the an existing conditions report provided by the landowner's ecology consultant, identifies the wetland being composed of diverse intermixed habitats of swamp, marsh, thicket, and open wetland habitat, and the remaining natural features as including meadow and woodland. The landowner's planning consultant has stated that Project Lonestar would result in the removal of the wetland and upland habitat in their entirety.

On October 14, 2020, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry wrote to TRCA's CEO (**Attachment 3**). The letter states that MNR has requested that consideration of the zoning order be done alongside any negotiated compensation agreement between the municipality, property developer and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in keeping with the principles of TRCA's [Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation](#). The letter, as clarified by MNR staff, states that MNR have done a preliminary review of the report

submitted by the landowner's ecologist and would proceed to review any request for reclassification of the wetland areas. TRCA staff understand that this would involve the landowner's consultant preparing a justification report for the reclassification for MNRF review.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the two municipalities have expressed their strong support of the economic development benefits Project Lonestar would bring. However, TRCA staff cannot recommend the removal of a Provincially Significant Wetland (even through a process of ecosystem compensation) as it is inconsistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and TRCA's Living City Policies. As such, clear Provincial direction is required as to the status of the wetland and support for its removal for staff to proceed with considering the proposal.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has requested that TRCA enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the landowner to proceed with further discussions regarding off-site ecosystem compensation. In the event the wetland is declassified, the compensation, were it to be supported by TRCA's Board of Directors, must include two components, either or both of which could be provided wholly or in part through cash-in-lieu:

- a) replicating, to the extent possible and without significant delay or lag time, the same ecosystem structure and associated level of ecosystem functions of the Natural Areas proposed to be lost; and
- b) replicating the land base of the Natural Areas as close to the Lands as possible, at location(s) outside of but connected to the identified natural system and suitable for replicating the Natural Areas proposed to be lost to make up the loss.

The review would be predicated upon the landowner providing an Ecosystem Compensation Plan prepared by a qualified ecology professional to TRCA.

RATIONALE

Consideration of the removal of such a large wetland is unprecedented under the TRCA's Living City Policies and regulatory authority. As such, staff is requesting authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to continue discussions with the parties further to the Minister's request, or to proceed per the direction the Board of Directors sees fit.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Account codes 110-01 and 110-05 has been established to provide for TRCA's services related to Development Planning and Permit matters.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Staff and internal legal counsel will continue to represent the interests of TRCA during any negotiations with the landowner, Province or municipalities, per the direction of the Board of Directors. Ultimately, if the Province provides clear direction with respect to the status of the wetland and support for its removal, then a TRCA permit will be required under current regulatory authority. A request for direction from the Board of Directors will be brought forward at that time.

Report prepared by: Steven Heuchert, extension 5311

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For Information contact: Sameer Dhalla, extension 5350

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Date: October 21, 2020

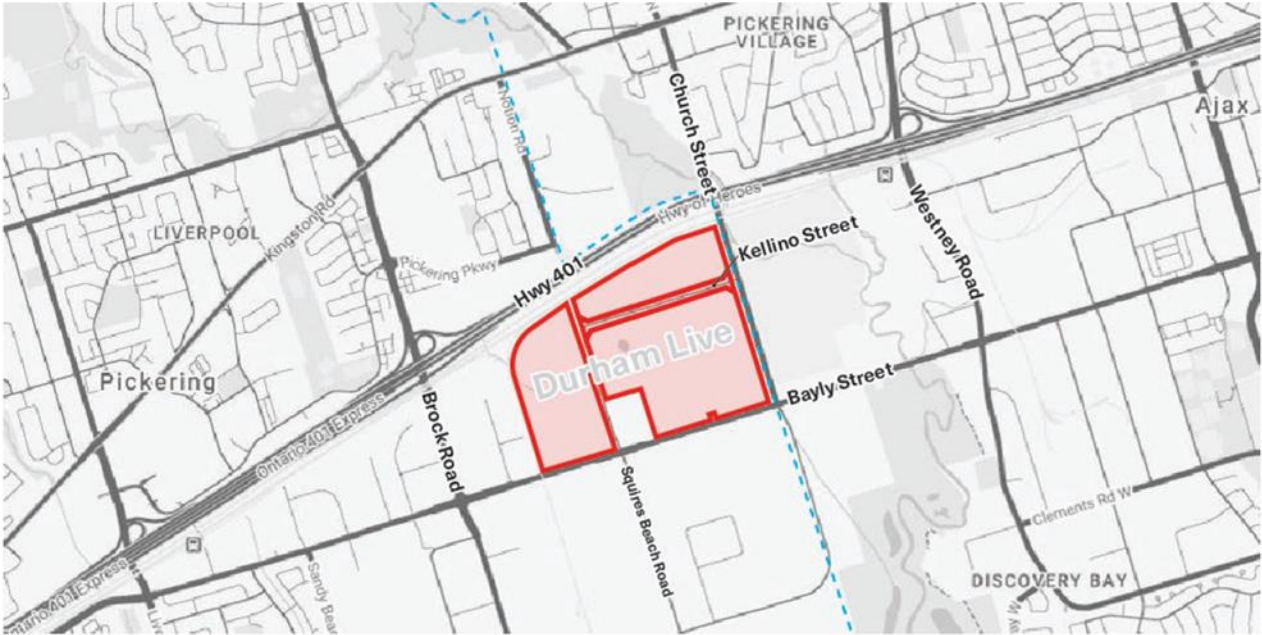
Attachments: 3

Attachment 1: Durham Live Location Map

Attachment 2: Map of Provincially Significant Wetland

Attachment 3: October 14, 2020 Letter from the Minister, Natural Resources and Forestry to TRCA's Chief Executive Officer

Attachment 1: Durham Live Location Map



Source: MGP Planning, Planning Opinion Report, March 2020

**Ministry of Natural
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October 14, 2020

Mr. John MacKenzie
Chief Executive Officer
Toronto Region Conservation Authority
john.mackenzie@trca.ca

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

I am writing this letter regarding the development of Durham Live. As you are aware, both the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering support the development of this substantial regional entertainment complex which would include a world class facility that has the potential to bring 10,000 skilled employment opportunities to Ontario.

The City of Pickering has asked my colleague, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to use his powers under the *Planning Act* to issue a zoning order that would allow for a distribution centre and film production facility on the portion of the site located west of Squires Beach Road.


The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has requested that consideration of the zoning order be done alongside any negotiated compensation agreement between the municipality, property developer and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in keeping with the principles of the [Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation](#).

If Minister Clark issues a zoning order to permit the development of Durham Live, the MNRF is available to assist and support the TRCA to provide scientific peer review of the proposal or any other technical support or facilitation that TRCA requires to move forward. We at MNRF have done a preliminary review of the studies submitted by Beacon Environmental and believe there is merit in reviewing reclassification of the wetland areas west of Squires Beach Road.

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Please contact Sharon Rew, Regional Director, Southern Region, at (705) 755-3235 or sharon.rew@ontario.ca should you have an interest in discussing this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Yakabuski", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sharon Rew, Regional Director, Southern Region, MNRF

Chief Executive Officer



October 28, 2020

Sharon Rew, Regional Director
Regional Director's Office
Regional Operations Division
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, 4th Floor S.
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

Via Email
Sharon.Rew@ontario.ca

Dear Ms. Rew:

RE: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board of Directors request to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) regarding the Provincially Significant Wetland on lands west of Squires Beach Road, Pickering

On October 23, 2020 the attached resolution RES A164-20 (Resolution) adopted by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors was sent to the Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister, Natural Resources and Forestry and others on the distribution list. The resolution responds to the October 14, 2020 letter from the Minister whereby MNR has requested that consideration by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) of the Minister's Zoning Order request for lands west of Squires Beach Road (Durham Live) be done alongside any negotiated compensation agreement between the municipality, property developer and TRCA in keeping with the principles of TRCA's Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation.

The Resolution also responds to a request from MMAH that TRCA enter into an agreement with the property developer to proceed with further discussions regarding ecosystem compensation, by authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement to review a proposal for ecosystem compensation. In the event MMAH issues a Minister's Zoning Order approving Durham Live and MNR reclassifies the wetland on the lands, an Ecosystem Compensation Agreement would be negotiated with the property developer to implement this direction from the Province, subject to TRCA Executive Committee and Board of Directors approval.

The lands contain natural and hydrological features, including a currently designated Provincially Significant Wetland and significant wildlife habitat. The Board of Directors requests that MNR staff consider the ecological value of the site, including the potential presence of endangered and threatened species, hydrological connections and ecosystem functions, during their review of any request to remove the Provincially Significant designation from the wetland. It is further requested that MNR clarify its position on the applicability of ecosystem compensation to a Provincially Significant Wetland.

TRCA staff has provided you with all relevant information we have on the wetland and are available to provide any further assistance to MNR in making its decision on the property developer's request to reclassify the wetland to facilitate the development of Durham Live.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Sameer Dhalla at 416-661-6600 ext. 5350, sameer.dhalla@trca.ca.

Sincerely,



John MacKenzie, M.Sc.(Pl) MCIP, RPP
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure: Correspondence October 23, 2020

cc:

Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services, TRCA
Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning, TRCA
Barbara Montgomery, Legal Counsel, TRCA
Steve Heuchert, Associate Director, Development Planning and Permits, TRCA
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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 13, 2020

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:31 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog attended the meeting at 7:46 PM
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
P. MacArthur, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:32 PM
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: G. Hight, Regional Councillor

Absent: D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
A. Brown, Agriculture Economic Development Program Coordinator
L. Fortuna, Director of Health Protection
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Struna, Manager, Durham Region Health Department
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by G. O'Connor,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on September 15, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentation

A) Protecting the Health of Temporary Foreign Workers during COVID-19: Lisa Fortuna, Director of Health Protection and Sendi Struna, Manager – Durham Region Health Department

Lisa Fortuna, Director of Health Protection and Sendi Struna, Manager, Durham Region Health Department provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Protecting the Health of Temporary Foreign Workers during COVID-19.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Agenda
- Update on COVID-19 Response
- Durham.ca
- Role of Durham Region Health Department/Public Health
- COVID-19 and Farms
- Section 22 Class Order to Temporary Foreign Workers' employers
- Class Order FAQ
- Housing Risk Factors
- Federal/Provincial TFW Supports
- Housing Recommendations
- Alternate Bed Layouts
- Other COVID Prevention Strategies
- Resources
- 2021 Agricultural Season

L. Fortuna stated that with the increase of COVID-19 cases and the second wave, the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is expected to see an increase in workload with respect to:

- Case and Contact Management
- Investigations and Inspections
- Responding to inquiries

- Supporting schools
- Supporting compliance
- Swabbing

L. Fortuna provided a statistical breakdown of the DRHD's COVID-19 response activities as of September 23, 2020 as well as an overview of the Durham.ca website. She advised that in addition to the COVID-19 Data Tracker, there are many other helpful resources available on the site.

S. Struna stated that the role of the DRHD with regards to the pandemic are as follows:

- Management of COVID-19
- Inspection of migrant farm housing accommodations
- Monitor quarantine requirements
- Provide education and information
- Collaborate with other ministries and agencies

She stated that 48,087 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in Ontario from January 15 to September 22, 2020. Of these cases, 1,365 were linked to farms; 22 individuals were hospitalized; and there were 3 deaths reported.

S. Struna advised that a Section 22 Class Order was issued by Dr. R.J. Kyle, Medical Officer of Health, on June 24, 2020 to all owners and operators of agricultural farms in the Regional Municipality of Durham to identify the actions required to comply with the Order; limit work to 1 workplace; outline quarantine requirements; and ensure adherence to public health measures.

S. Struna stated that some of the housing risk factors for foreign workers were congregate living settings; vulnerable populations; and the inability to maintain physical distancing. She stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, housing recommendations have been updated to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as follows: additional housing; private rooms or rooms with fewer occupants; change in furniture placement to allow 2 meter distancing; limits to the number of people sharing a washroom; barriers in sleeping areas; decrease in bed occupancy; avoid the use of bunk beds; and consider different bed layouts. She stated that in addition to the previously stated measures, the following strategies need to also be implemented: communication; active screening; employee attendance policy; cohorting; cleaning and disinfecting of living spaces; and the use of personal protective equipment.

S. Struna stated that due to the pandemic, DRHD has had to review practices to protect and better support agricultural partners. She stated that for 2021, they will be enhancing their inspections process, as well as developing resources to provide operators and temporary foreign workers with better guidelines and measures.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb

S. Jibb advised of the following:

- Provided an update to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on October 6th regarding the Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Project. Details are listed in Report #2020-EDT-8 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development.
- Staff will be supporting Durham Farm Fresh with their annual general meeting in November. The meeting will be hosted through Microsoft Teams.
- Staff will be attending the Durham Federation of Agriculture Regional Meeting next week. There will be a presentation on the Emily Project (Farm 911 Project).

A. Brown advised of the following:

- Ontario Agriculture Week was the week of October 5th. Ten Twitter posts were launched from the Agriculture and Rural Twitter account to promote the agricultural community. There was a lot of engagement and more followers were gained. The Twitter account is a helpful way to push out information to the community.
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) runs a Community of Practice which helps to educate economic developers and planners on agriculture related topics. Staff will be providing a presentation on October 14th.
- Staff is working on creating a Specialty Crop survey to gather information on whether there is an interest in diversifying or trying new crop for a workshop. The workshop will be in partnership with OMAFRA.

B) DAAC Farm Tour Recap – D. Risebrough

Discussion ensued with regards to the Virtual DAAC Farm Tour and the following comments were provided:

- The Virtual Farm Tour was a resounding success;
- There were 150 participants which is almost double the attendance at previous in-person farm tours;
- There were 65 responses received to the survey and the comments provided were positive;

- Would be nice to have a question and answer portion at the future farm tours;
- Need to have discussions with regards to sharing the video for educational purposes; and
- Maybe get the local newspapers involved next time to encourage even greater participation.

6. Information Items

A) Report #2020-INFO-85 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2020 Virtual Farm Tour

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-85 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2020 Virtual Farm Tour, was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

B) DAAC Farm Tour Survey Results

A copy of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Farm Tour Survey Results was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

C) Email to TFW Employers from Durham Health Department

A copy of the email correspondence to Temporary Farm Worker Employers from the Durham Region Health Department was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda and received.

D) Government of Ontario Toolkit

A copy of the email correspondence regarding the Government of Ontario Toolkit was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda and received.

E) Housing for Migrant Workers (Clarington Farmer)

A copy of the email correspondence regarding Housing for Migrant Workers was provided as Attachment #6 to the Agenda and received.

F) Food Industry Worker Day Motion (Ajax)

A copy of the correspondence from the Town of Ajax regarding the resolution passed with regards to Food Industry Worker Day was provided as Attachment #7 to the Agenda and received.

G) Bill 156 Letter & Discussion Paper

A copy of the correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with regards to Bill 156 was provided as Attachment #8 to the Agenda and received.

7. Other Business

A) THEE Farmers Parade of Lights

T. Barrie advised that the THEE Farmers Parade of Lights will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B) Cancellation of the Durham Soil and Crop Annual Meeting

T. Barrie advised that the Durham Soil and Crop Annual Meeting scheduled for January 2021 has been cancelled.

C) Proposed Regulations for Canada's Clean Fuel Standard

Z. Cohoon advised that he has issues with the proposed regulations that were announced in September 2020. He advised that there are concerns for Ontario farmers that the regulations will introduce crop production constraints. It was the consensus of the Committee to form a sub-committee to discuss this further and present more information at the November meeting. The following members volunteered to sit on the Committee: T. Barrie; B. Smith; D. Risebrough; and Z. Cohoon.

D) Future Presentations to Committee

Z. Cohoon requested that members advise of any presentations they would be interested in hearing at future Committee meetings. H. Schillings requested a presentation on regional road improvements.

E) Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

K. Kemp advised that the Canada Emergency Business Account has been extended to December 31, 2020.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by G. O'Connor, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock
K. Murray, Member at Large
B. Shipp, Member at Large

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
M. White, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the agenda for the October 16, 2020 DEAC meeting, as
presented, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
September 17, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Regional Cycling Plan Update, Anthony Caruso, Senior Planner

A. Caruso, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Regional Cycling Plan Update (RCPU).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Background
- 2020 RCPU Phasing
- Project Goals
- Consultation and Engagement
- Revisiting the Primary Cycling Network
 - 2012 Primary Cycling Network (PCN)
 - Primary Cycling Network Progress
 - Local Cycling Network Adoptions
 - Guidelines and Standards
 - Updating and Creating Alignment
 - PCN Consideration 1: Cyclist Types
 - PCN Consideration 2: User Demand
 - PCN Consideration 3: User Conflicts
- RCPU Foundations
 - RCPU Foundations Overview
 - Stakeholder Interviews: SWOT
- Phase 1: First Online Survey Summary
 - MetroQuest Engagement Tool
 - Purpose and Approach
 - Online Survey #1
 - Activity 1 Results
 - Activity 1 Comment Overview
 - Activity 2 Results
- Phase 2: Summer Engagement Activities
 - Summer Public Engagement Activities
 - Second Online Survey – Summary
 - Summer Survey Results – Overview
 - Bicycle Parking Survey
 - Maintenance Survey Results
 - Signage and Wayfinding Survey Results
 - Education & Encouragement Survey Results

- Phase 2: Primary Cycling Network Update & Confirmation
 - Primary Cycling Network Update & Confirmation
 - Sample Analysis
 - Identify and Confirm Facilities
 - Draft Primary Cycling Network
- Phase 2: Regional Cycling Strategies
 - Approach & Considerations
 - Bicycle Parking: Draft Approaches
 - Signage & Wayfinding: Draft Approaches
 - Education & Encouragement: Draft Approaches
 - Maintenance: Draft Approaches
- Conclusion and Next Steps

A. Caruso responded to questions from the Committee regarding the need for strategies that are rural focused and that could help with the design of Northern Durham; whether the cycling surveys include off-road cycling or just on-road cycling; whether there are plans to increase infrastructure on bicycle paths (ie. washrooms), or a more integrated signage plan throughout the Region; whether there is a potential market in Durham for renting bicycles; the importance of increasing driver awareness around cycling; and whether there are any allocations in the roads capital budget to support infrastructure.

A. Caruso advised that he would email A. Luqman the article he referenced during his presentation titled, "Proof: Bike Paths are good for the local economy" so it could be forwarded to Committee members.

6. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Update from Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee

J. Cuthbertson provided an update from the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee. He advised that there is now a final consolidated draft that is available for the Committee to review. A. Luqman will be making final updates to streamline the text, and has requested the subcommittee to begin identifying graphics to include in the guide.

In response to a question from Committee regarding adding the LEAF tree planting program to the guide, A. Luqman advised that it has been included in the guide under the section of what the local municipalities are doing.

B) Terms of Reference Update, re: Student and Youth Members

Detailed discussion ensued regarding student and youth membership on the Committee; whether the educational requirement under Appendix 1, Section 2 of the Terms of Reference should be more specific for applicants; and whether adding a provisional member to fill a student vacancy temporarily would be appropriate.

Moved by M. Thompson, seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to
Regional Council:

That the proposed 2020 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC)
Terms of Reference be amended as follows, and as amended, be approved:

- Under Section 4.4 replace “2-year term” with “3-year term”; and
- Under Appendix 1, B) 2) Education, insert the words “accepted into, or” and “in a”, so the sentence now reads “Members must be accepted into, or enrolled full-time in a College or University program and express an interest in environmental matters”.

CARRIED

7. For Information

A) Commissioner’s Report # 2020-INFO-84 – COVID-19 Travel Behaviour Survey Summary

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-84 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

B) Discussion paper (Government of Canada) – A proposed integrated management approach to plastic products

A copy of the discussion paper (Government of Canada) regarding a proposed integrated management approach to plastic products was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the lack of strategies used in Canada to keep Canada’s waste in Canada; how to address a cultural issue of throwing waste of out a vehicle window; and how Canada decides what to accept into the country and whether that is missing from the discussion paper.

A suggestion was made from the Committee that in order to facilitate transition, ease, and speed with respect to an integrated approach to plastic products, the Region should consider a plastics single point of contact or web portal that would provide advice and direction to businesses and individuals who are looking to make the change from single use plastics to something that is reusable, compostable etc., and that success stories be included in the appropriate regional communications.

Due to the interest from the Committee in a formal response on the discussion paper, A. Luqman advised that should would reach out to the appropriate staff to see if the Region is looking to comment on this paper and if it has already drafted a Regional response.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That Information Items 7A) and 7B) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Meeting (WPCP)

S. Clearwater advised that she attended the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) meeting on September 23, 2020. She advised that there were two excellent, detailed presentations. She suggested that the two presenters be sent an invitation to present at a future DEAC meeting. A. Luqman requested S. Clearwater to forward her the details.

B) Business Arising from the Minutes – September 17, 2020

In response to a question A. Luqman advised that she did send the Committee Ashley Yearwood's presentation but can re-send it. She also advised that the process of putting the ad together for filling a Committee vacancy has been started.

A. Luqman also advised that she emailed J. Cuthbertson the report that showed what direction the Region would be headed, with or without the incinerator, and that she could share it with those who are interested.

C) Proposed Excess Soil Related Regulatory Amendments

G. Carpentier advised that he would forward the proposed excess soil related regulatory amendments to the Committee for them to review, and that the deadline for responses is November 20, 2020.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM through Microsoft Teams.

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Glover, Committee Clerk