



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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November 27, 2020

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9. **Township of Huron-Kinloss** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on November 16, 2020, in support of the Township of Lake of Bays in asking the Provincial government to consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone
10. **Town of Mono** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on November 24, 2020, regarding [Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act \(Budget Measures\), 2020](#), specifically addressing [Schedule 6](#) of the Bill
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2. **Ontario Business Improvement Area Association** – re: Correspondence to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario's Premier Doug Ford on the Opioid Crisis that is deeply affecting communities and urging the Governments of Canada and Ontario to recognize, acknowledge and declare a National Health Crisis (epidemic) and work with Provinces and Municipalities to develop comprehensive, adequately funded drug strategies to address this health crisis in our cities

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) minutes – **November 10, 2020**
2. Special Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) minutes – **November 18, 2020**

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-113
Date: November 27, 2020

Subject:

Update on the Federal Government's Single Use Plastics Plan to Achieve Zero Plastic by 2030

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides an update on federal actions and policy implications regarding the reduction/elimination of single use plastics.

2. Background

2.1 In 2018, the Ocean Plastics Charter was signed by Canada and four other G7 countries pledging to move toward a more sustainable approach of managing plastics.

2.2 Since signing the Ocean Plastics Charter, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) have developed a Canada Wide Strategy for Zero Plastic Waste that includes Phase 1 and Phase 2 Action Plans.

2.3 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), actions to address single use plastics, support for a circular economy and innovative approaches to plastic life-cycle management are included in the Phase 1 Action Plan. CCME is working with stakeholders to develop solutions for single use and disposable plastic items and working to find alternatives to these items that can be implemented nationally.

- 2.4 Information exchange, addressing plastics in water ecosystems, research and global leadership are included in the Phase 2 Action Plan. Promotion of common labelling and consistent use of terms such as recyclable and compostable will support local efforts to properly manage single use plastics.
- 2.5 The federal government is currently conducting the research and consultation necessary to ban some single use plastic products that are considered particularly harmful to the environment.
- 2.6 On October 7, 2020 the federal government announced the next steps in the Government of Canada's plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Previous reports on actions to address single-use plastics, Report #2018-INFO-127 "Single Use Plastics" and Report #2019-WR-1 "City of Vancouver Single Use Items Reduction Strategy", detailed federal and provincial actions on single use plastics and efforts by the City of Vancouver to limit a variety of single-use items.
- 3.2 Report #2020-INFO-79 "Update on Single Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham" detailed federal, provincial, Durham Region and local area municipality actions on single use plastics.
- 3.3 Report #2020-INFO-101 "Proposed Changes to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement" outlined Regional Municipality of Durham staff comments on the proposed changes which align with the proposed packaging ban (restrictions) on single use plastics.

4. Proposed next steps in the Government of Canada's plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030

- 4.1 On October 7, 2020, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) released a "Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution" which presents a thorough scientific review of the occurrence and potential impacts of plastic pollution on human health and the environment.
- 4.2 The assessment notes that current scientific evidence confirms that plastic pollution is ubiquitous in the environment and that macroplastic pollution poses an ecological hazard, such as physical harm to some animals and their habitat. In addition, the current scientific literature also suggests that microplastic pollution

may pose an ecological hazard to some animals, though further research is needed.

- 4.3 On October 10, 2020, the Government of Canada released the discussion paper, “A Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution” and a proposed Order to add “plastic manufactured items” to Schedule 1: List of Toxic Substances of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA).
- 4.4 The discussion paper focusses on banning (or restricting) single use plastic items, where warranted and supported by science, as well as setting the foundation for future action to reduce plastic waste and prevent pollution. Single use plastics that are found in the environment are not often recycled and have readily available alternatives were also considered in the discussion paper.
- 4.5 Using these criteria, the Government proposed banning (or restricting) single use plastics including checkout bags, stir sticks, straws, cutlery, six-pack rings and food container waste made from hard-to-recycle plastics.
- 4.6 In addition to banning (or restricting) the identified single use plastics, the discussion paper proposes improvements to recover and recycle plastics to keep them in our economy, and out of the environment, and to establish recyclable material content requirements in products and packaging.

5. Impact to Region of Durham

- 5.1 Durham Region strongly supports the federal government efforts on plastic reduction, particularly single use plastics.
- 5.2 Reducing single use plastic waste and maximizing the diversion from disposal aligns with the Region’s waste reduction, resource recovery and climate change mitigation goals.
- 5.3 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 aerobic composting system is not suitable for compostable or bio-based plastics substitutes that require a long retention time in the active composting process.

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- 5.4 The use of compostable or bio-based plastics perpetuates the demand for single use items while providing little agricultural benefit in the form of soil nutrients when composted.
- 5.5 When the anaerobic digestion facility is constructed and operational, some alternative package may be suitable for processing, however, portions of the compostable packaging that may have similar characteristics to plastics are likely to be diverted to the residue stream from the anaerobic digestion facility for disposal.
- 5.6 Consumer confusion on products with similar characteristics to plastics may also lead to alternative packaging in the Region's Blue Box program. This has the potential to downgrade the Blue Box material sent for market or may be diverted to the residue stream from the municipal recovery facility for disposal.
- 5.7 Many compostable plastics are labelled as 'certified' compostable. Common certification standards are outdated and do not reflect the operational realities of current composting and anaerobic digestion facilities. Certified compostable plastics that have only been evaluated in a laboratory setting may not fully decompose in municipal operations resulting in contamination of the resulting compost.
- 5.8 The attached letter (Attachment #1) has been prepared for submission to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) as staff comments on the proposed changes. The substantive comments include:
- a. The Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) strongly supports the federal government efforts on plastic reduction, particularly single use plastics.
 - b. National action on single use plastics is necessary to achieve real reductions in their prevalence in the environment.
 - c. Efforts should be made to ensure that items intended to become compost provide benefit to the agricultural fields that become the final receiving site for these materials.
 - d. A national certification standard for compostable plastics that reflects the realities of composting and anaerobic digestion facility operations is needed.
 - e. A national labelling standard for compostable plastics would serve to better educate consumers on the products they purchase and reduce the greenwashing that currently takes place in the marketplace.

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. Environmental Sustainability:

- Goal #1.2 – Increase waste diversion and resource recovery
- Goal #1.3 – Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands
- Goal #1.4 – Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change

7. Conclusion

7.1 The proposed next steps in the Government of Canada's plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030 aim to ban (or restrict) identified single use plastic items and proposes improvements to recover and recycle plastics to keep them in our economy, and out of the environment, and to establish recyclable material content requirements in products and packaging.

7.2 Staff are highly supportive of the single use plastics ban and the six items initially targeted for action. Staff do not support these plastic items being replaced with bio-based or compostable plastics that are equally problematic for their short useful life and for end disposal.

7.3 This report has been reviewed by Legal Services – Corporate Services Department.

7.4 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 November 25, 2020, to Environment and Climate Change Canada

Attachment #2: Link to [A Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution](#)

Attachment #3: Link to [Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 154, Number 41: Order Adding a Toxic Substance to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works



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November 25, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Government of Canada Discussion Paper

**“A Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic
Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution”**

The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) strongly supports the federal government efforts on plastic reduction, particularly single use plastics. These materials are used for short periods of time, are frequently littered and are not commonly accepted in municipal recycling systems due to the difficulty in handling and lack of recycling market. Reducing single use plastic waste and maximizing the diversion from disposal aligns with the Region’s waste reduction, resource recovery and climate change mitigation goals. **National action on single use plastics is necessary to achieve real reductions in their prevalence in the environment.**

The Region is currently responsible for collecting Blue Box recyclables from residents of eight local municipalities. Collected materials are processed at a Region-owned Material Recovery Facility and sold for recycling. The Province of Ontario is implementing full Extended Producer Responsibility for the Blue Box program and the Region is slated to exit the Blue Box collection and processing business in mid-2023 or 2024.

The Region also provides a Green Bin food and organic waste diversion program for residents. Organic material is currently processed at an aerobic composting facility however, a Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility is under development.

Based on these operational factors, Durham Region offers the following comments on the increasing prevalence of compostable or bio-based plastics as substitutes for traditional single use plastics.

The use of compostable or bio-based plastics perpetuates the demand for single use items while providing little agricultural benefit in the form of soil nutrients when composted. Efforts should be made to ensure that items intended to become compost will provide a benefit to the agricultural fields that become the final receiving site for these materials.

Many compostable plastics are labelled as 'certified' compostable. However, common certification standards are outdated and do not reflect the operational realities of current composting and anaerobic digestion facilities. Certified compostable plastics that have only been evaluated in a laboratory setting may not fully decompose in municipal operations and result in contamination of the final compost. **A national certification standard for compostable plastics that reflects the realities of composting and anaerobic digestion facility operations is needed.**

In addition to a national certification standard for compostable plastics, there should also be a national labelling standard for these items. Manufacturers of consumer products that contain compostable plastics should not assume that every municipality into which the products are sold, has the capabilities to manage these items outside of the garbage stream. Compostable plastic products should be clearly labelled to instruct consumers to verify disposal requirements in their municipality. In municipalities that do have the necessary composting capabilities, the package labelling should be supplemented with on-shelf labelling to remove any perceived environmental advantage of one product over the other. **A national labelling standard for compostable plastics would serve to better educate consumers on the products they purchase and reduce the confusion for end-of-life product management.**

Again, Durham Region is highly supportive of the single use plastics ban and the six items initially targeted for action. Durham Region does not want to see these plastic items be replaced with bio-based or compostable plastics that are equally problematic for their short useful life and for end disposal as the petroleum based plastic products they replace.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the discussion paper.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner, Works

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2020-INFO-114
Date: November 27, 2020

Subject:

Report on Opioid Related Deaths During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the report: [*Preliminary Patterns in Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*](#)

2. Background

- 2.1 In June 2020, Ontario's Chief Coroner announced that from March to May 2020 (i.e., the first 15 weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic), opioid-related deaths increased by 25 per cent compared to the median number of deaths per month during the same time period in 2019.
- 2.2 The *Preliminary Patterns in Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic* report, released on November 10, 2020, highlights the rising number of opioid-related deaths during the pandemic and presents factors contributing to the upward trend.
- 2.3 The report was prepared by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN) in partnership with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, Public Health Ontario and Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 [#2019-INFO-14](#): *Developing a Proposal for a Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) in Oshawa*, dated March 1, 2019 and [#2019-INFO-20](#): *Update on a Proposal for a Consumption and Treatment Service in Oshawa*, dated April 5, 2019.
 - a. On March 26, 2019, Oshawa City Council declined to endorse the proposal ([City Council Minutes](#)), therefore ending the proposal process.
- 3.2 Presentation re: *The Opioid Crisis: A Complex, Multifaceted Health and Social Issue*, delivered by Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) staff to Regional Council at the October 23, 2019 meeting (Council Minutes, page 2 to 3).
- 3.3 Notice of motion re: Opioid Overdose Emergency Resolution, carried at the October 23, 2019 Regional Council Meeting (Council Minutes, page 18).
- 3.4 [#2019-INFO-89](#): *Opioid Information Videos to Help Address Stigma*, dated November 29, 2019.

4. Rising Trends in Ontario Opioid-Related Deaths

- 4.1 In Ontario, during the first 15 weeks of the pandemic (i.e., March to May) there were 695 opioid-related deaths, an average of 46 per week. In the 15 weeks leading up to the pandemic, the number of opioid-related deaths was 503, an average of 34 per week. The ODPRN report warns that if the number of opioid-related deaths continues to increase at the weekly pandemic rate for the rest of 2020, there may be 2,271 opioid-related deaths in Ontario this year.
- 4.2 The ODPRN report provides an analysis of opioid-related deaths in Ontario. Analysis highlights include:
 - a. A statistically significant shift towards more opioid-related deaths among men.
 - b. A significant trend towards more opioid-related deaths occurring in neighbourhoods with higher ethno-cultural diversity.
 - c. The largest absolute increases in opioid-related deaths were observed in medium (N=29) and large (N=127) urban centres across Ontario.
 - d. Fentanyl and stimulants (particularly cocaine) were more commonly direct contributors to deaths.
 - e. More deaths were reported among people using drugs alone, outdoors, and in hotel/motel settings.

5. Opioid-Related Deaths by Public Health Unit

- 5.1 The ODPRN report presents data on opioid-related deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic by public health unit (see page 15 of the ODPRN report).

5.2 In Durham Region, there was no significant change in the distribution of deaths before and during the pandemic.

5.3 Public health units that saw statistically significant increases in opioid-related deaths (comparing data before and during the pandemic) include:

- a. City of Hamilton Public Health Services
- b. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- c. Ottawa Public Health
- d. Peel Public Health
- e. Toronto Public Health
- f. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 One of DRHD's priorities over the next few years is to engage key stakeholders, including community partners, service providers and people with lived experience, to update the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#), which supports the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Goal 2: Community Vitality – 2.3 Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

7. Conclusion

7.1 In Ontario, there is a statistically significant increase in opioid-related deaths when comparing data from before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7.2 Opioid-related deaths during the pandemic are not equally distributed among Ontarians. Ethno-culturally diverse neighbourhoods are seeing higher than usual opioid-related deaths, which is the same group of people disproportionately impacted by higher COVID-19 infection and death rates.

7.3 The ODPRN report suggests that factors contributing to increasing deaths may be inadvertently influenced by public health measures that promote physical distancing (e.g., changes to harm reduction/treatment services and other support networks).

7.4 The ODPRN report also suggests there are opportunities to prevent more opioid-related deaths (e.g., by expanding harm reduction services; expanding access to low-barrier opioid agonist treatments; and safer supply of regulated opioids).

- 7.5 Locally, the [Durham Region Opioid Information System](#) (DROIS) provides detailed information on:
- a. Calls to the Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) associated with suspected opioid overdoses, including a map.
 - From January to November 2020, RDPS call numbers were slightly higher with 605 calls compared to 516 calls in 2019 during the same months.
 - b. Weekly and monthly numbers of suspected opioid-related calls.
 - c. Monthly and annual opioid overdose Emergency Department visits.
 - d. Annual number of opioid-related deaths.
- 7.6 The ODPRN report and DROIS will inform discussions with key stakeholders and updates to the Durham Region Opioid Response Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 27, 2020

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 22, 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,

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 22, 2020

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/yygzy9ut>

- High-Dose Influenza Vaccine: Product Availability Update 2 (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5ot7gtq>

- Local seniors urged to contact Durham Public Health about eligibility for Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (Oct 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyntawho>

- Influenza arrives in Durham Region (Oct 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyyex44g>

- Influenza Vaccine: Ordering Process Update (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2hq59rz>

- “What’s Up Doc?” Vol 13, No 3 (Nov 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y259dy2o>

- Area residents invited to participate in the Durham Region COVID-19 Health Survey (Nov 18)

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3wlkhwb>

- Government of Canada extends support program for farmers and processors to protect temporary foreign workers’ health and safety during pandemic (Nov 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyq6rqjf>

- Government of Canada launches Food Waste Reduction Challenge (Nov 19)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/y62toqmr>

- Government of Canada launches consultation on guidelines for simulated meat and poultry products (Nov 3)

Department of Justice Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y48ca28c>

- Government of Canada launches public consultation on the *Privacy Act* (Nov 16)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zbvm4d>

- Government of Canada launches consultations to improve living conditions for temporary foreign workers (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3mpaszu>

- Canadian families to benefit from call for proposals to identify innovative early learning and child care practices (Oct 30)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y32685q6>

- The Government of Canada finalizes regulations to improve air quality and protect human health (Nov 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3e8epny>

- The Government of Canada invests in research on plastic pollution in our environment (Nov 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy9rw5fv>

- Government of Canada charts course for clean growth by introducing bill to legislate net-zero emissions by 2050 (Nov 19)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yy4hl8h4>

- COVID Alert app updated to send more precise notifications (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zpqmeq>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Nov 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3x54y56>

- Government of Canada takes action to support people living with chronic pain (Nov 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4e7mqql>

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

Indigenous Services Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y29ro9ej>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxj9btos>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Nov 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2cgkses>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Nov 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ol3acc>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Nov 20)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yytrk6lw>

- Government of Canada invests in regenerative medicine, genomics research to support Canadians' health (Oct 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5g5r8qh>

- Government of Canada announces funding for research and development to address COVID-19 gaps and challenges (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2v6qm9o>

- New proposed law to better protect Canadians' privacy and increase control over their data and personal information (Nov 17)

Natural Resources Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxpkwbxx>

- Canada Launches Radioactive Waste Policy Engagement (Nov 16)

Prime Minister's Office

<https://tinyurl.com/y5pv7oko>

- New Rapid Housing Initiative to create up to 3,000 new homes for Canadians (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ujs2qr>

- Prime Minister announces new supports for Indigenous peoples and communities (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2c26c6g>

- Connecting all Canadians to high-speed Internet (Nov 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/y35rrrcj>

- Helping Canadians develop the skills they need to find good jobs (Nov 13)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxfyekwm>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 26, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y6g73b3q>

- Government of Canada Announces Partnership with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences to Lead Consultations for the National Autism Strategy (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2n6mcy6>

- Remarks from the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer of COVID-19 (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/yysdbk2t>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on her Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2020 – From Risk to Resilience: An Equity Approach to COVID-19 (Oct 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxnmjap5>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 28, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y37sm78t>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 29, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y6kjmouf>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 31, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/yycsenqw>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 1, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/yyyw3cpu>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 2, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y3s2vo2e>

- Government of Canada announces new mandatory requirements for travellers to Canada (Nov 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyuvp3c2>

- Chief Public Health Officer of Canada Statement on Preliminary Guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) on Key Populations for Early COVID-19 Vaccination (Nov 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy26vsoc>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 4, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ksjxtm>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 5, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/yxenakmv>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 7, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y3bjqvty>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 8, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y3m4re2g>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 9, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y262bteo>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 11, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y3yw5kde>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 12, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y2quwjte>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 14, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ffss5q>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 15, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/y22qrm8y>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 16, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/yyy3xkla>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 18, 2020

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- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 19, 2020

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- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada – World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2020 (Nov 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/yys645a2>

- Government of Canada Recognizes National Child Day and Supports Initiatives to Prevent and Address Child Maltreatment (Nov 20)

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- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 21, 2020

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- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on November 22, 2020

Public Safety Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yyouap77>

- Government extends international travel restrictions (Oct 30)

Public Services and Procurement Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6f9g8s6>

- Government of Canada signs another agreement for COVID-19 antigen rapid tests (Nov 10)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxthj2bq>

- Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada (Oct 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6pxpy87>

- Government of Canada investing in new research projects to improve safe transportation of dangerous goods in Canada (Nov 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2shuptl>

- Minister of Transport issues revised Order to improve rail safety this winter (Nov 6)

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- Statement by Minister Garneau on measures to protect Canadians from the impacts of COVID-19 on the air travel sector (Nov 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2gjx3c4>

- Statement by the Minister of Transport on the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims (Nov 18)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y3wexzba>

- Ontario Recognizes World Children's Day (Nov 20)

Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Job Creation

<https://tinyurl.com/y5c2demk>

- Ontario Supports Production of Face Shields in the Fight Against COVID-19 (Nov 13)

Ministry of Finance

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- Ontario Provides \$500 Million in Funding Allocations to Municipalities (Oct 29)

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- Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover (Nov 5)

Ministry of Health

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- Ontario Moves Public Health Unit Regions into COVID-19 Response Framework to Keep Ontario Safe and Open (Nov 6)

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- Ontario Providing Additional Public Health Support for Peel Region (Nov 9)

Ministry of Infrastructure

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- Ontario Opens COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Municipalities (Nov 17)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

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- Ontario Launches Innovative Solution to Improve Long-Term Care (Oct 30)

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- Province Launching Recruitment Program to Support Long-Term Care Sector (Nov 9)

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- Ontario Investing Additional \$761 million to Build and Renovate More Long-Term Care Homes (Nov 12)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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- Ontario Helps Protect Most Vulnerable People Across the Province (Oct 27)

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- Ontario Helps Boost the Economy and Create Jobs in Durham Region (Oct 30)

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

<https://tinyurl.com/yyzyuf25>

- Ontario Raising Awareness About Accessibility (Oct 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y575rwok>

- Ontario Supporting Inclusive Communities for All Ages and Abilities (Nov 9)

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- Ontario Increasing Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities (Nov 18)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

<https://tinyurl.com/y4syaq3w>

- Avoiding Exposure to Carbon Monoxide in Your Home (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyxc4tag>

- Ontario Release Report on COVID-19 Emergency Measures (Nov 2)

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- Ontario Extends COVID-19 Orders (Nov 20)

Ministry of Transportation

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- Ontario Expands Online Tool to Keep Drivers Safe During Winter (Nov 19)

Office of the Premier

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- Province Proudly Promoting Ontario-Made Products to Spur Economic Recovery (Oct 29)

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- Province Increasing Direct Care for Long-Term Care Residents to Four Hours per Day (Nov 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3bjz43e>

- Ontario Releases COVID-19 Response Framework to Help Keep the Province Safe and Open (Nov 3)

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- Ontario Investing Nearly \$1 Billion to Expand and Improve Broadband and Cellular Access (Nov 4)

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- Ontario Updating COVID-19 Response Framework to Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Nov 13)

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- Ontario Launching New Agency to Centralize Government Procurement (Nov 16)

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- Ontario Expanding Mobile Crisis Services to Respond to Mental Health Emergencies (Nov 17)

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- Ontario Launches Workplace Education and Enforcement Campaigns (Nov 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5fg9vmm>

- Ontario Taking Further Action to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Nov 20)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Addictions and Mental Health Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y5ahamyn>

- Ontario's mental health and addiction leaders respond to Ontario budget (Nov 9)

Canada's Premiers

<https://tinyurl.com/y29bthv5>

- Health care costs are on the rise in Canada and COVID-19 is a new cost driver (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y46vuk6n>

- Premiers Prepare for Meeting with the Prime Minister on the CHT (Nov 13)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

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- Government of Canada invests in COVID-19 border study led by McMaster HealthLabs (Oct 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y53hu8ts>

- Canada leads development of new UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery (Nov 19)

Canadian Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y2zg53yb>

- CMA President statement on rising COVID-19 case numbers: Time for political resolve (Nov 13)

Council of Canadian Academies

<https://tinyurl.com/y3u23q8w>

- Expensive gene therapies raise challenges and opportunities: Expert panel report (Nov 2)

Electrical Safety Authority

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- Electrical Safety Authority offers important safety tips for Ontarians this holiday season (Nov 23)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

<https://tinyurl.com/yy633cbk>

- New Heart & Stroke survey finds majority of people living with heart disease or stroke feel highly vulnerable during pandemic (Nov 12)

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- Ontario should vaccinate newborns for hepatitis B, study suggests (Oct 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y39eefan>

- Risk of death high in alcohol-related visits to ED, new study finds (Nov 23)

McMaster HealthLabs

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- McMaster HealthLabs Releases Interim Report on COVID-19 Study of Arriving International Travellers (Nov 17)

National Research Council Canada

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- Government of Canada invests in research collaborations to generate game changing discoveries (Nov 2)

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- Minister Bains announces extension of Innovation Assistance Program (Nov 6)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

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- NWMO asked to lead development of an integrated radioactive waste management strategy for Canada (Nov 16)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

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- The Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development releases Fall Reports (Oct 27)

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario

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- The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Needs to Lead by Example When It Comes to Protecting Ontario's Environment: Auditor General (Nov 18)

Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages

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- Commissioner of Official Languages urges federal institutions to always respect their language obligations during crisis situations (Oct 29)

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y59mpbqm>

- Information Commissioner releases 2019-20 annual report (Sept 29)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

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- Cadillac Fairview collected 5 million shoppers' images (Oct 29)

Ontario Hospital Association

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- OHA Welcomes Investments in Hospital Sector in 2020 Ontario Budget (Nov 6)

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- OHA Supports Revisions to Provincial COVID-19 Framework (Nov 13)

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- Aggressive Public Health Measures Needed to Safeguard Hospital Capacity and Protect Residents of Long-Term Care (Nov 20)

Ontario Medical Association

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- CMA report reinforces the urgent need to reduce the backlog of medical services (Oct 26)

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- Ontario's doctors welcome budget measures as a step in addressing "pandemic deficit" and say there is more to do (Nov 5)

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- Ontario's doctors urge seniors to get flu shots even if high-dose out-of-stock (Nov 10)

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- New report underscores the positive economic impact of Ontario's doctors (Nov 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4l8feh9>

- Ontario doctors advise Premier Ford to increase restrictions in new COVID framework (Nov 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6nxf327>

- Doctors to Ontarians – Please take COVID rise seriously, stay home and physically distance (Nov 13)

Ontario Power Generation

<https://tinyurl.com/yyndewjz>

- OPG Resumes Planning Activities for Darlington New Nuclear (Nov 13)

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

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- Ontario Shores asks for "A Name A Day" to support a new model for mental health care (Nov 2)

Public Health Ontario

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- PHO Connections (Oct 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6mluk6f>

- New report details opioid-related overdoses in Ontario during COVID-19 pandemic (Nov 10)

Registered Nurses Association of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y367fep2>

- RNAO endorses Bill 13: Time to Care Act and urges government to pass into law promptly (Oct 30)

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- RNAO statement in response to the government's announcement on increasing direct care for long-term care resident to four hours per day (Nov 3)

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- Fall 2020 provincial budget once again leaves vulnerable populations to fend for themselves (Nov 5)

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- RNAO says government's measures too late and insufficient to break the transmission – but we must enact them fully within a COVID-Zero strategy (Nov 20)

Toronto Foundation

<https://tinyurl.com/y338rfbl>

- New Toronto Foundation report reveals devastating toll of COVID-19 ripple effects on Toronto (Nov 12)



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Sent by E-Mail

November 18, 2020

Re: Durham- Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project Update

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held November 16, 2020:

That the Town reaffirms its commitment to the BRT Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project to ensure transit reliability and capacity between Downtown Oshawa and Scarborough Centre;

That the Town is seeking additional technical information on the preferred design for Pickering Village corridor as the area is not designed to handle high volumes of traffic unlike the majority of Kingston Road, and to ensure that this project does not divert traffic onto local roads in an already congested area;

That in addition to the static online PIC#3, Metrolinx holds technical briefings in each of the five pinch point areas (Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough) to provide residents and businesses an opportunity to provide direct feedback and ask questions as each area will be impacted differently;

That Metrolinx CEO Phil Verster provides an update in writing regarding the above requests to Ajax Council through Mayor Collier prior to the end of 2020; and

That this motion be sent Metrolinx, the Region of Durham, Durham Municipalities, MPP Phillips and MP Holland.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3347 or sarah.moore@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

Sarah Moore
Acting Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Mayor S. Collier
Region of Durham
All Durham Region municipalities
MPP R. Phillips
MP M. Holland



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November 19, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the November 17, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Whereas; installing tile drainage is a common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and the benefits of tile drainage for crop productivity, farm efficiency and even for reducing environmental impacts have been studied and are generally well known to farmers; and
Whereas; the Tile Loan Program, authorized by the Tile Drainage Act, provides loans to agricultural property owners to help them finance these tile drainage projects; all tile loans have 10-year terms and repayments are made annually; and
Whereas; the provincial government sets the program interest rate at a competitive level which was reduced from 8% to 6% in the fall of 2004 and the loan limit was also increased from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 at the same time; and
Whereas; interest rates have continued to decline over the years and the cost per acre for tile drainage has increased over the years;
Now therefore; be it resolved that Council request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate on Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000; and that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; MPP Huron Bruce Lisa Thompson; AMO; Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario and Drainage Superintendents of Ontario Association. Carried.
Resolution No. 276/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick

cc MPP Perth Wellington Randy Pettapiece
ROMA

November 16, 2020

Via Email: macdonald@northumberlandcounty.ca

Nancy MacDonald, Clerk
Northumberland County
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Regulations

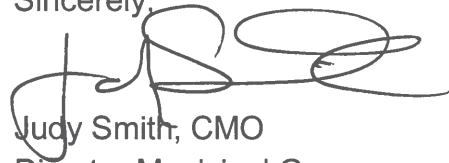
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the County of Northumberland regarding Cannabis Production Regulations.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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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

November 16, 2020

Via Email: gdesjardins@clarence-rockland.com

Guy Desjardins, Mayor
City of Clarence Rockland
1560 Rue Laurier St
Rockland, ON K4K 1P7

Re: Support Resolution for Regulations Governing Retail Cannabis Stores

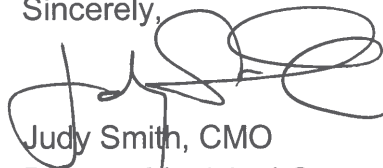
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Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the City of Clarence-Rockland regarding Cannabis Stores.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
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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



Certified true copy

November 16, 2020

Via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Rd
Beamsville ON L0R 1B1

**Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Facilities,
The Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines**

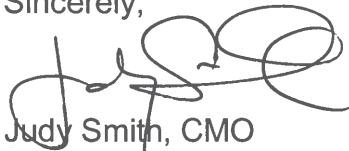
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, The Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
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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

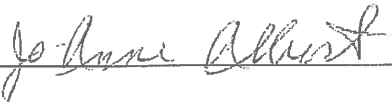
AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities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

Carried

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Mayor



November 16, 2020

Via email: mayor@norfolkcounty.ca

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County
50 Colborne St S.
Simcoe ON N3Y 4H3

Re: Support Resolution for Illicit Cannabis Operations

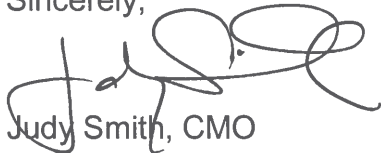
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the County of Norfolk with regard to Illicit Cannabis Operations.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

Res. 6

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
All Ontario Municipalities



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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #722

Motion No. 722

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County and Town of Wasaga Beach in asking that the Provincial government develop tougher laws with larger financial penalties when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the local O.P.P Detachment Commander, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Ministry of Solicitor General, Ministry of the Attorney General, local O.P.P. Detachment Commander AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



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November 23, 2020

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #720

Motion No. 720

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support The City of Clarence-Rockland in requesting the Ministry modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores and to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to 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 FURTHER directs staff to forward this resolution to to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #719

Motion No. 719

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County, the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Municipality of Tweed and Township of Asphodel-Norwood in their request that a governing body be established to regulate cannabis production and to take a unified approach to land use planning and restrictions AND in also requesting to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #723

Motion No. 723

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports the Township of Lake of Bays in asking the Provincial government to consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c. AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



November 25, 2020

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
George Drew Building, 18th Floor
25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229 - Open Letter to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Mono Council unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting of November 24, 2020 and we append a copy of it to this letter. Mono is a member of three conservation authorities – Toronto Region, Credit and the Nottawasaga. We value the services provided – all services but in particular the assistance in making planning decisions that protect our drinking water, that protect us from developing in flood-prone areas and that protect our wetlands and aquifers.

In 2021 Mono will spend \$133,365 on conservation authorities. If we had to hire our own employees – engineers, planners, ecologists, hydrogeologists, foresters, outdoor educational staff, etc. – to do its own work, we would spend much more than \$133,365 for these services.

We were not impressed with Schedule 6 to Bill 229. It undermines the power of conservation authorities to do their job. And we were particularly unimpressed when your government slipped these proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act into a Budget Bill.

We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities.

We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *“the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends*

that Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229.”

Sincerely,

The Council of the Town of Mono

Mayor Laura Ryan

Deputy Mayor John Creelman

Councillor Ralph Manktelow

Councillor Sharon Martin

Councillor Fred Nix

Attachments:

- I. Town of Mono Resolution 6-VC17-2020 passed November 24, 2020

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Sandy Shaw, Critic, Finance and Treasury Board
Ian Arthur, Critic, Environment
Peter Tabuns, Critic, Climate Crisis

Email copies to: NVCA, CVC, TRCA, Canadian Environmental Law Association, AMO & all Ontario municipalities

Resolution #6-VC17-2020

Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Fred Nix

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

AND WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$133,365 that Mono spends on three conservation authorities (1% of budget) is a bargain for the services provided and begs the question as to why Mono would have to enter into three separate agreements for services it now happily receives - without further red tape;

AND WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected;

AND WHEREAS it is sometimes not practical for the Town of Mono to appoint **only** council members (particularly if this excludes mayors and deputy mayors) to each of the three conservation authorities that service our municipality;

AND WHEREAS it has been the Town of Mono's experience with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority that having a chair or vice-chair serve for more than one year has produced experienced individuals;

AND WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

AND WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (i) the Province of Ontario repeal Section 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229), and (ii) that the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;

AND FURTHER THAT while we would prefer that Bill 229, Schedule 6 be repealed in its entirety, Council for the Town of Mono recommends the following amendments (in descending order of importance):

1. Delete the option for a person to appeal to LPAT or directly to the Minister;
2. Maintain the proposed stop work orders and property access;
3. Allow non mandatory programs as deemed advisable by each Conservation board;
4. Allow appointment of a member of the public to the Board and specify 'municipally elected official' rather than 'municipal councillor' which may exclude mayors, and continue to allow board chairs and vice chairs to serve more than one consecutive term.

"Carried"

This motion was passed unanimously.



A People Place, A Change of Pace
SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

November 25, 2020

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
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RE - Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Shelburne Town Council passed the following resolution unanimously at its Council meeting held Monday November 23, 2020:

Moved By Councillor Walter Benotto
Seconded By Councillor Kyle Fegan

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authority's' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and



WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229);
2. THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;
3. THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and



4. THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

CARRIED, Mayor Wade Mills

This motion was passed unanimously.

Thank You

J. Willoughby

Jennifer Willoughby
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Town of Shelburne

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
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Peter Tabuns, Critic, Climate Crisis

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November 18, 2020

Doug Ford, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: Grey Highlands Council resolution re: Bill 229

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the November 18, 2020 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2020-747

Cathy Little, Dane Nielsen

Whereas the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and

Whereas the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

Whereas we, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

Whereas the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise; and

Whereas the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

Whereas these proposed changes will impact Ontario's ability to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change by undermining the work of conservation authorities to keep development out of high risk areas and protect natural infrastructure; and

Whereas municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

Whereas municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority Board should be elected as per the discretion of the conservation authority Board; and

Whereas the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

Whereas conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

Whereas changes to the legislation will create more administrative burden and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

Whereas the combined contribution of municipal levy and self-generated revenues support 93% of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority budget; and

Whereas the Provincial contribution to this budget is 7%, the majority of which is for Drinking Water Source Protection; and

Whereas municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by removing Schedule 6 from Bill 229 which affects changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act; and

That the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns; and

That the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority-municipal budget processes; and

That the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships; and

That the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,



Raylene Martell

Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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November 22, 2020

Prime Minister Trudeau
Premier Ford
Minister Hajdu
Minister Elliott
MP Colin Carrie
MPP Jennifer French
Regional Chair Henry
Mayor Carter
Commissioner Danos-Papaconstantinou
City Manager Paul Ralph
City Clerk Mary Medeiros
Oshawa Council
Durham Regional Council
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Canadian House of Commons

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, Minister Hajdu, Minister Elliott, MP Carrie, MPP French, Regional Chair Henry, Mayor Carter, Commissioner Danos-Papaconstantinou, City Clerk Mary Medeiros, City Manager Paul Ralph, Oshawa Council, Regional Council, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, House of Commons:

SUBJECT: Non-Essential Activity/Travel Demand for hundreds of Property Owners and Business Owners to attend Oshawa City Hall on December 1st 2020 to register for and receive a ballot for a secret vote regarding File: A- 2100

Please help us stop this madness. As property owners and business owners in the Oshawa Business Improvement Area (BIA), we are being forced by Oshawa Council resolution to present ourselves for non-essential activities/travel during COVID-19 in person to register and receive a ballot for a secret vote. The single date for registering and receiving your ballot and casting your vote is December 2nd 2020. This action increases the risk of exposure to myself and all others forced to participate in this fatuous charade. This serious matter is in non-compliance with present health guidelines and measures to keep our population safe.

Council has been actively attempting to dissolve our BIA. This harassment has been going on for approximately one year.

Council made the assertion that Oshawa's BIA is experiencing a downturn due to COVID-19 as justification for their willful actions. In fact, downtown Oshawa has renovated a number of sidewalks, three high density commercial residential buildings are being built, a new hotel opened three years ago, an historic hotel is fully renovated as a residential commercial building, the downtown Oshawa Go Station expansion is nearing its starting point, UHN has announced its expansion of services in downtown Oshawa, another major private corporation has purchased another significant property for immediate expansion and two major buildings on main corner properties are nearing their grand openings. This is **NOT** the profile of an area in a downturn.

As I write this letter, Ontario records 1534 new cases for one day, today. Doctors are predicting a surge in the next two weeks. How can this council expect people to come to city hall for an action that has arisen from baseless claims? It is as though they are bent on eating their young.

This is during time when most of the regions west of us are experiencing very high COVID case numbers and many of our buildings are owned by people in those areas. This council is requiring over 200 people to come to Oshawa. It is reasonable that approximately one-third of those property owners are coming from Toronto, Peel and York regions, based on an assessment I did with an old list of BIA members. This puts the Durham Region at risk by potentially increasing cases here. This action of council clearly falls into the category of non-essential.

We need your clear and swift attention to this matter stopping it and further attempts to dissolve our 47 year old BIA Board of Management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Vaillancourt', written in a cursive style.

Laura Vaillancourt

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Re: Oshawa Central Business District Improvement Area
Balloting Notification Letter to Property Owners

At a meeting on November 10, 2020, Oshawa City Council directed staff to conduct a vote of all members of the O.C.B.D.I.A. in the same manner as an election by casting a secret ballot concerning their opinion of the following motion:

“Whereas Report CNCL-20-169, dated October 16, 2020, concerning a review of the finances, management and operations of Oshawa Central Business District Improvement Area (O.C.B.D.I.A.) reveals extensive governance, management and financial issues; and,

Whereas the current economic state of the area is in a downward trend due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic and the long-term impact is indeterminable at this point in time;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Board of Management and staff of the O.C.B.D.I.A. be directed to work with City staff to fulfill its current obligations and responsibilities and complete an orderly dissolution of the O.C.B.D.I.A. on or before December 31, 2020; and,
2. That By-law 94-74, as amended, be repealed on or before December 31, 2020; and,
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer investigate taking over the activities normally performed by a B.I.A.; and,
4. That staff be directed to report back to Council at its January 25, 2021 meeting.”

Balloting Day

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, you have been identified as a qualified member of the O.C.B.D.I.A. because of your property located at: **18 SIMCOE ST S.**

.../2

This letter serves as your official notice to attend Oshawa City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in order to receive and cast a ballot for this survey.

In order to provide adequate proof of identity, when you arrive to cast your ballot please bring proof of ownership of the above property (i.e. tax bill, deed, etc.)

Determining Membership

The Municipal Act, 2001 defines membership in a business improvement area as persons who are assessed on the last returned assessment roll with respect to rateable property in the area that is in a prescribed business class and business tenants of such property who are required to pay all or part of the taxes on the property.

Tenant Information

In order to ensure all qualified members are provided the opportunity to cast their ballot, the City is also requesting that you use the attached form to provide a list to the City Clerk of each tenant of your property who is required to pay all or part of the taxes on the property and the share of taxes those tenants are required to pay.

Please submit your list(s) of tenants who meet this criteria no later than Friday, November 27, 2020. You may submit the list via email to clerks@oshawa.ca, or may drop it off in the drop box at the Main Entrance of City Hall 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 3Z7.

If you need further assistance concerning this matter, please contact me by email at mmedeiros@oshawa.ca or by telephone at 905-436-3311, extension 2239.

Mary Medeiros
City Clerk



**Property Owner:
List of Tenants**

**Oshawa Central Business District
Improvement Area (O.C.B.D.I.A)**

The purpose of this declaration is to confirm tenancy under Section 204 (4) and (5) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to assist the City Clerk in determining qualified tenants in the Oshawa Central Business District Improvement Area.

Please return this form by 4:30 p.m. on or before Friday, November 27, 2020 by email clerks@oshawa.ca or by mail to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 3Z7.

Property Owner Name:	
Property Roll Number	
Property Address:	

Tenant Business Name	Tenant Contact Name	Unit Number	Share of Tax Tenant is required to pay
			\$
			\$
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			\$

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Information collected on this form is not personal information as defined under provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information is collected under Sections 204(4) and (5) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the purpose of determining qualified tenants in the Oshawa Central Business District Improvement Area.

Lydia Gerritsen

From: Ralph Walton
Sent: November 25, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Lydia Gerritsen; Afreen Raza
Subject: Fwd: OBIAA Resolution for National Addiction Awareness Week

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From: Ontario BIA Association <info@obiaa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 10:14:40 AM
To: Ralph Walton <Ralph.Walton@durham.ca>
Subject: OBIAA Resolution for National Addiction Awareness Week

Digital Main Street Update

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OBIAA Board Resolution

*This morning the **Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA)**, released the following letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario's Premier Doug Ford on the Opioid Crisis:*

While the world comes together in the fight against COVID-19...a fight for our lives, our main streets are also fighting for their very existence. Ontario and indeed all of Canada's main streets are mainly represented by our Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) and are the collective HEART of Canada, showcasing our Heritage, our Economy, our Arts, our Revitalization (or in this case Recovery) and our Tourism.

We thank you for the steps you, and the Canadian Government, have taken during COVID-19. During this focused fight we must not lose sight of the other pandemic that is affecting our lives and the lives of thousands – the Opioid Crisis.

This is why the OBIAA Board stands beside so many municipalities to call for a focus that brings all provinces to develop a National approach on the issues, and why we have adopted this following resolution:

OBIAA BOARD RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS communities across Canada, including the communities represented by the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA), are struggling to deal with the opioid overdose health crisis.

AND WHEREAS OBIAA acknowledges the efforts currently being undertaken by the Provincial and Federal Governments, but also acknowledges that these efforts are failing in reducing the number of overdoses and overdose deaths.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OBIAA urges the Governments of Canada and Ontario to recognize, acknowledge and declare a National Health crisis (epidemic) and work with Provinces and Municipalities to develop comprehensive, adequately funded drug strategies to address this health crisis in our cities.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Canada's Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care, and Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

OBIAA believes that by taking the initiative to facilitate, collaborate and build partnerships to tackle visible, street-based concerns, we are investing in the economic competitiveness of our neighbourhoods and commercial districts.

Our BIAs can help. We want to help to develop and deliver the solutions in the community.

There is a need to have a “National Strategy” on Mental Health and Addiction that will help address the issues within our communities that connect all (3) three levels of Government. The Urban Issues paper (<https://downtown.org/ida-canada/>), created by the Canada IDA organization, echoes this request: Establish a National Task Force on the national and growing opioid crisis. The task force should focus on creating coordinated funding and solutions to mitigate the causes and effects of addiction

Throughout this pandemic, the Opioid crisis continues and are deeply affecting our main streets.

If we do not focus on this, the COVID recovery process will be hampered. Therefore, if there was ever at time to create a National approach to the Opioid crisis it is now.

Sincerely,
OBIAA Board of Directors

ABOUT OBIAA:

OBIAA is the network that represents unique and vibrant BIAs across Ontario. The Association, incorporated in 2001, supports and advocates on behalf of its members through the building and nurturing of strong relationships and partnerships. OBIAA is a leader in the development and sharing of information,

tools, resources and best practices, and is the ONE voice on common issues.

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LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

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Return on Investment of **BIAs**

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 10, 2020

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:35 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair, attended the meeting at 8:13 PM
T. Barrie, Clarington
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
B. Howsam, Member at Large
P. MacArthur, Oshawa
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
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
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
B. Smith, Uxbridge
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
A. Brown, Agriculture Economic Development Program Coordinator
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and Economic Development
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Committee Chair, T. Watpool chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. O'Connor, Seconded by F. Puterbough,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on October 13, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Discussion Items

A) Introductions: New Staff Liaison – Mike Scott, Project Planner

K. Allore-Engel announced that she has moved into a new role with the Planning and Economic Development Department and advised that M. Scott, Project Planner will be the Committee's new staff liaison. M. Scott introduced himself and provided the Committee with an overview of his work experience.

B) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb advised of the following:

- Staff will be working on hosting a few annual general meetings for Durham Farm Fresh and Durham Farm Connections on the Microsoft Teams platform.
- Staff is supporting Durham Farm Connections with their re-branding initiative. A survey will be sent out in the near future to obtain input on the re-branding process.
- Staff is supporting the Works and Finance Departments with rolling out the Farm 911 Program (the Emily Project). They are encouraging people to contact their local municipality to get address signage for rural properties or more information.
- Staff is working with Durham Farm Fresh on a shop local initiative for the holiday season. This will be done through a series of videos with Durham Farm Fresh members and will offer some education around local products that are available throughout the winter season.

- Staff is supporting the rural municipalities of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock by offering the tools needed to encourage and promote agriculture as an economic driver in their community. They are in the process of developing an agri-food profile for Uxbridge.

A. Brown advised of the following:

- Staff is working with OMAFRA on a Speciality Crops Workshop. A survey was released to gather input from the agricultural community about crops of interest.
- Staff is working on a Mental Health Workshop for farmers this winter.
- Staff is working on a Succession Planning Workshop in partnership with Farm Credit Canada. More information will be available at the next meeting.
- Staff held an Information Night with Durham Health for the Durham Region employer of temporary foreign workers to get an opportunity to speak with Durham Health and address any concerns. There was great feedback and staff is looking to continue the conversation with another information session.
- Staff is working on highlighting existing agricultural career opportunities for Grade 10 high school students.
- The Municipality of Clarington is working on an on-farm special events by-law and will provide more information as it becomes available.

C) Clean Fuel Sub-Committee Update – D. Risebrough

D. Risebrough stated that Environment and Climate Change Canada is proposing a Clean Fuel Standards as part of the next phase of carbon tax reduction. He stated that the Ministry has released some pre cursors to the proposed land use regulations which has brought forward a number of concerns.

D. Risebrough stated that the subcommittee met on October 27th to review various documentation with regards to the policy, one of which was a PowerPoint presentation released by Environment Canada on September 2, 2020. The subcommittee also received a presentation from Grain Farmers of Ontario.

D. Risebrough stated that the subcommittee has 3 areas of concern as follows:

- the certification requirements of the proposed Clean Fuel Standards;

- the suggested set-back requirement from riparian zones and water bodies; and
- previously protected areas (ie. lands that have been cleared).

He stated that although there are concerns, the final proposed regulations have not yet been released and until they are, there is nothing to respond to. He advised that the subcommittee's recommendation is that the DAAC committee wait until there is more information on the proposed regulations before commenting.

Discussion ensued with regards to the possibility of writing to the Durham MPs to advise that DAAC will be requesting substantial time for comment on the topic. It was the consensus of the committee to not take any action until the release of further information by Environment Canada. It was stated that the draft regulations are anticipated to be released for comment by the end of 2020.

K. Allore was asked what other regions or municipalities are doing with regards to the issue and she advised that she will reach out to Janet Horner of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance for some feedback to be reported back at the next meeting.

D) DAAC Farm Tour Award Submissions: Economic Developers Council of Ontario, Awards of Excellence and Durham Farm Connections, Celebrate Agriculture

K. Allore-Engel advised that she has received great feedback on the Virtual Farm Tour that was held this year. She advised that there has been a lot of inquiries from different organizations with regards to how everything was pulled together. She further advised that staff has worked together to enter the video for the following awards: Economic Development Council of Ontario (EDCO); Award of Excellence; and Durham Farm Connections - Celebrate Agriculture.

K. Allore-Engel thanked Councillor Highet for his letter of support and advised that a letter of support was also provided by Janet Horner of The Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance for the Durham Farm Connections entry.

E) DAAC Farm Tour Video Requests

At this time Z. Cohoon attended the meeting and chaired the meeting.

K. Allore-Engel stated that there has been a lot of interest in the Virtual Farm Tour video and has received inquiries from Municipality of Clarington staff, The Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, Farm Connections, and School Boards. She inquired what the committee's thoughts were with regards to sharing the video to some of the groups.

Discussion ensued with regards to the importance of not having the video streamed on social media sites and that it only be made available by request. It was also discussed that since the video showcased farms belonging to T. Watpool and H. Schillings, that their approval be sought before sharing the video.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by P. MacArthur,
That any sharing of the 2020 DAAC Virtual Farm Tour video be specially approved by T. Watpool, H. Schillings and Z. Cohoon, the Chair of DAAC.

CARRIED

Permission was then sought to share the 2020 DAAC Virtual Farm Video in a password protected format to Economic Development Council of Ontario; Durham Farm Connections; the Golden Horseshoe Food Farming Alliance; and Clarington Agricultural Advisory Committee.

5. Information Items

There were no Information Items.

6. Other Business

A) Share the Road Signage

D. Risebrough stated that Share the Road signage in Scugog has changed and seems to be losing its effectiveness. K. Allore-Engel advised that there will be a presentation from the Works Department at the January DAAC meeting and suggested that this issue be brought up at that time.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM.

8. Adjournment

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by T. Watpool,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Special Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

A special meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Rocoski, Oshawa, Chair
W. Bracken, Clarington
S. Elhajjeh, Clarington, Vice-Chair
T. Farrell, Brock
K. Meydam, Clarington
H. Sukhu, Clarington
***all members of the committee except G. Rocoski participated electronically**

Absent: W. Baszyk, Brock
A. Burrows, Ajax
C. McLean, Ajax

Non-Voting Members

Present: A. Burke, Senior Planner, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington
Councillor Janice Jones, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
Councillor Joe Neal, Regional Councillor
M. Neild, Facility Manager, Covanta

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director, Waste Management Services
A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
L. Malyjasiak, Works Technician 3, Waste Services, Works Department
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Administrative Matters

A) Discussion on Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan (2021 to 2040)

A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services, provided a summary of the progress of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) to date and next steps.

A. Porteous advised that consultation has been ongoing throughout 2020. She advised that beginning in April, Works staff reached out to Regional departments, local area municipalities, various advisory committees, and the public for input. She also advised that public consultation was made available through an online survey that began in August and closed on November 8, 2020 and that staff received just under 2100 responses. She further advised that a virtual Town Hall meeting was held on November 5, 2020.

A. Porteous stated that next steps will be to review all of the comments received over the numerous consultation points. Staff will take that information and review the draft vision and objectives of the LTWMP, and a draft framework will be presented to the Works Committee and Regional Council for approval with a target date of early 2021. Following Committee and Council approval, the next step will be to draft the waste plan, as well as a 5-year action plan throughout 2021. She advised that once the draft documents are complete, consultation will begin again (mid 2021), and staff will re-visit items based on what input is received from the various consultation points. She further advised that final approval of the plan is targeted for early 2022.

G. Anello advised that every 5 years Works staff will re-visit the action plan, revise it if necessary, and provide a new 5-year action plan. He pointed out that the vision, goals, guiding principles, objectives, targets and action plans of the LTWMP are all complementary of each other; one does not stand by itself.

In response to a question, A. Porteous advised the Committee that the following themes have been identified during the review of the comments:

- Overall good support
- Reduce and reuse are strong themes in the plan
- Multi-residential buildings and making sure there are good programs and waste diversion services for those in multi-residential buildings

- Increased/continued education and promotion as well as enforcement
- Single use plastics and making sure we are in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the importance of highlighting reduction and reuse within the four guiding principles of the LTWMP. Concerns were raised that a lifecycle analysis has not been completed and that toxic reduction should be investigated and stated clearly in the guiding principles. The Committee discussed the importance of revising the guiding principles as they would be fundamental to the direction of the LTWMP.

G. Anello advised that the Committee's comments and suggestions would be included in the record of consultation with an explanation as to why something was included or excluded. He also advised that reduce and reuse is a major objective within the promotion and education (P&E) project, with \$600,000 being dedicated to P&E. He also noted that the reduction of food waste is another major objective.

G. Anello advised that staff were guided by the overarching guiding principles of the Region's strategic plan initially and that after the Special EFW-WMAC meeting on July 15, 2020 where concerns were raised regarding the LTWMP's guiding principles, staff added a question to the online survey with respect to the guiding principles.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to increase enforcement, reduce the number of overall garbage bags allowed per household, as well as the use of clear plastic bags to minimize the impact on the system itself. Emphasis was made that reducing the amount of waste to be managed is extremely important and in doing so, will protect and improve the air and water quality.

Discussion also ensued regarding the single use plastics piece missing from the LTWMP and G. Anello reminded the Committee that Report #2020-INFO-79: Update on Single Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham was circulated to Regional Council in August 2020.

With respect to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), G. Anello advised that the Province has extended the blue box materials to include many of the single-use plastics. He advised that the biggest challenge with banning the use of some single-use plastics would be around the authority that rests with each level of government.

In response to a question regarding the lack of specific information on the LTWMP available, G. Anello clarified that once an outline for the

LTWMP is established it will be presented to the Works Committee and Regional Council for approval. Once that approval is received staff can begin populating the outline with more details and specifics. He advised that staff are now reviewing the online survey results and how those comments might modify the vision, guiding principles, and objectives of the LTWMP. Concerns were raised that the LTWMP development was approved by Regional Council in January 2019 and decisions were made without the proper consultation.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the applicability of measuring toxicity load; and whether the Region has the authority to measure and enforce toxicity, if other levels of government are involved.

Moved by W. Bracken, Seconded by K. Meydam,
That the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee recommends to the Works Committee for approval:

That the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) guiding principles be amended as follows:

- A) That an additional guiding principle be added as the first principle that states that the priority of the plan is to improve reduction and reuse; and
- B) That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.

CARRIED

Concerns were raised regarding the LTWMP's mission statement and its heavy emphasis on maximizing diversion of waste and developing ways to use waste as a resource.

Moved by W. Bracken, Seconded by K. Meydam,
That the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Works Committee for approval:

That the following list of suggested actions be forwarded to Works staff during the consideration of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP):

- Clear bag policy
- Single use plastics
- Increased enforcement
- Increased education (including a list of pros and cons for every kind of waste management decision)

- Providing details on cost
- Benefits of mulching
- Setting reduction targets and making those widely known to the public.

CARRIED

Clarification was given regarding the order of steps that need to occur for the development of the LTWMP. G. Anello advised that increasing enforcement as stated in the above motion would be an action that would need to be associated with a certain objective. He advised that there will be targets associated with the 5-year action plans and how the Region would meet those targets.

In response to a question regarding putting together examples of how to meet the LTWMP objectives, G. Anello advised that once the outline is approved by Regional Council, staff can begin drafting the LTWMP, and further to that, the 5-year action plans. He advised that the action plans are developed first and would then be used to inform the budget.

4. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

5. Adjournment

Moved by T. Farrell, Seconded by K. Meydam,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

G. Rocoski, Chair, Energy from Waste –
Waste Management Advisory Committee

S. Glover, Committee Clerk