



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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1. Township of Pickle Lake – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 9, 2021, in support of the Township of Conmee as they lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections
2. Municipality of Calvin - Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 9, 2021, endorsing legislated sick leave and calling on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status
3. City of Owen Sound – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 15, 2021, in support of the resolution passed by the Municipality of West Grey regarding municipal insurance rates
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5. Town of Cochrane – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 23, 2021, regarding the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

1. **Resident of Norfolk County** – re: Correspondence to Durham Region Council and staff, advising of an invitation by Health Canada for Canadians and Municipalities to share their perspectives on the factors that may be considered for refusal or revocation of a cannabis registration on public health and public safety grounds

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-36  
Date: April 1, 2021

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**Subject:**

2020 Annual Water Pollution Control Plants Performance Report

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides a copy of the 2020 Annual Water Pollution Control Plants Performance Report and is available on the Region of Durham's [website](#). The annual performance report includes a summary of each water pollution control plant including test results from the reporting period, treatment descriptions, summary of major maintenance and regulatory compliance measures.

**2. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

2.1 The operation of water pollution control plants in the communities within the Region of Durham protects the water environment and this report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability

- 1.3 Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment including green space, waterways, parks, trails and farmland

b. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being

c. Goal 5: Service Excellence

- 5.1 Optimize resource and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
- 5.2 Collaborate for a seamless service experience
- 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

**3. Conclusion**

3.1 The 2020 Annual Water Pollution Control Plants Performance Report is available to the public on the Region of Durham's website.

3.2 For additional information, contact: Tavis Nimmo, Supervisor, Technical Support, at 905-668-7711, extension 3737.

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2021-INFO-37  
Date: April 1, 2021

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## **Subject:**

Update on the Region of Durham's application to the Ministry of Long-Term Care to build a new 200-bed Long-Term Care Home in North Pickering

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## **Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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## **Report:**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides an update on the status of the Region of Durham's application to the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) to build a new 200-bed Long-Term Care Home in North Pickering and describes the next steps.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on June 26, 2019, Regional Council authorized the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to sign the application to the then Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to build a new 200-bed Long-Term Care Home in North Pickering.
- 2.2 For many years now, long-term care homes across Durham Region have been experiencing capacity pressures, which the pandemic served to further strain. As of March 23, 2021, there were 3,328 individuals on the first choice wait list for admission to long-term care (LTC) in Durham Region. The average annual placement is only 923 beds per year in Durham Region. Because of long wait times for admission to LTC, people are waiting in hospitals or in alternate level of care beds before moving to an open bed in an LTC home.
- 2.3 The Ontario Government has made a commitment to add 30,000 new LTC beds in the next decade.

- 2.4 On November 20, 2020 the Ontario Government announced it is committing to an average of four hours of direct care per day for long term care residents with targets to achieve this standard by 2024-2025.
- 2.5 On March 18, 2021, the Ontario Government announced a further investment of \$933 million in 80 new LTC projects to add 7,510 new spaces and upgrade 4,197 spaces.
- 2.6 Dr. Merilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, in a communication (March 18, 2021) to Regional Chair John Henry, advised that the Ministry of Long-Term Care will allocate 200 long-term care beds to the Regional Municipality of Durham – North Pickering Project, subject to the approval by MLTC of the project and meeting all the conditions and requirements as set out in the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 with respect to the licensing and operation of the beds, and other conditions to be stipulated by the ministry.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 Report #2019-SS-7, Application for New Long-Term Care Beds to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

### **4. Next Steps**

- 4.1 On March 23, 2021, Brian Pollard, Assistant Deputy Minister, MLTC wrote to Regional Chair Henry providing details regarding the applicable conditions, requirements, and next steps further to the March 18, 2021 communication from Minister Fullerton.
- 4.2 The allocation of the 200 LTC beds to the Region of Durham is subject to further approval of the application by the Ministry, entering into a Development Agreement and satisfying all Ministry licensing review requirements. The project will be eligible for capital funding from the Ministry.
- 4.3 The Assistant Deputy Minister's letter requires a duly authorized sign-back by the Durham within ten business days of the date of the letter in order to continue the Ministry review of the application. Regional staff will ensure the deadline is met.
- 4.4 Ministry staff will continue their review of Durham's application and be in touch with Regional staff to follow up in greater detail.
- 4.5 With approval of the application for a new 200-bed LTC home by the Ministry a business case will now be prepared in consultation with the departments of Finance and Works and a report seeking approval to proceed with the development of a new 200 bed LTC home in North Pickering will be prepared for Regional Council.

**5. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 5.1 This report aligns with Goal 2, Community Vitality, Objective 2.4, Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery:
- a. The provision of a new Long Term Care Home by the Region of Durham will help address the requirement for additional long-term care beds given the current wait lists, the projected increase in seniors' population and the need for safe and modern living spaces for the vulnerable LTC population that has been made evident by the current pandemic.

**6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 The Region of Durham has a long history as a stellar care provider and Regional homes are a preferred choice for many residents.
- 6.2 A business case will be prepared, and a report brought forward to Regional Council seeking approval to proceed further.
- 6.3 For additional information, contact: Laura MacDermaid. Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, at 905 668-7711, extension 2704.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou  
Commissioner of Social Services



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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Report: #2021-INFO-38  
Date: April 1, 2021

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**Subject:**

Open Cities Index 2020 – Durham Region Moves Up 3 Spots to 14<sup>th</sup> Overall in North America

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Corporate Services – Information Technology initiated an Open Data Portal for municipalities, residents, and business to utilize data available from the municipal sector. The Open Data program at the Region continues to grow and expand. As part of this initiative the Region participates in an annual review to ensure we are expanding, growing, and enhancing the delivery of service.
- 1.2 After the 2020 review this report outlines the results for Durham Region.

## 2. Background

### Open Cities Index Results

- 2.1 The Open Cities Index (OCI) is a public sector benchmarking initiative to measure the maturity of public sector organizations' open data programs. It is maintained by Public Sector Digest (PSD), a research, consulting and software company, in consultation with open data leaders to ensure the survey is relevant for today's open data programs. Open data is foundational to municipal innovation efforts and is a mechanism to uphold transparency and accountability in government. The OCI survey serves to audit those initiatives.
- 2.2 Since launching the Regional Open Data program, Durham Region has participated in the OCI survey each year it was available (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020). OCI was not available in 2018 allowing for PSD to complete a more extensive consultation process.
- 2.3 For 2020 Durham Region rose 3 spots in the OCI results from 17<sup>th</sup> in the 2019 survey, to earn 14<sup>th</sup> overall – in North America. The scoring breakdown was as follows:
  - a. Overall Score 41.80% (average was 34.9%)
  - b. Readiness Score 55.30% (average was 40.1%)
  - c. Implementation Score 35.40% (average was 29.3%)
  - d. Impact Score 26.8% (average was 35%)
- 2.4 The overall points percentage for Durham has increased from 37.37% in 2019, to 41.8% in 2020.

### Open Data Program at Durham Region

- 2.5 In 2016, Durham Region launched the Open Data Program, growing from a basic website and only a few datasets, to a robust portal and a significant growth in data available.
- 2.6 The Open Data Policy was put in place in 2017, which led to the formation of our Open Data Team. This team oversees the efforts of our open data program, helping to establish a data approval process and review potential candidates to be published as open data. The team is comprised of staff from Corporate Services (Information Technology, Legal Services, and Legislative Services), Health (Privacy), and the CAO's Office (Policy).
- 2.7 Points gained in 2020 were due to an increased number of datasets available on the portal. This will be a key focus for 2021 as well.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 2019-INFO-94 dated December 20, 2019 re. Open Cities Index 2019 – Durham Region “Most Improved Municipality”.

### **4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 5: Service Delivery. Objective: To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.
    - 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

### **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 That Regional Council receive this report for information.

### **6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: PSD Citywide Press Release: North America’s Top 20 Most Open Cities Announced, dated March 18, 2021

Attachment #2: Open Cities Index 2020 Award Certificate for Durham Region, dated March 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.  
Commissioner of Corporate Services

## North America's Top 20 Most Open Cities Announced

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**London, ON, March 18th, 2021** — Today, PSD announces North America's Most Open Cities with the City of Edmonton, Alberta maintaining their number one spot for the fifth consecutive time. Next, Ottawa, Ontario moves into the second place spot, with Winnipeg, Manitoba coming in third. All top 3 organizations achieved excellent scores and made great strides this year in all three competency categories.

This year's Most Improved overall is the City of Coral Gables, Florida with an impressive jump from 30th place to 9th overall, with Canada's Most Improved being Region of Peel's jump from 29th place to 17th place.

In 2015, PSD launched the Open Cities Index (OCI)—Canada's first benchmarking study for municipal open data initiatives—and has expanded to invite organizations from all over North America. This tool provides a way for local governments to measure the maturity and performance of their open data programs while providing insight on how they can improve. With open access to public sector data becoming increasingly important through legislation and public demand, the OCI aims to push the conversation forward.

In the 2020 iteration of the OCI, questions were asked in three competency categories: Readiness, Implementation, and Impact. The OCI has evolved to include the data that everyone around the globe is most concerned about right now—COVID-19. This year, a new dataset category was added specifically to gather data on how municipalities have adapted to share COVID-19-related data with their community and external organizations.

In total, 41 organizations across North America participated with an increase of respondents in the United States. In the top 20, six Canadian provinces are represented as well as two US states.

“Through the years we've been conducting the OCI, we've had the privilege of watching municipalities grow and improve their open data programs. Not only that, with the increase in participation it's become clear that public sector organizations value transparency more than ever and are ready and willing to put in the work,” says Matthew Dawe, Vice President of PSD. “With COVID-19 still such a big concern, it's never been a better time for those organizations to make sure their citizens have easy, open access to data.”

PSD congratulates all participants of this year's Open Cities Index on taking the steps to improve transparency and look forward to new and returning participants in the 2021 OCI survey to be announced later this year.

[Learn more and view the full report here.](#)

### Top 20 Most Open Cities

2020 Rank (2019 Rank*)	Organization Name	Country	Prov/State	Total %
1 (-)	City Of Edmonton	Canada	AB	98.40%
2 (+1)	City of Ottawa	Canada	ON	97.60%
3 (-1)	City of Winnipeg	Canada	MB	96.30%
4 (-)	The City of Calgary	Canada	AB	83.70%
5 (-)	Ville de Montréal	Canada	QC	81.50%

## North America's Top 20 Most Open Cities Announced

6 (+1)	Halifax Regional Municipality	Canada	NS	69.00%
7 (-1)	City of New Westminster	Canada	BC	68.20%
8 (+1)	City of Mississauga	Canada	ON	51.60%
9 (+5)	City of Burlington	Canada	ON	50.20%
9 (+21)	City of Coral Gables	USA	FL	50.20%
11 (+4)	City of Victoria	Canada	BC	48.40%
12 (+1)	City of Brandon	Canada	MB	44.70%
13 (*)	City of Los Angeles	USA	CA	43.90%
14 (+3)	Durham Region	Canada	ON	41.80%
15 (+10)	City of Greater Sudbury	Canada	ON	39.20%
16 (+8)	Strathcona County	Canada	AB	32.10%
17 (+12)	Peel Region	Canada	ON	31.10%
18 (*)	City of Waterloo	Canada	ON	30.30%
19 (+7)	District of North Vancouver	Canada	BC	28.20%
20 (+7)	District of Squamish	Canada	BC	26.60%

\*(-) same rank as 2019, (+#) ranks increased, (-#) ranks decreased, (\*) new participant

**For more information or to set up an interview, send an email request to our communications coordinator.**

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### About the OCI:

The OCI measures the maturity of open data programs in municipalities and other public sector organizations using a standardized annual survey. First launched in 2015, the OCI has helped government organizations build awareness and capacity related to open data programming—generally understood as the publication of government data sets to be accessed freely by the public.

### About PSD:

PSD Citywide empowers local governments of all sizes with infrastructure asset management, budgeting, and GIS solutions. Our web-based software has been implemented by more than 500 municipalities across Canada to modernize asset management, maintenance management, permitting, budgeting, and GIS. PSD created the OCI to address a gap noticed in several municipalities in regards to how asset management and budget data is communicated. Our aim with this project is to help municipalities better engage with their citizens and create more transparency moving forward.

# OPEN CITIES INDEX AWARD WINNER 2020

This Document Acknowledges that:

# Durham Region

HAS RANKED

# 14<sup>TH</sup>

PRESENTED BY:

PSD | CITYWIDE

*Matthew Dawe*

MATT DAWE, VICE PRESIDENT

MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

DATE

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2021-INFO-39  
Date: April 1, 2021

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the March 15, 2021 meeting and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report summarizes the decisions on consent applications made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to By-law 19-2020 and decisions made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meeting of March 15, 2021 (see Attachment #1). The applications approved by the Commissioner are deemed to be non-controversial in that no comments or concerns were raised during the circulation process. All approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. For the applications approved by the Land Division Committee, no appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are recommended.
- 1.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 This is a monthly report which tracks Land Division application activity.

**3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

**4. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart from the March 15, 2021 Meeting and Consent Decisions Made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development





## Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, March 15, 2021 and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, April 06, 2021

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 149/2019	Farmer, David	Part lot 9, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 10,115 m2 commercial parcel of land, retaining a 10,236.42 m2 commercial parcel of land with an existing structure to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 082/2020	Furlan, Fabio	Part lot 28, Conc. 6 Twp. of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a 1,298 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,266 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 008/2021	Wagner, Glenn Theador Wagner, Carolyn Ann	Part lot 28, Conc. 6 Twp. of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 541 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 648 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 028/2021	Parker, Pat Parker, Steven	Part lot 28, Conc. 5 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 2,237 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 7,056 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 029/2021	McFeeters, Dale	Part lot 3, Conc. 12 Twp. of Brock	Consent to sever a 0.405 ha rural residential lot with a surplus farm dwelling, retaining a vacant 22.225 ha agricultural parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner

<b>LD File Number</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature of Application</b>	<b>Regional Official Plan</b>	<b>LDC Decision</b>
LD 030/2021	Edwards, Dan	Part lot 19, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a 4,991 m2 blanket easement in favour of the lands to the west, retaining a 12,240 m2 residential parcel of land with existing buildings to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 031/2021	Carkner, Deborah	Part lot 31, Conc. BF City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 835.9 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 2,875.1 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 032/2021	Carkner, Deborah	Part lot 31, Conc. BF City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 835.9m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 2,039.2m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 033/2021	Thorndyke, Wendell Eliot	Part lot 8, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to add a vacant 54.72 m2 residential parcel of land to the east, retaining a 2,145 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 034/2021	Martin, Scott	Part lot 8, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 0.1 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling, retaining a 2-ha institutional parcel of land with a place of worship to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 035/2021	Dorani, Walid	Part lot 23, Conc. 6 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 1,241 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,135 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

<b>LD File Number</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature of Application</b>	<b>Regional Official Plan</b>	<b>LDC Decision</b>
LD 036/2021	GHR Investment Corp	Part lot 34, Conc. 1 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 533.4 m2 residential parcel of land retaining 1,191.4 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 037/2021	GHR Investment Corp	Part lot 34, Conc. 1 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 607.2 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 584.2 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 038/2021	Molinaro, Cesare	Part lot 31, Conc. Range 3 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 929.11 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 4,639.60 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 039/2021	Beauchamp, Suzanne	Part lot 17, Conc. 5 Twp. of Scugog	Consent to sever a vacant 505.90m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 505.9m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 040/2021	Vander Schaaf, Paul	Part lot 22, Conc. BF Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a 42,691.4 m2 blanket storm water easement in favour of the property to the north.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-40  
Date: April 1, 2021

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**Subject:**

Durham York Energy Centre Annual Report Update

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide and update on the 2020 Durham York Energy Centre Annual Report covering the 2020 operating year.

**2. Background**

2.1 As required by the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Environmental Notice of Approval (EA) and the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Condition 15, the Owners are required to prepare an annual report by March 31 each year, covering the previous year of operations. The annual report provides information outlined in ECA Condition 15 (a) through (r) and includes details on incoming waste and outgoing residual material such as ash and metals, as well as conclusions from the environmental monitoring programs, electricity production, equipment malfunctions and corrective actions, and a summary of complaints and details of the Energy From Waste Advisory Committee activities.

### **3. Waste**

#### **Processed Waste**

- 3.1 The DYEC received a temporary Emergency Amendment on April 22, 2020 allowing an increase in the maximum thermal treatment rate from 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes. In 2020, DYEC received 145,343 net tonnes of waste from residential curbside collection programs and regionally owned transfer stations. The quantity of waste thermally treated in the Boilers during 2020 was 144,798 tonnes, with the balance of the tonnes received to the site processed in early 2021. Approximately 113,092 tonnes of waste was delivered from the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) and 32,248 tonnes of waste was delivered from the Regional Municipality of York (York Region). As noted in Table 2 of the annual report the quantities (tonnes) may vary slightly due to rounding.

#### **Rejected Waste**

- 3.2 Approximately 2.64 tonnes of waste was rejected as it was deemed to be unacceptable. This included waste that was too large to fit in the feed chute or hazardous waste which was sent for proper disposal. There were two loads rejected from the facility due to radiation during 2020. On February 20 and August 12, 2020, the LFM-3 radiation detector identified one load on each day with elevated radiation. Both loads were rejected and returned to their transfer station of origin.

#### **By-passed Waste**

- 3.3 Durham Region by-passed 15,410 tonnes of waste in 2020. By-passed waste was shipped to Walker Brothers Landfill or Twin Creeks Landfill. By-pass is necessary during both the spring and fall maintenance outage periods, as the boilers were not operating, and waste is required to be processed within 4 days of delivery in accordance with the ECA. In high waste generation periods which usually occur April through August annually, waste may be required to be by-passed to meet the ECA storage conditions.

#### 4. Residual Waste

##### Ash

4.1 After demonstrating that fly ash met the Leachate Toxicity Criteria, bottom and fly ash was transported to the South Landfill, owned and operated by Walker Industries in Niagara Falls, Ontario until March 30, 2020. As of April 1, 2020 bottom ash was transported to Modern Landfill in Model City, New York and fly ash continued to be transported to the South Landfill. Both bottom and conditioned fly ash are mixed with soil and used as daily cover.

a. Fly ash

- The second triennial Comprehensive Ash Sampling Test Program (CASTP) was undertaken from November 21 to November 25, 2020.
- Fly ash undergoes several test procedures to determine toxicity prior to disposal.
  1. To confirm that the fly ash sent for disposal is not leachate toxic after conditioning using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), as defined in Regulation 347 and the EPA Method 1311.
  2. Following confirmation from the TCLP procedure, a statistical evaluation of the data is used to determine if the fly ash exhibits Leachate Toxicity Criteria and follows the calculation procedures specified by US EPA, SW-846, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical / Chemical Methods".
- Fly ash samples were submitted to ALS Global laboratory (accredited in accordance with recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017) for analysis.
- The results of the testing procedures demonstrated that fly ash met the Leachate Toxicity Criteria and it could be managed as a solid non-hazardous solid waste. The ash continues to be used as daily landfill cover.
- The quantity of fly ash removed from the DYEC to be used for daily landfill cover was 14,045 tonnes.

**b. Bottom Ash**

- In 2020, quarterly bottom ash sampling was undertaken on February 4, June 2 and July 28, October 24 to 29. The second triennial CASTP was performed over five days from October 24 to October 29, 2020.
- To confirm that the bottom ash generated by DYEC contains by weight less than 10 per cent of combustible materials following ASTM D5468 Standard Test Method for Gross Calorific and Ash Value of Waste Materials.
- Bottom ash samples were submitted to SGS North America Inc. in Illinois for analysis.
- Statistical analysis from these samples was below 1% carbon content, demonstrating the bottom ash to be a solid non-hazardous material.
- The results in 2020 demonstrated that the bottom ash met the “incinerator ash” definition from Ontario Regulation 347 and that it could be managed as a non-hazardous solid waste. The bottom ash continues to be used as daily cover.
- The quantity of bottom ash removed from the DYEC to be used for daily landfill cover was 27,209 tonnes.

**Metals**

4.2 In February 2020, recovered ferrous and non-ferrous metals were redirected to Triple M Metal LP foundry in Hamilton from the Gerdau AmeriSteel foundry located in Whitby. In July 2020, Triple M Metal LP changed the destination of metals for recycling to their Brampton location. In 2020, 3,731 tonnes of ferrous metals and 437 tonnes of non-ferrous metals were recovered from the DYEC for recycling.

**5. Electricity**

- a. During 2020, the turbine generated 125,819 MWh of electricity of which 107,243 MWh were exported to the grid.

**6. Monitoring Programs****6.1 Air Emissions**

- a. Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS)

- The CEMS continuously monitor flue gas to maximize boiler combustion efficiency and minimize emissions. The system is equipped to display current values, perform calibration checks, generate daily reports showing minimum, maximum and average readings, and display system status and emissions alarms. Data collected from this system is available to the public via the website and is also displayed on the LED display board on the front of the DYEC Visitors Centre.
  - The CEMS and Data Acquisition System (“DAS”) measure and record concentrations for carbon monoxide (CO), oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), hydrogen chloride (HCl), hydrogen fluoride (HF), total hydrocarbons / organic matter (THC), temperature and mass flow of flue gas, moisture (H<sub>2</sub>O) and opacity.
  - All CEMS parameters meet the ECA requirement obtaining 95% of CEMS operational for each calendar quarter.
  - There were no CEMS malfunctions that may have negatively impacted the quality of the environment.
  - To certify the CEMS, a Relative Accuracy Test Audit (“RATA”) and associated system bias evaluations were completed July 14 and July 15, 2020 for Boiler 1 and Boiler 2 respectively. The RATA was completed under the Facility’s normal operating conditions of approximately 100% of the full thermal capacity. Based on the RATA and associated system bias evaluation, all parameters met the performance specifications criteria of the ECA and Protocols and Performance Specifications for Continuous Monitoring of Gaseous Emissions from Thermal Power Generation (EPS 1/PG/7).
- b. Source Testing
- The Voluntary source test was conducted between June 15 and June 18, 2020 by Ortech. These test results indicate that the DYEC demonstrated compliance with all respective in-stack ECA limits. Point of impingement concentrations were calculated using modelling software, CALPUFF Dispersion Model Version 6.263, and were well below the allowable limits for all contaminants.
  - The Compliance source test was conducted between November 9 to November 12, 2020 by Ortech. These test results indicate that the DYEC



demonstrated compliance with all respective in-stack ECA limits. Point of impingement concentrations were calculated using modelling software, CALPUFF Dispersion Model Version 6.263, and were well below the allowable limits for all contaminants.

- Lab analysis was performed by ALS Environmental (accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017).
  - Both Compliance and Voluntary Source testing was conducted by Ortech and overseen by Airzone One Ltd. The Source test reports were reviewed by Airzone One Ltd, HDR, Covanta and Regional staff.
- c. Long Term Sampling System for Dioxins and Furans
- Since 2015 the Regions have been developing an AMESA workplan in consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Covanta, HDR emissions specialist, the AMESA manufacturer, Environment S.A. Deutschland (ESAD), and the North America vendor ENVEA.
  - The initial development of the plan was focused on obtaining a correlation between AMESA and stack testing. Following evidence that a correlation has been established, AMESA can then be used to monitor for dioxins and furans on a regular basis with confidence in the data.
  - The intent of the Plan is to complement existing emissions monitoring systems.
  - The AMESA system works by extracting a sample of flue gas from the outlet of the Air Pollution Control (APC) equipment for each Boiler. Dioxins and furans are adsorbed on a resin trap contained within a cartridge over a +/- 28 day period. After this period the cartridge is removed and sent to a lab where analysis is performed.
  - Lab analysis was performed by ALS Environmental (accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017).

- 2020 AMESA results indicate emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC equipment associated with the Boilers.
  - AMESA LTSS will continue to be used to complement other emissions monitoring equipment and monthly reports will be reviewed and data summarized and contained within the future Annual Reports.
  - In February 2021, an AMESA report detailing the findings as a result of undertaking the 2018 workplan were submitted to the MECP.
- d. Ambient Air
- Ambient Air monitoring and reporting was undertaken by RWDI Consulting Engineers and Scientists (RWDI).
  - Laboratory analysis was undertaken by ALS Environmental (accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017).
  - 2020 quarterly ambient air reports were reviewed by staff, submitted to the MECP and posted to the website. The 2020 Annual Ambient Air Monitoring report is due to the MECP by May 15, 2020. All contaminants were below their applicable MECP criteria as well as applicable Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) health-based standards with a few exceptions. There were 5 exceedances of the Ontario 24-hour Ambient Air Criterion benzo(a)pyrene at each of the Rundle and Courtice ambient air monitoring stations.
  - The current Ontario 24-hour Ambient Air Quality Criterion for benzo(a)pyrene was introduced in 2011 and levels above this threshold are commonly measured throughout Ontario. However, the benzo(a)pyrene measurements noted above were well below the MECP Schedule 6 Upper Risk Threshold and the MECP O. Reg. 419/05 24-hour average guideline. Common sources of benzo(a)pyrene are traffic and industry.
  - The Rundle ambient air monitoring station recorded 9 exceedances of the 10-minute average for sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and 5 exceedances of the 1-hour average for SO<sub>2</sub>.

- The Courtice ambient air monitoring station recorded 24 exceedances of the 10-minute average for SO<sub>2</sub> and 19 exceedances of the 1-hour average for SO<sub>2</sub>.
  - New Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC) for Sulphur dioxide were implemented in 2020, including a 10-minute rolling average AAQC of 67 parts per billion (ppb), a 1-hour rolling average AAQC of 40ppb and an annual AAQC of 4 ppb. Elevated concentrations of sulphur dioxide continue to be reported within the ambient air quarterly reports.
  - For each exceedance event, a review of the stack continuous emissions monitoring data and meteorological data was undertaken. On the dates exceedances were recorded there were no unusual emission levels from the DYEC, and the meteorological conditions determined the prominent wind direction during the majority of exceedance events, originated from the southeasterly direction.
  - Based on the investigations, it was determined that the elevated concentrations of the SO<sub>2</sub> and benzo(a)pyrene were not likely to be the result of emissions from the DYEC.
- e. Soil
- Soil sampling and reporting was undertaken by RWDI.
  - The most recent soils testing event was carried out on August 19, 2020. Results were reviewed by staff and documented in a Soils Testing Report dated October 20, 2020 prepared for the MECP. The report is available on the website. In summary, soil parameter concentrations observed at the upwind and downwind soil sampling locations in 2020 were generally comparable to historical concentrations. Additionally, the observed concentrations of the analyzed parameters for the Upwind and Downwind sample aliquots satisfied the Table 1 criteria of the MECP Standards.
  - Laboratory analysis was undertaken by Eurofins Environmental Testing Canada. The Ottawa Laboratory is licensed by the MECP and accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA), in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO 17025:2005.
- f. Groundwater and Surface Water

- Groundwater and Surface water monitoring sampling was undertaken by RWDI.
  - An interpretive analysis for the 2020 groundwater and surface water monitoring activities will be discussed in the pending groundwater and surface water annual report. This report, covering the 2020 monitoring period, will be submitted to the MECP by April 30, 2021. A draft report was prepared and reviewed by staff. An initial review of the laboratory results indicates the 2020 groundwater monitoring activities meet the compliance requirements of the EA, the ECA and the approved Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan. Suspension of the surface water monitoring program continued throughout 2020. Monitoring requirements will be re-evaluated in 2021 in consultation with the MECP.
  - Laboratory analysis was undertaken by Eurofins Environmental Testing Canada. The Ottawa Laboratory is licensed by the MECP and accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA), in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO 17025:2005.
- g. Odour
- An Odour Management, Mitigation and Monitoring Report was prepared and submitted to the MECP on November 25, 2020.
  - There were 6 (six) complaints/enquiries relating to odour received at the facility between November 1 2019 and October 31, 2020. An investigation into each complaint was immediately initiated. None of the 6 (six) complaints/enquiries received were attributed to the DYEC. The complaints were recorded in the Complaint and Inquiry Logs, submitted to the MECP Durham District office and are posted on the website.
  - Covanta and Durham staff undertake individual odour inspections regularly to monitor both onsite and offsite odour emissions.

## 6.2 Inspections/Audits

- a. Routine inspections performed in 2020 did not identify an environmental or operational problem that could have negatively impacted the environment.

- b. On January 6, 2020 an ISO 14001 surveillance audit was performed at DYEC with no nonconformities identified. The [certificate](#) issued affirms DYEC conforms to the requirements of ISO 14001:2015 and is posted to the project website.
  - c. There were no reportable spills to land, water or air during 2020.
  - d. There were no other emergency situations during 2020.
  - e. An independent Third-Party Audit was conducted on September 1 and 2, 2020 and included the review of records created between January 1 and December 31, 2019.
- Auditors noted that staff were “cooperative throughout the process, were responsive to feedback and demonstrated an interest in developing and implementing corrective measures, which reflects the personnel’s commitment and the site’s culture with respect to environmental protection”.
  - For the 2019 operational year, DYEC operated in general accordance with environmental legislations and their EA conditions.
  - The Audit report was submitted to the MECP and is posted to the DYEC website.

### 6.3 Maintenance

- a. In 2020, scheduled preventative maintenance activities were completed on the Boilers, Air Pollution Control (APC) equipment, CEMS and other auxiliary systems. Appendix 6 of the Annual Report provides details on the maintenance activities completed each month.
- b. The Spring Major Maintenance outage was undertaken from March 1 to March 13, 2020.
- c. The Fall Major Maintenance Outage was undertaken from September 27 to October 5, 2020.
- d. There were no interruptions or problems with APC equipment that may have negatively impacted the quality of the environment.
- e. There were no operational issues in 2020 with potential to impact the environment.

## 7. Conclusion

- 7.1 During the 2020 calendar year, the DYEC operated in full compliance with the ECA.

7.2 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello. Director Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

**8. Attachments**


Attachment #1: [Durham York Energy Centre Annual ECA Report](#)

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Commissioner of Works

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## Email Correspondence March 24, 2021

Here are notes from the March 24 Provincial Budget announcement circulated to the Durham Economic Task Force from the Region of Durham, Economic Development and Tourism Division:

### Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy:

- Budget is there to make sure we finish the task we started a year ago. After a year in stormy seas, safe harbour is in sight and hope is on the horizon. We are in a race against time, vaccines versus variants. Our task to protect the people of Ontario is not done. **People have been very clear they expect us to 1) protect the people's health and 2) protect our economy.**
- **Ontario's total response to COVID-19 is \$51 billion dollars.** This next phase of the action plan makes good on the Premier's promise to do whatever it takes to keep you safe.

### Protecting People's Health:

- Ontario's Action Plan Protecting People's Health and the Economy brings our **government's total investment to protect health to \$16.3 billion dollars.**
  - **Announcing Ontario is making \$1 billion available for Province-wide vaccination plan** including transportation for persons with disabilities and seniors to get to their vaccine appointment. Dedicated an additional \$50 million dollars to vaccination programs in Indigenous communities.
  - **Ramping up testing program, investing \$2.3 billion for testing and contact tracing in 2021/2022** bringing the total investment since the beginning of the pandemic to \$3.7 billion. Will provide 385,000 rapid tests per week for long-term care, 118,000 in retirement homes and 300,000 in essential workplaces like manufacturing, warehouses and food processing.
  - Have invested \$5.1 billion since the beginning of COVID-19 in hospitals. Newly announced today:
    - Supporting the hospital **expansion and construction of a new wing at the William Osler Health Systems in Brampton.**
    - Working with Trillium Health Partners on a **major redevelopment and hospital expansion in Mississauga.**
    - Also **expanding a hospital in Etobicoke.**
    - Supporting the **planning of a new regional hospital in Windsor-Essex.**
    - Doubling capacity at **London Health Sciences Stem Cell Transplant unit.**

- **Building a new facility in Chatham-Kent** to provide care and treatment to 30,000 families with young patients.
  - Investing in a **new children's treatment centre in Ottawa.**
- The total additional resources provided to LTC since the beginning of the pandemic is over \$2 billion dollars. Announcing today:
  - Ontario is investing another **\$650 million dollars in long-term care this year to prevent virus spread, increased staffing and to buy more PPE supplies.**
  - Plan to build 30,000 new long term care beds. With this budget, **investing an additional \$933 million to make good on that commitment.**
  - Building four new long term care homes on an accelerated basis. **Investing \$246 million to improve conditions in existing homes, including air conditioning.**
  - Ontario is investing **\$4.9 billion over four years to increase the average direct care to long term care residents to four hours a day.**
  - Investing **\$121 million to support the accelerated training of almost 9,000 personal support workers.**
- Health and mental health:
  - Investing **\$160 million into the community paramedicine program** to bring care to the homes of seniors in 33 communities.
  - Investing **\$175 million in 2021/2022 to provide more and better care for mental health.** This includes **four mobile mental health units** and **program to embed mental health workers in police call centres** to ensure people in crisis get the right support.
- Domestic violence:
  - Investing **\$18.2 million over three years to protect and support First Nations, Inuit and Metis women and girls** who face higher rates of violence than others.
  - Investing **\$18.5 million dollars to support victims of domestic violence and human trafficking survivors** to find and maintain housing.

### **Protecting Our Economy:**

- Ontario's Action Plan brings the government's **total investment to protect Ontario's economy to \$23.3 billion dollars.**
  - Parents/families/students:



- **Providing a third round of payments through the Ontario COVID-19 child benefit. Payment will be doubled to \$400 per school-age child, or \$500 for each child with special needs.**
- **Proposing a temporary 20% enhancement to the CARE tax credit for 2021**
- **Investing \$14 billion over the next ten years to build and upgrade schools, like the first new school in Pickering in over 20 years.**
- **Investing \$550 million in the 2021 school year to support 16,000 new learning spaces across 28 schools.**
- **Investing \$40 million to improve remote learning technology.**
- **Most ambitious investment in internet connectivity in Canadian history to connect homes, businesses and schools to broadband with another \$2.8 billion dollars.**
- Workers/Employees:
  - **Proposing a new temporary Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit for 2021. Would provide up to \$2,000 per recipient, up to 50% of expenses.**
  - **Investing \$614 million to provide workers with employment training support** with \$117 million of that is specifically for people most affected including women, youth, people with disabilities, racialized and Indigenous people.
  - **Investing \$288 million dollars in the skilled trades strategy to help people find a career that they wouldn't trade.**
- Small business owners:
  - **Announcing second payment to the Ontario Small Business Support Grant so eligible small businesses will automatically receive a second payment in the amount equal to their first.**
- Tourism, Hospitality, Culture, Sports and Recreation Industries:
  - **Investing \$400 million to support these employers.**
  - **Will include the new Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant, targeted specifically at some of the hardest hit businesses including hotels, overnight summer camps and amusement parks. Will provide an estimated \$100 million in one time payments to eligible small businesses.**
- Women:
  - **Will establish a task force on how to address the unique and disproportionate barriers women face.**

- Indigenous and racialized populations:
  - Investing **\$117 million in employment and training supports those most affected by the pandemic**. Taking another step with the **Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate grant which will support community based anti-racism initiatives**.

### Conclusion:

- Ontario government is **projecting to spend \$173 billion dollars** in 2021/2022. We project the **deficit will be \$33.1 billion dollars** in 2021/2022. I believe the price of inaction would be much higher. You cannot have a healthy economy without healthy people.
- **There is no doubt that our return to fiscal sustainable will take many years.** Some will say tax hikes and cuts to public services is the only way to get there. I disagree. **Economic growth is the key to our fiscal recovery** to create jobs, provide revenues to support critical public services and ensure a sustainable financial position.
- Plan to position Ontario as a leader in **electric vehicle manufacturing**. **Creating Invest Ontario** and **proposing to double the Regional Opportunities Tax credit** to encourage growth in regions that have fallen behind.
- As we face down this historic challenge, there is no place I'd rather be.

Thanks,

Emily



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March 30, 2021

Celeste Dugas, Manager, York Durham District Office  
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Dear Ms. Dugas:

**RE: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project  
2020 Durham York Energy Centre Annual Report  
Environmental Compliance Approval Condition #15(1)  
MECP File #: EA-08-02**

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In accordance with Condition 15(1) of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York (Regions) and Covanta respectfully submit the [2020 DYEC Annual Report](#) (Annual Report) covering the 2020 calendar year.

The Annual Report includes the information required to be submitted as per ECA Condition 15(1) items a) through r). A copy of the 2020 DYEC Annual Report will be retained at the DYEC site and posted on the [DYEC project website](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) (www.durhamyorkwaste.ca). The report will also be submitted to the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information.

A table listing the reports submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in 2020 is included in the Annual Report as Appendix 1. We trust that this meets the MECP's expectation.

If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Dugas:

**RE: Durham York Energy Centre  
Revised Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan**

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The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York have recently undertaken a review of a revised Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan (Plan) prepared by the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) operator, Covanta. The Plan requires updating from time to time in accordance with Environmental Certificate of Approval (ECA) Conditions 11(4), (5) and (6) to be consistent with current facility operations, in addition to administrative updates such as contact numbers. The requirements of the Plan, as prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), are detailed in ECA Condition 11 (2) (a to n). The ECA can be viewed at: [https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/facility-approvals/resources/Documents/Environmental ComplianceApproval.pdf](https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/facility-approvals/resources/Documents/Environmental%20ComplianceApproval.pdf).

Additionally, ECA Condition 11.6 requires that the revised Plan be submitted to the Municipality of Clarington and Clarington Emergency and Fire Services for comments, and the MECP District Manager for comments and concurrence. Condition 10.2 of the Host Community Agreement with the Municipality of Clarington further stipulates that the Plan be reviewed and approved by Clarington Emergency and Fire Services.

The Municipality of Clarington and Clarington Emergency and Fire Services have reviewed the Plan and comments have been incorporated into the attached Plan. Upon the MECP's approval, the revised Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan will be updated on the DYEC website at: <https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/environmental-monitoring/spill-contingency-and-emergency-response-plan.aspx>.

Please review the attached Spill Contingency Plan, Revision 1, December 2020, and advise if you have any comments.

Sincerely,

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March 24, 2021

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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: In-store Alcohol Service at Convenience Stores

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock has endorsed the resolution of the Town of Ajax with respect to In-store Alcohol service. A copy of their resolution is attached for your consideration.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Becky Jamieson  
Municipal Clerk

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February 24, 2021

Re: **In-store Alcohol Service at Convenience Stores**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held February 22, 2021:

**WHEREAS** Ajax Council recognizes the ongoing hardships faced by restaurants, pubs and other foodservice businesses as a result of mandated closures and patron limits due to Covid-19;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town has been working hard to implement and advocate for business supports (such as providing restaurants the ability to access wine, beer and spirits at wholesale or discounted pricing, permitting flexibility, online support and more) to ensure more local businesses survive the pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** convenience stores have not been mandated to close during the pandemic and have not endured undue hardship like other industries;

**AND WHEREAS** 7-Eleven Canada has applied to introduce in-store alcohol service at 61 stores throughout Ontario (including Ajax) to leverage their open status as a competitive advantage;

**AND WHEREAS** the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is ultimately responsible for granting all liquor licensing requests;

**AND WHEREAS** approval of 7-Eleven's request would also mean exposing an already vulnerable and hard-hit restaurant/bar industry to further competition;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's Big City Mayors caucus passed a motion on Friday, February 19 opposed to the 7-Eleven Canada request to serve alcohol;

**THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT** Ajax Council oppose 7-Eleven Canada's proposal to serve alcohol;

**AND THAT** this motion be distributed to Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General; Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Hon.

Res 20-4 COW Mar 8  
endorse



Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction; Rod Phillips, MPP for Ajax; the Region of Durham, and local Durham Region municipalities.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [alexander.harras@ajax.ca](mailto:alexander.harras@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,

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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Support City of Oshawa – COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Provincial Occupancy Restrictions

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock supports the recommendation of the City of Oshawa with respect to Provincial Occupancy Restrictions on local businesses during COVID-19 Pandemic. A copy of their resolution is attached for your consideration.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Becky Jamieson  
Municipal Clerk

BJ: dh

cc. Mayor Dan Carter, City of Oshawa, mayor@oshawa.ca  
The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton-Brock,  
laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org  
Durham Region area Clerks



OSHAWA  
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## MAYOR DAN CARTER

February 2, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Re: City of Oshawa – COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Provincial Occupancy Restrictions

Dear Premier Ford,

These are uncertain times and our businesses have experienced unprecedented economic hardships. Despite the government and community support offered to our businesses, the local business community still faces continuing challenges. In the past six weeks of the lockdown, businesses are tackling severe uncertainty and questioning their ability to continue operations if current conditions continue.

As the Province of Ontario transitions into a re-opening phase, we believe that it would be more expedient and effective for the indoor patron capacity to be based on the occupancy level of the business establishment rather than a maximum single number of customers no matter the size of the business establishment. Current public health measures restrict capacity to a limit of 10 patrons and 50 patrons in zones "Red" and "Orange", respectively. We request a review of the above-mentioned guidelines and the consideration of indoor capacity to be a percentage of a business' Ontario Building Code Occupant Load, AGCO Occupant Load, and/ or Fire Code Occupant Load.

Date:	03/02/2021
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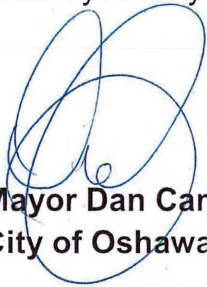
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Local businesses are incurring significant operating costs in order to accommodate only ten persons, while providing an experience authentic to their establishment. Larger businesses are able to serve a significantly higher occupancy and maintain compliance with all safety regulations and social distancing requirements. Businesses that invested heavily in communities through real estate are now losing money every time they open their doors and are considering downsizing or closure. Percentage based occupancy will allow businesses to utilize their square footage more effectively and continue investing in their communities and employees.

In light of the sensitivity of the situation, we implore provincial government act as expeditiously as possible to move this forward before more businesses close their doors permanently. This is something that would greatly benefit not just our community but communities across the province.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical concern.



**Mayor Dan Carter**  
**City of Oshawa**

Cc: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO  
Region of Durham Clerks Department  
Jennifer French, MPP of Oshawa  
Town of Whitby Clerks Department  
Lorne Coe, MPP of Whitby  
Town of Ajax Clerks Department  
Rod Phillips, MPP of Ajax  
City of Pickering Clerks Department  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP of Pickering- Uxbridge  
Municipality of Clarington Clerks Department  
David Piccini, MPP of Northumberland Peterborough South  
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✓ Laurie Scott, MPP of Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock  
Township of Brock Clerks Department  
Nancy Shaw, Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

Enclosure

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**Attention: Development Services**

**Action Taken:**

DS-21-13 Provincial Occupancy Restrictions on local Businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moved by Mayor Carter,

“That the Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, the Provincial restrictions placed on businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic have had a significant economic impact on local businesses across Ontario, including Oshawa; and,

Whereas, the maximum occupancy restrictions when businesses are open to the public appear to be arbitrarily based on a single number of customers no matter what the size and capacity of the business establishment; and,

Whereas, the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery heard from a local restaurant business owner and their first hand experiences with the restrictions placed on local businesses; and,

Whereas, on January 8, 2021 the Task Force recommended that the City ask the Province to review and revise the maximum occupancy restrictions when businesses are open to the public such that the restrictions are based on the capacity/occupancy level of the business establishment with appropriate social distancing measures in place; and,

Whereas, it is important for the City to appropriately advocate for local businesses during the pandemic;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Province be requested to appropriately review and revise the maximum occupancy restrictions when businesses are open to the public during the COVID19 Pandemic such that the restrictions are based on the capacity/occupancy level of the business establishment with appropriate social distancing measures in place rather than

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a maximum single number of customers no matter the size of the business establishment; and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Durham Region MPP's, the Region of Durham, all local Durham area municipalities and the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce.”




**TOWN OF AJAX**  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
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**Sent by E-Mail**

March 24, 2021

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Re: **Growing the Greenbelt**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held March 22, 2021:

**WHEREAS** the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning across the Greater Golden Horseshoe and in Durham Region, encouraging smart growth and protecting key natural heritage and hydrological features and areas, and agricultural lands;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town has been and continues to be a supporter and champion of the Greenbelt, to improve the quality of life for the residents of Ajax, Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Area;

**AND WHEREAS** the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has used a science-based approach to study the watersheds in west Durham, identifying key natural heritage and hydrological features, and have a solid scientific understanding about the current and future health of these watersheds;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario released posting ERO #019-3136 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario seeking feedback on growing the size and enhancing the quality of the Greenbelt;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Town commends the province for exploring options to increase the size and quality of the Greenbelt;
2. The Town requests that the on-the-ground knowledge and scientific understanding of conservation authorities be leveraged by the province in order to make the best science-informed decisions and remove political bias regarding what lands should be protected by the Greenbelt;
3. Staff be directed to submit comments on the following matters through ERO #019-3136 by the submission deadline:
  - the addition of the headwaters of the Carruthers Creek ('whitebelt' lands in northeast Pickering) into the Greenbelt;

- the expansion of the Urban River Valley designation (including Duffins and Carruthers Creeks in Ajax) to include lands studied through a science-based approach for appropriate Environmental Protection;
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rod Phillips, Ajax MPP, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Region of Durham, TRCA and local Durham Region municipalities.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [alexander.harras@ajax.ca](mailto:alexander.harras@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,



Alexander Harras  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor Dies  
Councillor Bower  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP Rod Phillips  
Environmental Defence  
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation  
Region of Durham  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
All Durham Region municipalities




Sent by Email

March 26, 2021

The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
[steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)

Subject: Report PLN 14-21  
Environmental Registry Posting 019-3136  
Response to consultation regarding growing the Provincial Greenbelt  
File: A-1400-001-21

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The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on March 22, 2021 and adopted the following Resolution #556/21:

1. That the comments in Report PLN 14-21, on Environmental Registry Posting (ERO) 019-3136 regarding growing the Provincial Greenbelt, be endorsed;
2. That the Province maintain the current established Greenbelt boundary within the City of Pickering on the basis that:
  - a. Any consideration or decision regarding expanding the Greenbelt in Pickering would be premature and not in the public interest, prior to the completion of the Region of Durham's Municipal Comprehensive Review and in particular, prior to the completion of the Land Needs Assessment, updated Natural Heritage System mapping, and review and implementation of the Provincial Agricultural System, in order to fully understand the implications and determine appropriateness of growing the Greenbelt;
  - b. All lands within Pickering are covered by the policies of A Place to Grow and the Greenbelt Plan, which were further strengthened through the most recent updates to the provincial plans, and the Provincial Policy Statement, and which together provide the highest level of protection for natural heritage and hydrologic features and areas, as well as agricultural areas; and,

- c. The City, by Resolutions 140/19 and 173/19 affirmed its position that the lands in Northeast Pickering, be reserved to accommodate future urban development;
3. That in order to minimize competing interests and priorities, the Province should explore opportunities on the outer fringes of the existing Greenbelt for further expansion, rather than the areas closest to the existing built up urban areas which may be needed to accommodate future development within proximity to transit and other existing and planned infrastructure investments by municipalities and the Province;
4. That should the Province decide to consider growing the Greenbelt within the City of Pickering:
  - a. Any additions to the Greenbelt Plan be considered in the context of the Region of Durham's Municipal Comprehensive Review;
  - b. The legislated public process for amendments to the Greenbelt be followed, including consultation with City of Pickering, the Region of Durham, Indigenous communities, and affected property owners, prior to any final decision being made;
  - c. Any decision to expand the Greenbelt should not compromise the ability of the municipality to accommodate future urban growth; and,
  - d. Criteria be established and implementation guidance be provided to guide refinement to the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System by municipalities, similar to the criteria and guidance that have been established for the Growth Plan Natural Heritage System; and,
5. That staff be directed to respond to ERO Posting 019-3136 with a copy of Report PLN 14-21 and Council's resolution thereon, and that a copy of Report PLN 14-21 be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and other Durham area municipalities.

A copy of Report PLN 14-21 is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:rp  
Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, the Regional Municipality of  
Durham  
Nicole Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax  
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Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
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Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby

Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Kyle Bentley  
Director, City Development & CBO

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**Subject:** Environmental Registry Posting 019-3136  
Response to consultation regarding growing the Provincial Greenbelt  
File: D-8000-007

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**Recommendation:**

1. That the comments in Report PLN 14-21, on Environmental Registry Posting (ERO) 019-3136 regarding growing the Provincial Greenbelt, be endorsed;
2. That the Province maintain the current established Greenbelt boundary within the City of Pickering on the basis that:
  - a. Any consideration or decision regarding expanding the Greenbelt in Pickering would be premature and not in the public interest, prior to the completion of the Region of Durham's Municipal Comprehensive Review and in particular, prior to the completion of the Land Needs Assessment, updated Natural Heritage System mapping, and review and implementation of the Provincial Agricultural System, in order to fully understand the implications and determine appropriateness of growing the Greenbelt;
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3. That in order to minimize competing interests and priorities, the Province should explore opportunities on the outer fringes of the existing Greenbelt for further expansion, rather than the areas closest to the existing built up urban areas which may be needed to accommodate future development within proximity to transit and other existing and planned infrastructure investments by municipalities and the Province;
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- b. The legislated public process for amendments to the Greenbelt be followed, including consultation with City of Pickering, the Region of Durham, Indigenous communities, and affected property owners, prior to any final decision being made;
  - c. Any decision to expand the Greenbelt should not compromise the ability of the municipality to accommodate future urban growth;
  - d. Criteria be established and implementation guidance be provided to guide refinement to the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System by municipalities, similar to the criteria and guidance that have been established for the Growth Plan Natural Heritage System; and
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**Executive Summary:** On February 22, 2021, Pickering City Council issued a directive for City staff to review and report back on Correspondence Item 14-21 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Province's consultation on growing the Greenbelt. An Environmental Registry posting was published on February 17, 2021, for a 61-day commenting period, seeking feedback on ways to grow the Provincial Greenbelt. Comments are requested by April 19, 2021. In response to Council's directive, City staff have prepared an overview and response on behalf of the City and are seeking Council's endorsement of these comments.

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**Financial Implications:** No financial implications for the City in adopting the recommendations of this report.

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is two-fold. The first, is to provide further information to Council regarding Correspondence Item 14-21 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as it relates to an Environmental Registry Posting seeking feedback on the Province's intent to Grow the Greenbelt. The second, is to obtain Council's endorsement of staff's comments to the Province on Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting 019-3136, regarding the Province's desire to grow the Greenbelt. This report contains an assessment of possible implications and comments on the ERO posting.

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## 2. Background

Established under the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*, the Greenbelt was established to:

- protect against the loss and fragmentation of the agricultural land base and supports agriculture as the predominant land use;
- give protection to the natural heritage and water resource systems that sustain ecological and human health and that form the environmental framework around which major urbanization in south-central Ontario will be organized;
- provide for a diverse range of economic and social activities associated with rural communities, agriculture, tourism, recreation and resource uses;
- build resilience to and mitigate climate change; and
- allow critical new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure needed to serve the substantial growth projected for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, to be permitted subject to strong environmental conditions.

Through the 10-year review of the Greenbelt Plan, mapping of urban river valleys and associated policies were added to the Greenbelt Plan, which apply to publically-owned lands. At that time, the City provided comments regarding the review and update of the Greenbelt Plan in Report PLN 15-16 on September 12, 2016.

Within the City of Pickering, the Provincial Greenbelt covers approximately 11,050 hectares or 48 percent of the municipality. The current Greenbelt Boundary and Urban River Valleys are shown on Attachment #1 to this Report. Urban River Valleys that were added to the Greenbelt in Pickering through the 2017 Provincial Plan Update are the West Duffins Creek, Ganatsekiagon Creek, and Urfé Creek. The Rouge River Valley was added to the Greenbelt Protected Countryside through this update as well. Lands outside of the Greenbelt and the existing urban area are largely federally-owned and not subject to the provincial land use plans or are otherwise protected, with the exception of the lands in northeast Pickering. With regard to these lands, City Council, by Resolution 140/19 dated September 23, 2019, and Resolution 173/19 dated November 25, 2019 have taken a position that they will be needed for future growth. It should be noted that outside of the Greenbelt, the policies of A Place to Grow apply to all lands within the City of Pickering.

In the Provincial Government's 2020 budget, they pledged to expand the size of the Greenbelt, which is home to much of Ontario's environmental, groundwater, and agricultural resources.

## 3. ERO Proposal 019-3136

On February 17, 2021, the MMAH posted a proposal on the ERO for a 61-day commenting period, to seek feedback on ways to grow the size and further enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, with a priority of: lands focused on the Paris Galt Moraine (not applicable to the City of Pickering); and ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys. Comments are requested by April 19, 2021.

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### 3.1 Principles for Growing the Greenbelt Expansions

MMAH has outlined a number of guiding principles as it relates to consideration of Greenbelt Expansions through this exercise:

- **No consideration of removal requests or land exchanges.** Through this proposal, the Province will not consider the removal of any lands from the Greenbelt.
- **No consideration of policy changes.** Any potential expansions will be based on and subject to existing policies. The province will not reduce existing protections in the Greenbelt.
- **Supports Greenbelt Plan objectives, vision and goals.** Lands to be considered for addition should support the Greenbelt Plan's objectives, vision and goals of providing permanent protection to the agricultural land base and the ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring on this landscape, and providing for the inclusion of publicly owned lands in urban river valleys.
- **Follows Existing Amendment Process.** Amendments would be subject to the legislated public process set out in the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*. This would include requiring consultation with affected public bodies such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Greenbelt Council, municipalities in the Greenbelt Area, Indigenous communities, and an opportunity for consultation with general public. This process would also ensure any proposed amendment does not reduce the total land area within the Greenbelt Plan.
- **Connects physically and/or functionally to the current Greenbelt.** The Greenbelt is meant to be a continuous broad band of permanently protected land. Any expansions shall build upon the systems approach of the Greenbelt Plan and should be directly connected or have a strong functional connection through the Greenbelt's natural heritage, water resource or agricultural systems.
- **Considers impacts on existing provincial priorities.** Expansions to the Greenbelt must consider their effects on other key provincial priorities outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement and A Place to Grow. These include:
  - Growth Management;
  - Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems;
  - Agriculture; and
  - Infrastructure.

In particular, the Ministry is interested in hearing feedback with regard to:

- the initial focus area of the Study Area of the Paris Galt Moraine;
- considerations in moving from a Study Area to a more defined boundary of the Paris Galt Moraine;
- the initial focus area of adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys;

- suggestions for other potential areas to grow the Greenbelt;
- how the Province should balance or prioritize any potential Greenbelt expansion with the other provincial priorities; and
- whether there are other priorities that should be considered.

#### 4. Staff Comments

City staff have undertaken a detailed review of the ERO proposal and provide the following comments. Key issues, comments, and concerns are outlined below and form the recommendations of this report.

City staff do not have any comments to provide as it relates to the Paris Galt Moraine since this is located west of the Greater Toronto Area.

#### 4.1 Expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys

With regard to the initial focus area of adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys, staff generally support this initial focus area. However, it should be noted that the current policies within the Greenbelt Plan related to Urban River Valleys only apply to publically-owned lands. Further, due to their characteristics, urban river valleys are largely non-developable and protected through other means including the Provincial Policy Statement and A Place to Grow policies that address natural heritage and hydrologic features and areas. Additionally, most of these areas also fall within the regulated area under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Within the City of Pickering, the limit of development has already been established for much of these lands. Consequently, the expansion of the Greenbelt to include these additional lands would not necessarily result in the protection of more lands from development.

There may be a need to review and refine the boundary of Urban River Valleys through the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) to ensure that all publically-owned lands are included, in particular, any lands that might have been acquired since the time urban river valleys were added to the Greenbelt Plan.

#### 4.2 Considerations for Growing the Greenbelt and Balancing Provincial Priorities

Although the Province is seeking suggestions for other potential areas to grow the Greenbelt through this consultation, staff notes that the Province itself acknowledges that there are a number of MCRs underway and that expansions need to be considered in the context of these growth management exercises, as discussed further in Section 4.2.1 of this Report. Staff are in agreement that **any expansions to the Greenbelt within the City of Pickering should be considered in the context of Durham Region's MCR. This will ensure that other provincial priorities including Growth Management, Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems, and Agriculture are considered. To consider expanding the Greenbelt in advance of the outcome of the Land Needs Assessment, update of the Region's Natural Heritage System mapping, and implementation of the Provincial Agricultural System, would not be in the public interest.**



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It is important that the Province balance or prioritize any potential Greenbelt expansion with the other provincial priorities. Staff provide the following comments related to each of the provincial priorities that have been identified.

#### 4.2.1 Growth Management

The Greenbelt Plan broadly identifies where urbanization should not occur, and A Place to Grow directs the majority of growth to fully serviced settlement areas. Currently, upper and single-tier municipalities are working towards updating their official plans by 2022 to conform with the revised growth forecasts of A Place to Grow. Therefore, the Province has indicated that Greenbelt expansion needs to be considered in the context of these growth management exercises by municipalities. **Staff are in agreement with this statement.**

The detailed Land Needs Assessment criteria established by the Province, considers and balances matters of provincial interest including natural heritage and water resource systems, agricultural systems, and infrastructure.

Due to its location, existing and planned infrastructure, and other conditions, the City of Pickering is well suited to accommodate growth. **Any decision to expand the Greenbelt within the City of Pickering should not compromise the municipality's ability to accommodate future growth.**

**To minimize competing interests and priorities, the Province should explore opportunities on the outer fringes of the existing Greenbelt for further expansion, rather than the areas closest to the existing built-up urban areas. In balancing provincial priorities, these lands may be the most appropriate and necessary to accommodate future urban development within proximity to transit and other existing and planned municipal and provincial infrastructure investments.**

#### 4.2.2 Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems

As noted by the Province, both the Greenbelt Plan and A Place to Grow policies provide a high degree of protection for natural heritage and water resource systems, features and areas, including habitat for endangered and threatened species. Both the Greenbelt Plan and A Place to Grow contain policies supporting and protecting a Natural Heritage System that is made up of these natural features and areas along with the linkages that connect them together. Similarly, policies in these plans protect water resource systems on a watershed basis, with the Greenbelt incorporating significant headwaters, river corridors, wetlands and other features.

Further, where criteria and implementation guidance has been provided to allow for minor refinement by municipalities of the Growth Plan Natural Heritage System, no such criteria or guidance has been provided for the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. **It is recommended that the Province establish similar criteria for refinement of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System to ensure that minor refinement, that is in keeping with the intent of the policies and plan, can be made.**

**As both plans provide a similar level of protection, at this time, staff is of the opinion that there is an adequate level of protection of the natural environment within the City of Pickering.**

#### **4.2.3 Agriculture**

As noted by the Province, both the Greenbelt Plan and A Place to Grow have policies supporting and protecting an Agricultural System that comprises both an agricultural land base (prime agricultural areas, including specialty crop areas, and other productive lands that form a continuous land base for agriculture) and an agri-food network (infrastructure, services and assets that support the agri-food sector).

The Region of Durham is currently in the process of implementing the Provincial Agricultural System within the Region and will be refining the existing agricultural land base and agri-food network in collaboration with area municipalities through the MCR. **Until this exercise is completed, it is unclear which additional agricultural lands that currently lie outside of the Greenbelt, if any, might warrant inclusion within the Greenbelt Plan. Further, as both plans provide policy support for protection of the agricultural system, staff is of the opinion that there is an adequate level of protection for agricultural lands within the City of Pickering.**

#### **4.2.4 Infrastructure**

As noted by the Province, both the Greenbelt Plan and A Place to Grow recognize that new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure will be needed to serve the substantial growth projected for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Infrastructure, including highways to sewage and water treatment plants to corridors for transit and utilities, are permitted in these plans subject to certain conditions.

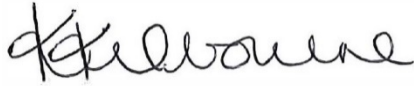
Staff continue to support the development of necessary infrastructure in appropriate locations within the municipality.

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#### **Attachment:**

1. Greenbelt Boundary within the City of Pickering
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**Prepared By:**



Kristy Kilbourne, MCIP, RPP  
Principal Planner, Policy



Déan Jacobs, MCIP, RPP  
Manager, Policy & Geomatics

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**Approved/Endorsed By:**



Catherine Rose, MCIP, RPP  
Chief Planner



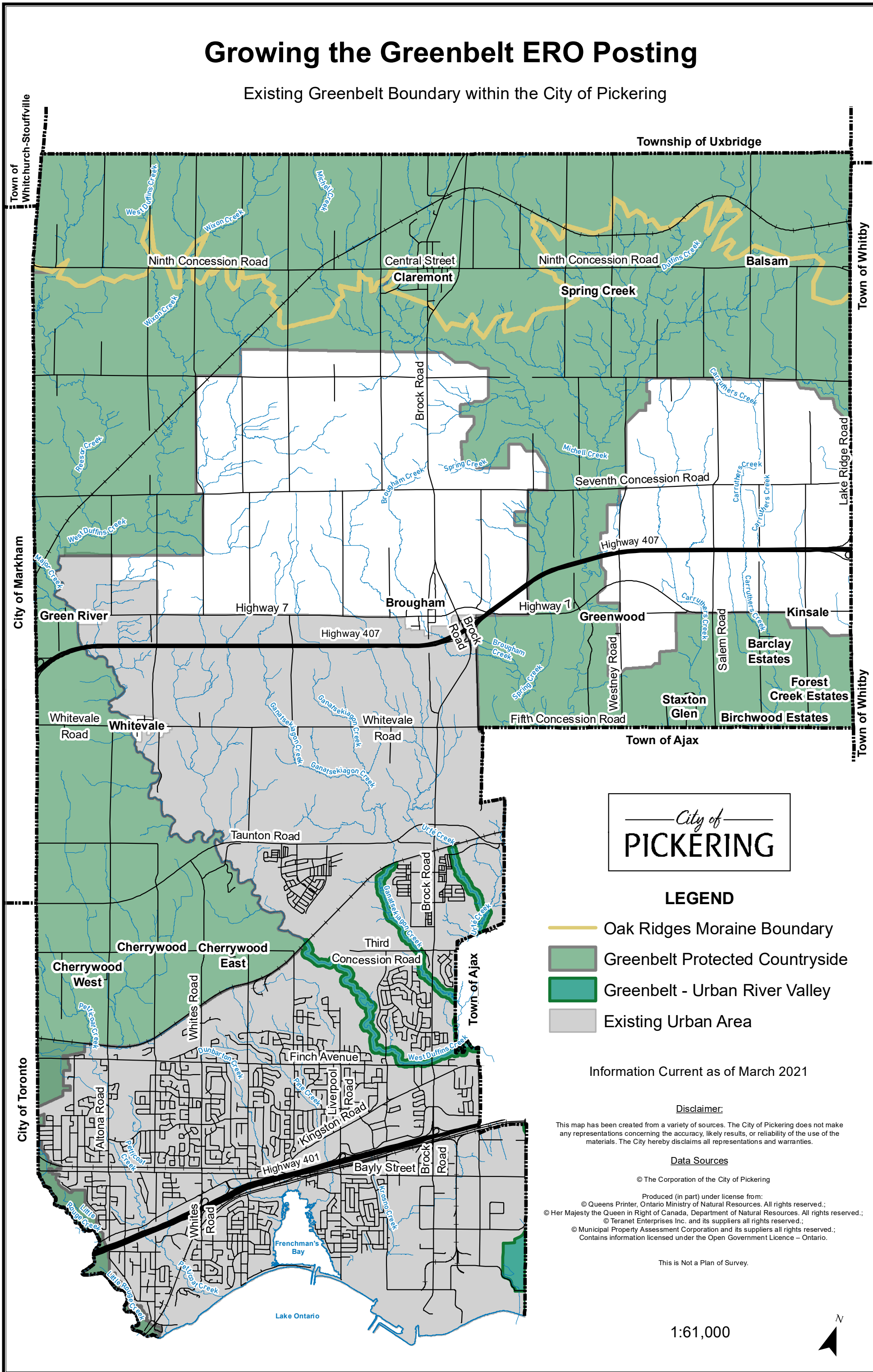
Kyle Bentley, P. Eng.  
Director, City Development & CBO

Recommended for the consideration  
of Pickering City Council

Marisa Carpino, M.A.  
Chief Administrative Officer


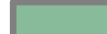


# Growing the Greenbelt ERO Posting

Existing Greenbelt Boundary within the City of Pickering



City of  
**PICKERING**

**LEGEND**

-  Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary
-  Greenbelt Protected Countryside
-  Greenbelt - Urban River Valley
-  Existing Urban Area

Information Current as of March 2021

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**THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE**

**RESOLUTION**

DATE: March 9, 2021

NO: 21-32

MOVED BY: Blakney/ Millar/Vaughan/ Walbourne

SECONDED BY: Blakney/ Millar/Vaughan/ Walbourne

**WHEREAS** elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty and transparency and courtesy,


**AND WHEREAS** there are people of dubious character who have a criminal record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence, of any of the Federal Statues of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, Who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

**NOT WITHSTANDING** the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby supports the Township of Conmee as they lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

**AND THAT** an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offence and must resign.

**AND THAT** the Council direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, NOMA, Attorney general Doug Downey, Solicitor-general Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, and MPP Sol Mamakwa, and all Ontario municipalities.

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MILLAR	✓			<b>DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (CHECK ONE):</b> CARRIED: <u>✓</u> DEFEATED: ___ Tabled: ___ _____ CHAIR
VAUGHAN				
WALBOURNE	✓			

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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

**Resolution**

DATE March 9, 2021

NO. 2021-052

MOVED BY Sandy Cross

SECONDED BY Heather Olmstead

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home, and;

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness, and;

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced, and;

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home, and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario’s largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Calvin endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED 

**DIVISION VOTE**

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Coun Grant</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

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March 24, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Support for West Grey Resolution – Municipal Insurance Rates**

At its Regular meeting held on March 15, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-210315-010 as follows:

R-210315-010

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received February 24, 2021 from the Director of Administration/Clerk, West Grey respecting Municipal Insurance Rates, City Council directs staff to send a letter in support of the resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all municipalities in Ontario."**

The resolution passed by the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey is as follows:

"The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of The Municipality of Grey Highlands dated January 22, 2021 wherein they call on the Province of Ontario to review the seven recommendations of AMO to investigate the following municipal insurance issues, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

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4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence, including but not limited to, premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General; and

That this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and all municipalities in Ontario.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound

cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Hon. Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
All Ontario Municipalities





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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

March 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP  
 Prime Minister of Canada  
 Langevin Block  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Prime Minister:

**RE: Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)**

At its Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

**“205-2021**

**Moved By** Councillor Thomas Neufeld, **Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

A Resolution concerning Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions-by-law.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-Essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex, Premier of Ontario The Honourable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honourable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honourable Erin O'Toole.”

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If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen  
Deputy Clerk-Council Services  
Legislative Services Department  
skitchen@kingsville.ca


cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Official Leader of the Opposition  
cc: Hon. Erin O'Toole, Official Leader of the Opposition  
cc: MP Chris Lewis- Essex  
cc: MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex  
cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
cc: MP Shannon Stubbs  
cc: Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg  
cc: Mayor Larry Snively, Town of Essex  
cc: Mayor Tom Bain, Town of Lakeshore  
cc: Mayor Marc Bondy, Town of LaSalle  
cc: Mayor Hilda MacDonald, Municipality of Leamington  
cc: Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh  
cc: all Municipalities in Ontario

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"Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

March 29, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure**

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**"Resolution No. 83-2021**

**Moved By: Todd Calaiezzi**

**Seconded By: Robert Hutchinson**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government announced the closure of 26 youth justice facilities; and

**WHEREAS** the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

**WHEREAS** children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive and flourishing adulthood; and

**WHEREAS** with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundreds and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and



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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

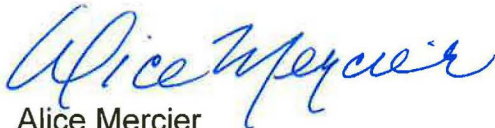
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

**Carried”**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**



Alice Mercier  
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario  
Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay  
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming – Cochrane

**Subject:** Time Sensitive.... Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21  
**Date:** March 30, 2021 8:40:10 AM

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**From:** Debbie France <[debbiefrance@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrance@live.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 4:13:37 PM  
**To:** Ralph Walton <[Ralph.Walton@durham.ca](mailto:Ralph.Walton@durham.ca)>; chair <[chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca)>  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive.... Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21

Time Sensitive....Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for  
comment until May 7/21

Attention : Clerks, Kindly share with your Mayor, Councillors and staff and  
place on your agenda for review and action by all.

Hello Municipalities,

Great news! Health Canada has invited Canadians and Municipalities to  
share their perspectives on the factors that may be considered for refusal  
or revocation of a cannabis registration on public health and public safety  
grounds. Get your municipal comments in before closing on May 7 2021.

Why participate? Health Canada has seen a concerning trend with the size  
of certain personal and designated cannabis growing sites and issues  
associated with them.

Over the last year, OPP, York Regional Police and other police forces across  
Ontario have reported on the abundance of illicit grow ops run by criminal  
organizations who are exploiting Health Canada's cannabis rules and  
regulations. The threat to the personal health and safety of residents  
across Ontario is significant and should not be underestimated.

Here is a link for a great OPP video that explains the significant risks :  
[OPP PROVINCIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM TACKLES ILLEGAL CANNABIS  
MARKET - YouTube](#)

Here are two links for further evidence of the significant risks to public health and safety :

[York police seize roughly \\$150M worth of illegal pot, firearms and exotic animals in drug bust | CTV News](#)

[OPP say police have dismantled 52 illegal cannabis production sites since July - Kingston | Globalnews.ca](#)

**Having completed previous Federal Cannabis consultations, I suggest you choose the email response so that you can express your concerns. The online form really does not allow you to comment to the issues you are each facing. We all have cannabis problems but different problems.**

The link for Health Canada consultation is here:

[Consultation on guidance on personal production of cannabis for medical purposes - Canada.ca](#)

Please also let your residents know about this opportunity.

Thanks kindly,

Debbie France

751 Concession 14 Townsend,

Simcoe, Ontario, N3Y 4K3

[519 426 8626](tel:5194268626)

A resident of Norfolk County

Sent from my iPad

If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 11, 2021

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair  
J. Bate, Oshawa  
M. Gibbons, Scugog  
K. Haines, Ajax  
A. Heywood, Pickering  
C. Kobelka, Clarington, attended the meeting at 7:09 PM  
S. Lee, Regional Councillor, Ajax, left the meeting at 8:14 PM on municipal business  
J. Martin, Brock  
P. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair

**\* all members of Committee participated electronically**

Chair Lalonde advised that the Active Transportation Committee members from the City of Oshawa, Township of Uxbridge, Town of Whitby, the Municipality of Clarington; and, the Durham Region Cycling Coalition have joined the meeting via the live-streaming for the review of the update on Item 4. C) Regional Cycling Plan Update.

Absent: R. Kerr, Regional Councillor, Oshawa, with regrets

#### Staff

Present: \*A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
\*D. Culp, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
\*G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
\*C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\* denotes staff participating electronically**

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Bate, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting  
held on December 10, 2020, be adopted.  
CARRIED

### 4. Presentations

#### A) David Hopper, Consultant Project Manager, Parsons Corporation, re: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project

David Hopper, Consultant Project Manager, Parsons Corporation, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the scope of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) Project across the Region. He advised that the presentation provides information on the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project; the preferred design in Durham Region; an overview of the active transportation components; and, to hear questions and concerns about active transportation.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Purpose
- Map: 2041 Frequent Rapid Transit Network
- Map: Study Area
- Why Bus Rapid Transit?
- Project Benefits
- Project Schedule: Overall Timeline
- What We've Heard So Far
- Preliminary Design
  - Proposed BRT Stop Locations
  - Preferred Preliminary Design – City of Pickering
  - Preferred Preliminary Design – Town of Ajax
  - Preferred Preliminary Design – Town of Whitby
  - Preferred Preliminary Design – City of Oshawa
  - Images depicting what the future BRT could look like: Kingston Road at Liverpool Road in the City of Pickering; Bond Street at Stevenson Road in the City of Oshawa
- BRT Stop Design: Platforms
- Active Transportation
  - Walking and Cycling Infrastructure
  - Cycling Facilities in Pickering
  - Cycling Facilities in Ajax
  - Cycling Facilities in Whitby and Oshawa
- Next Steps

D. Hopper reviewed the BRT opportunities to improve the reliability and comfort of transit service and accessibility; the active transportation network; enhancing the public realm in downtown Whitby; and, awareness and incorporating elements of cultural heritage resources and local neighbourhood



in the BRT stop design. He added that concerns to be addressed include access restrictions; removal of on-street parking in downtown Whitby and Oshawa; the business impacts along Ellesmere Road and in downtown Whitby; gaps in the cycling network; and, impacts to cultural heritage resources.

D. Hopper provided an update on the next steps and advised that the draft Environmental Project Report will be available in May of 2021; and, that the Notice of Commencement will notify stakeholders that the 120-day Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) consultation and documentation period has begun. He advised that additional stakeholder meetings and a Public Information Centre will be held in mid-2021 and will be followed by a 30-day public review period. The Winter of 2021 will be spent fine-tuning the design and preparing the Preliminary Design Business Case.

D. Hopper stated that segments of the corridor are planned to be constructed by the Region of Durham as part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, subject to Federal approval.

D. Hopper invited the Committee to email any questions or comments regarding the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project to [dsbrt@metrolinx.com](mailto:dsbrt@metrolinx.com) or [Metrolinx Engage DSBRT](#).

D. Hopper responded to questions regarding the funding for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) Project, specifically the monies for the Active Transportation (AT) auxiliary infrastructure; whether existing car lanes will be reduced along the BRT network; how does Metrolinx intend to safely secure the bikes at the first and last mile connectivity zones for those who want to leave their bike while they travel; the cycling gaps primarily at the Rouge to provide full network connectivity; and if cyclists would be able to ride in the BRT bus lanes within a detour route segment in the City of Oshawa.

The Committee thanked David Hopper for his thorough presentation.

B) Brittany Mohammed, Host Student, Durham College, re: Trail Safety Project in Durham

Brittany Mohammed provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Trail Safety Project in Durham Region. Anthony Caruso advised that the concept for the Trail Safety Project was suggested by the Durham Regional Police Services, to improve safety for all trail users, and as a part of the CityStudio Program initiatives to foster partnerships with the local academic institutions, by hosting students to undertake research projects.

Highlights of her presentation included:

- Aim of the Project
- Purpose of Preventive Measures
- Recommendations
- List of Hazards on Trail

- Section 2: Observations
- Section 3: Survey
- Section 4: Google Reviews

B. Mohammed provided an overview of the various hazards on trails including assault, maintenance on the man made structures; fear of becoming lost or injured; encountering wildlife; and, loss of cell service.

B. Mohammed advised that the project is still underway and that the results will be available at the end of her placement; and, invited the members to email any questions or suggestions to [Brittany.mohammed@dcmail.ca](mailto:Brittany.mohammed@dcmail.ca). She noted that the link to the survey is available at [Trail Safety Durham](#).

B. Mohammed responded to questions regarding whether the purpose of project is to address specific existing or potential issues on the trails, and, if significant issues are being encountered along the trails.

Staff responded to questions regarding whether the project information with respect to the installation of lighting along the trails will be considered; and, how the recommendations will evolve in terms of policy implementation. A. Caruso advised that the project results will be provided to the various Regional departments, Durham Regional Police Services, and key stakeholders.

Discussion ensued regarding the current conflicts occurring on the trails; the need for security along the trails; and, whether a set of guidelines outlining trail user etiquette will be established, including all dogs to be kept on a leash.

C) Anthony Caruso, Senior Planner, and Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development, Durham Region; re: Regional Cycling Plan Update

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Anthony Caruso and Danielle Culp provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Cycling Plan Update.

A. Caruso advised that the purpose of the presentation is to update to the DATC on the work completed to date; provide an overview of the draft final Primary Cycling Network, cycling supportive strategies and components; to gather input and answer any questions of the DATC; and, to present the next steps needed to move forward with the completion of the RCP.

Highlights of his presentation included:

Project Refresher & Key Milestones

- Overview of Project Process
- RCP Vision Statement & Goals
- RCPU Assumptions
- RCPU Engagement Approach
- Timeline & Milestones

Draft Primary Cycling Network (PCN) Vision

- Responding to PCN Comments
- Updated PCN Overview
- Maps: PCN Vision and Context
- Maps: PCN Facility Types and Phasing
- PCN Urban Facility Types
- PCN Rural Facility Types
- Key Opportunities
- Durham Meadoway
- Improving Connectivity to GO Transit Connections
- Modifications to the PCN (2020 – 2040)

D. Culp provided an update on the supporting cycling strategies and actions; and the next steps.

Highlights of her presentation included:

Supporting Cycling Strategies & Actions

- Approach & Considerations
- Cycling Strategies: Bicycle Parking
- Cycling Strategies: Signage & Wayfinding
- Cycling Strategies: Education & Encouragement
- Cycling Strategies: Maintenance

Other Supporting Considerations

- RCP Partnerships
- Proposed AT Coordination

Next Steps

D. Culp advised that the next steps include: summarize the input received from the Municipal, Regional and DATC stakeholders; finalize the Phase 2 report; update the proposed PCN based on comments provided; and proceed with the development and finalization of the Master Plan Report.

D. Culp added that the final Master Plan Report will be presented to the Durham Regional Planning & Economic Development Committee in May 2021; and asked that any comments or input are to be forwarded to staff by March 23, 2021.

Chair Lalonde asked the municipal Active Transportation and DATC Committee members to funnel any comments or suggestions to himself for forwarding onto Anthony Caruso and Danielle Culp.

J. Bate expressed concerns regarding the timelines for the RCP initiatives being pushed out to a longer term such as Adelaide Avenue in the City of Oshawa. A. Caruso asked that J. Bate contact him directly to discuss the RCP timeline initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding options for the Region to be the lead to role out and provide the local municipalities with a standardized approach in terms of coordinating events and programs (Smart Commute), communications and educational literature to promote and encourage safe AT throughout the Region.

D) Ron Lalonde, Chair, Durham Active Transportation Committee, re: 2020 Ontario Bike Summit Overview

Ron Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 Ontario Bike Summit. He advised that the Ontario Bike Summit is hosted by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition and is the premier cycling conference in Ontario.

Chair Lalonde provided an overview of the attendees of the 2020 Summit and noted that the virtual event included approximately 200 delegates and over 60 speakers who shared their work and experiences on a variety of topics.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Realities of COVID 19 and the new normal
- Community Advocacy Work
- Bike Friendly Communities
- Building support and overcoming challenges
- Municipal AT Success Stories
- Cycle Tourism Benefits
- Ontario Traffic M Book 18 Proposed Updates
- Last Words

Chair Lalonde advised that the importance of building and supporting an active transportation culture across the entire local stakeholder community was a common theme throughout the seminar.

A. Caruso provided an overview of the initiatives he presented at the Summit for updating Durham Region's Cycling Plan including on mid-block crossings.

**5. Discussion Items**

There were no items to be discussed.

**6. Information Items**

A) Durham Region's Proposed Policy Directions (Report #2021-P-7)

A. Caruso advised that as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review the Region released its proposed policy directions as outlined in Report #2021-P-7, for public review to help form the basis for draft policies in the new Regional Official Plan.

A. Caruso encouraged the DATC members to review the section entitled 'Connected Transportation Systems' on pages 142 to 164 of the Report and provide any feedback and comments to staff by the end of June.

**7. Other Business**

There were no items of Other Business.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by K. Haines, Seconded by A. Heywood,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation Committee

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C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
S. Clearwater, Whitby  
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
C. Doody-Hamilton, Member at Large  
G. Layton, Oshawa  
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair  
K. Murray, Member at Large  
D. Nguyen, Youth Member  
S. Panchal, Youth Member  
B. Shipp, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:20 PM  
M. Thompson, Ajax  
J. Whalen, Post-Secondary Member  
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

#### Staff

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

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by C. Doody-Hamilton,  
That the agenda for the March 18, 2021 DEAC meeting, as  
presented, be approved.

CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by C. Doody-Hamilton, Seconded by G. Layton,  
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,  
February 18, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED AS AMENDED  
(See Following Motions)

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by C. Doody-Hamilton,  
That page 4 of the February 18, 2021 DEAC minutes, under Item 7.  
B) Commissioner's Report #2021-INFO-10 – 2020 Source Water  
Protection Annual Report, be amended to add the words "drinking  
water threats (SDWTs)" after the word "significant", and the words  
"on the following threats" followed by a bulleted list:

- The application of agriculture source material to land;
- The application of commercial fertilizer to land; and
- The application of pesticides to land" after the word "eye", so  
that the paragraph now reads as follows:

'Concerns were raised by S. Clearwater regarding the seven remaining  
significant **drinking water threats (SDWTs)** in Durham Region noted in  
Report #2021-INFO-10 of the Commissioner of Works, and that the DEAC  
should be keeping an eye on the following threats:

- **The application of agriculture source material to land;**
- **The application of commercial fertilizer to land; and**
- **The application of pesticides to land.'**

CARRIED

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by C. Doody-Hamilton,  
That page 5 of the February 18, 2021 DEAC minutes, under Item 8.  
A) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Committee, be  
amended to add the sentence "It was determined that there would  
be a 23% improvement in water quality." after the words  
"(importance of reforestation on water quality)", and to add the  
words "There was also" before the words "a presentation" so that it  
now reads as follows:

**'It was determined that there would be a 23% improvement in water  
quality. There was also** a presentation regarding the engineering of the long  
outfall pipes that go out into the water, with a focus on phosphorus.'

CARRIED

## 5. Presentations

### A) Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit

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Hailey McWilliam, Environmental Planner, IBI Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Purpose
- 2014 Frequent Rapid Transit Network
- Study Area
- Why Bus Rapid Transit?
- Project Benefits
- Project Schedule: Overall Timeline
- What We've Heard So Far
- Preliminary Design
  - Proposed BRT Stop Locations
  - Preferred Preliminary Design
    - City of Pickering
    - Town of Ajax
    - City of Oshawa
  - Kingston Road at Liverpool Road, Looking West Today
  - Kingston Road at Liverpool Road, Looking West with BRT
  - Bond Street at Stevenson Road, Looking West Today
  - Bond Street at Stevenson Road, Looking West with BRT
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Features
  - Natural Heritage
  - Tree Investigation
- Climate Change
- Environmental Assessment
- Next Steps

H. McWilliam responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether more trees can be included in the designs to reduce heat island impacts; whether the streetscaping will include a green infrastructure component; if a bus stop will be added at the Toronto Zoo; whether staff have considered implementing carbon offsetting, alternative energy sources, or any other energy management strategies (in relation to the climate change piece); whether consultation has occurred with the local indigenous communities; lessons learned from the similar work recently completed to Highway 7 in York Region; whether winter safety protocols are required for the red bus lanes; if there has been a tree canopy study completed for Durham Region to identify where the replacement trees should be placed; what plant species will be used and if they will be salt tolerant; whether the buses will be electric;



and if there is any early modelling for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction that introducing electric buses would provide.

**6. Items for Discussion/Input**

A) DEAC Youth and Student Membership Replacement Update

G. Carpentier welcomed Derek Nguyen, Shlok Panchal, and Jocelyn Whalen to the Committee and asked the new members to provide a little background on themselves.

B) Endorsement of DEAC Climate Resiliency Homeowner's Guide

G. Carpentier thanked committee members and A. Luqman for all of the hard work that went into creating the Climate Resiliency Homeowner's Guide.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,  
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development  
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional  
Council:

That the proposed Climate Resiliency Homeowner's Guide as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

C) Update from DEAC Environmental Awards Subcommittee

G. Layton advised that the nomination forms are now on-line and went live on March 3, 2021 with a submission deadline of April 30, 2021. She provided a brief background on the DEAC Environmental Awards for the new members.

D) Update from DEAC Webinar Series Subcommittee

J. Cuthbertson advised that the DEAC webinar series would be 20-40 minutes in length followed by a question and answer period.

Discussion ensued regarding various topics of interest, including:

- Seed Starting and Intro into Gardening (Spring)
- Backyard Chickens
- Mental Health Resilience and Community Building during a Climate Crisis
- CO<sub>2</sub> Drawdown Solutions
- Community Gardens/Urban Gardens
- We Grow Food (Oshawa)
- Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue

E) Spring Bee Pollinator Seedling Distribution Project Update

A. Luqman advised that the next steps for the Spring Bee Pollinator Seedling Distribution Project is to procure the seeds and design the label for the packages. She advised that the Waste Department will be hosting two compost giveaway days in May in the Township of Scugog and the Town of Ajax, where DEAC will distribute the seedling packages.

F) Report #2021-P-7: Envision Durham Proposed Policy Directions Report

A. Luqman advised that she is looking into the possibility of a presentation from the Planning Department at the May DEAC meeting to provide an overview of the Envision Durham Proposed Policy Directions Report.

G) Notice of Study Completion for the Additional Water Storage and New Pumping Station Newcastle Urban Area, Clarington, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

A. Luqman advised that the Region of Durham has initiated a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment to plan for additional water storage and pumping capacity to service the Newcastle Urban Area.

A question was raised regarding whether staff would consider converting the water storage and pumping station into a facility that stored water and energy and in turn brought in some revenue in this current build or as a phase 2 to this build. It was also pointed out that pumped water storage is something that is being looked at in order to de-carbonize the electrical grid. A. Luqman advised that she would pass these comments on to the appropriate staff.

H) Ajax Reinforcement Project by Enbridge

The project overview and report for the Ajax Reinforcement Project by Enbridge was provided as a link to the Committee and received.

**7. For Information**

A) Commissioner's Report # 2021-INFO-20 – Management of Toxics in the Environment

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-20 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

B) Commissioner's Report # 2021-INFO-22 – Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-22 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

C) Commissioner's Report # 2021-INFO-24 – Proposed Federal Clean Fuel Standard Regulation – Land Use and Biodiversity

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-24 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

Reference was made to the concerns raised by the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC), as noted in Report #2021-INFO-24, that biofuels produced on ineligible lands would not qualify for a carbon credit under the CFS, and the suggested setback requirement from riparian zones and water bodies where biofuel crops would not be accepted for clean fuel carbon credits is too large and would exclude large amounts of land which are currently farmed. As a result of these concerns, the reference year for land use changes has been changed from 2008 to 2020, meaning that the industry will not be penalized for land use changes prior to the CFS regulations being implemented. Concerns were raised that the change to the reference year could contribute to a significant drinking water threat due to fertilizers, pesticides etc.

D) Commissioner's Report #2021-INFO-25 – Provincial Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-25 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

E) Canada's Net Zero Future – New Report from the Canadian Institute for Climate Choices

A copy of Canada's Net Zero Future – New Report from the Canadian Institute for Climate Choices was received.

F) DAAC minutes from its January 16, 2021 meeting

A copy of the January 16, 2021 DAAC meeting minutes was received.

G) Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – Review of Long-Term Energy Planning Framework (Public comments accepted until April 27, 2021)

A copy of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – Review of Long-Term Energy Planning Framework was received.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,  
That Information Items 7A) and 7G) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A) Port Granby Citizen Liaison Group

S. Clearwater advised that the Port Granby Citizen Liaison Group had to postpone their in-person activities until the Fall.

B) Earth Day Activities

G. Carpentier asked if Durham Region had a role in Earth Day or what they do to support or participate in Earth Day. A. Luqman advised that Smart Commute used to incorporate Earth Day into their Carpool Week activities in partnership with Metrolinx and that she would look into this further.

Discussion ensued regarding the DEAC participating in Earth Day activities next year, such as a possible white elephant sale or a film screening.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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S. Glover, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Regional Headquarters, Council Chambers, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted at this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: C. Boose, Ajax, Chair  
D. Campbell, Whitby, Vice-Chair  
A. Beach, Oshawa  
H. Hall, Participation House  
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS  
M. Peters, Clarington  
R. Purnwasie, Ajax  
M. Roche, Oshawa  
L. Schisler, Whitby  
S. Sones, Whitby

**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: Councillor R. Mulcahy

#### Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives  
J. Christianson, Program Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. McIntosh, Project Manager, Facilities Design, Construction & Asset Management, Works Department  
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Peters, Seconded by M. Roche,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 26, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 4. Presentations

A) Margaret Parkhill, Associate Director, IBI Group, re: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit

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Margaret Parkhill, Associate Director, IBI Group, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit
- Purpose
- 2041 Frequent Rapid Transit Network
- Study Area
- Why Bus Rapid Transit
- Project Benefits
- Project Schedule: Overall Timeline
- What We've Heard So Far
- Preliminary Design
  - Proposed BRT Stop Locations
  - Preferred Preliminary Design – City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa
  - Kingston Road at Liverpool Road, looking southwest today
  - Kingston Road at Liverpool Road, looking southwest with BRT
  - Bond Street at Stevenson Road, looking west today
  - Bond Street at Stevenson Road, looking west with BRT
  - BRT Stop Design: Design Standards, Shelter Concepts, Platforms, Platform Details, Platform Access
  - Active Transportation
    - Walking and Cycling Infrastructure
    - Cycling Facilities in Pickering
    - Cycling Facilities in Ajax
    - Cycling Facilities in Whitby and Oshawa

M. Parkhill advised that the study corridor extends from downtown Oshawa through downtown Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, under Highway 401 at Kingston Road and continues into the City of Toronto to Scarborough Centre. She advised that the project is part of the larger frequent rapid transit network proposed by Metrolinx as part of the 2041 Regional Transportation Plan.

M. Parkhill also advised that the corridor is expected to support approximately 215,000 more residents and 66,000 more jobs by 2041. She stated that higher capacity transit is needed to link communities and employment across the Toronto and Durham boundary and will generate significant benefits to the residents of Durham Region and Scarborough.

M. Parkhill advised that some of the benefits of the project are as follows:

- dedicated transit lanes which will improve operations for TTC, DRT and GO bus services
- improved connections to local and regional destinations
- improved mobility choice for area residents including more certainty around bus reliability
- improved active transportation facilities including wider sidewalks and cycling infrastructure to increase safety
- accessibility improvements at intersections to accommodate road users of all abilities
- improved public realm with streetscaping and tree plantings

M Parkhill provided an overview of the project schedule as well as the input and feedback reviewed from the public information sessions. She also provided an overview of the preliminary design and advised that there are a total of 49 proposed BRT stops. She stated that the accessible design principles are based on the most stringent measures of the: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA); Ontario Building Code (OBC); City of Toronto Accessibility Design Guidelines; and Metrolinx Universal Design Standards (UDS). She advised that Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles will also be applied.

M. Parkhill responded to questions with regards to: the door openings in the bus shelters; lighting within the platforms; glazing (glass) in the shelters; visual and audio prompts for people with limited vision; the importance of having signage and an education campaign for the project; the importance of having notifications of when the bus is arriving as well as when the bus has arrived for the visually impaired community; the design of the windscreens; the possible use of navigation technology such as BlindSquare; concerns with pedestrians crossing the street to get to shelters; the placement of maps at each bus stop; audible signals at each crossing; and transportation of the homeless.

B) Andrew McIntosh, Works Department, re: Overview of Accessibility Improvements at Regional Headquarters

Andrew McIntosh, Project Manager, Facilities Design, Construction & Asset Management, Works Department, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Accessibility Improvements at Regional Headquarters.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- South Accessible Parking Lot
- Touchless Operators
- West Entrance, Revolving Door

A. McIntosh provided an overview of recent accessibility improvements undertaken at Regional Headquarters. He advised that the two most recent projects are the south accessible parking lot and touchless operators for doors. He provided an overview of the issues that were corrected with the south accessible parking lot. He advised that the touchless operators were initiated by facilities staff in trying to minimize touch points.

A. McIntosh advised that an upcoming project for 2021 is the west entrance revolving doors. He advised that the challenge with the current doors is the loss of energy during extreme weather conditions. He advised that revolving and/or swing doors may be an option.

A. McIntosh responded to questions with regards to the type of revolving doors to be used and how someone with a visual impairment or seniors use the doors.

Discussion ensued with regards to revolving doors being difficult for people with walkers and mobility devices. The following suggestions were offered: sliding doors; a double set of scissor doors; a double entrance; or a touchless entry swing door; all of which would have to be oversized to accommodate mobility devices.

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That the Committee recess for 5 minutes.  
CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 2:10 PM and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call and all members of the Committee were present except for Councillor Mulcahy.

C) Judy Christianson, Program Coordinator, re: Overview of the CityStudio Project Survey Results

Judy Christianson, Program Coordinator provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to an overview of the CityStudio Project Survey Results. She stated that the main purpose of the survey was to identify barriers that people with disabilities face while accessing Regional services.

J. Christianson advised that the survey was distributed to everyone who registered on Your Voice Durham as well as all Accessibility Advisory Committees across Durham Region. She stated that there were 180 visitors, 35 contributors, and 36 responses. She advised that of those who responded most municipalities within Durham Region were represented; most age groups participated; the preferred method of public consultation was email; 76% of respondents accessed a Regional service with the main one being Works; service was accessed on the Regional website or in person and half of the respondents encountered a barrier.



J. Christianson advised that some of the barriers encountered were related to transportation issues as well as long wait times on telephone calls. She provided the following breakdown of the survey findings:

- many residents who accessed Regional services did not come across barriers;
- of the residents who responded to the survey, there were 7 people who came across barriers;
- those who provided feedback in the past were not contacted about their feedback at the time;
- residents are unsure about the difference between Regional and area municipal services;
- in general, people with disabilities are open to providing feedback given the right format;
- timeframe to provide feedback needs to be enough time to complete, if relying on community groups or organizations to forward the information;
- there are 33 new people who registered on Your Voice Durham and will be able to provide feedback on other projects;
- staff have followed up with the four people who wanted someone from the Region to contact them about their experiences; and
- while digital formats are the most popular method of communicating, other formats need to be considered as having multiple formats would make it inclusive for everyone to access the same information, in the same way, regardless of their ability.

J. Christianson stated that the recommendations for improvements are as follows:

- Feedback and customer service standards need to consider the needs of residents with disabilities and be more user-centred;
- Continue to research barriers using other formats such as using the forum, question or stories on Your Voice Durham with multiple ways to submit responses;
- Communication material must be provided in multiple formats;
- Review whether services accommodate persons with hearing disabilities; and
- Public education on the roles and responsibilities of the Region and area municipalities continues to be necessary.

Questions were asked with regards to the various services used for the Region's Anti-Black Systemic Racism Town Hall and how accessibility was built in to enable citizens from across the Region to participate in that forum. S. Austin responded with regards to the questions asked.

**5. Discussion Items**

A) Nomination to Transit Advisory Committee

J. Traer advised that M. Roche currently sits on the Transit Advisory Committee as a representative of the AAC and that there is another available vacancy.

Moved by L. Schisler, Seconded by R. Purnwasie,  
That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee:

That Heather Hall be appointed as the Accessibility Advisory Committee representative to the Transit Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

H. Hall advised that she would stand as the AAC representative on the Transit Advisory Committee.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

**7. Information Items**

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

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J. Traer provided the following update with regards to future presentations:

- A representative from the Region will attend the May meeting to discuss the myDurham311 project;
- A representative from the Region will also attend the May meeting to discuss the Region's Age Friendly Action Plan;
- There will be a presentation on the Intelligent Communities Project and accessibility in June;
- L. Schisler will provide an overview of Community Care Durham in June; and
- Recruiting speakers for Regional staff Lunch and Learn sessions with regards to National AccessAbility Week which will be held at the end of May.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

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M. Roche provided an update on the Transit Advisory Committee via email prior to the meeting. He advised that the Transit Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on the evening of March 23, 2021.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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J. Traer provided the following update:

- J. Traer has met with staff working on the revolving door project at Regional Headquarters and advised that they are revising the project. She will have the site plan subcommittee look at the actual plans for the doors and provide an update at a future meeting.
- Regional Headquarters will be closed to the public until September 13, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- With regards to the audit being done by the Compliance Division of the Province with respect to the Region's accessibility portfolio, it is now complete.
- J. Traer is currently working on updating accessibility training modules that Regional staff will be required to complete.

**8. Reports for Information**

A) Memorandum from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services re: myDurham 311 Overview

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The Memorandum from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding myDurham 311 Overview was included as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

**9. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by H. Hall,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM

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C. Boose, Chair  
Accessibility Advisory Committee

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Minutes**

#### **Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, March 25, 2021**

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: W. Basztyk, Brock  
V. Daram, Ajax  
S. Elhajjeh, Clarington  
R. Fleming, Pickering  
G. Gordon, Whitby  
K. Meydam, Clarington  
G. Rocoski, Oshawa  
J. Vinson, Clarington

Absent: None

#### **Non-Voting Members**

Present: A. Burke, Senior Planner, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington  
Councillor Janice Jones, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington  
L. Kwan, Environmental Specialist, Covanta attended the meeting at 7:16 PM  
M. Neild, Facility Manager, Covanta

#### **Staff**

Present: G. Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology  
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, welcomed the new and returning committee members to the orientation meeting and advised that the meeting was an opportunity for the committee members to introduce themselves and get to know each other. The members were given the opportunity to provide some of their background and their interest in the EFW-WMAC.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by G. Rocoski, Seconded by B. Basztyk,  
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on  
Tuesday, November 24, 2020, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**5. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**6. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**7. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**8. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items considered.

**9. Administrative Matters**

There were no administrative matters considered.

**10. Other Business**

A) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services,  
The Regional Municipality of Durham

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G. Anello provided an update on the following:

- i. Durham Region's 2021 Solid Waste Management Budget
- ii. Durham Region's Annual Waste Management Reports
- iii. Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan (2021 to 2040)
- iv. Durham Region's Organics Management Project
- v. Extended Producer Responsibility
- vi. Durham York Energy Centre

G. Anello advised that the EFW-WMAC will act in an advisory role to the Durham Works Committee on issues or concerns which arise with

respect to waste diversion, waste management, environmental performance and monitoring of the EFW facility.

### Durham Region's 2021 Solid Waste Management Budget

G. Anello advised that 90% of the Solid Waste Management budget for 2021 is allotted for non-discretionary items (what the Region is required to do). He advised that there are two exciting projects for 2021.

The two projects are:

- 1) Implementation of a biocover at the City of Oshawa Landfill (closed in 1980) that is made of organic material and will promote the growth of methane eating microbes that will help to reduce the Region's greenhouse gas footprint. This pilot project will be in cooperation with academia and the biggest challenge will be the monitoring of the project; and
- 2) Improvements at the City of Oshawa Waste Management Facility. The project will be aimed at optimizing the operations at the transfer station to decrease the amount of traffic and improve the Region's waste management facility diversion which currently sits at 20-30%. G. Anello advised that a study will be completed this year regarding improvements to the waste management facility.

G. Anello advised that staff will be looking at a potential transfer-like function of the Township of Brock's waste to the Municipality of Clarington. Staff are currently looking at a transfer function that would be located at the Township of Brock landfill.

In response to a question from B. Bastzyk regarding a request for additional information on the bioremediation of the landfills, and the potential transfer function of the Township of Brock's waste, G. Anello advised that he would provide a summary to him directly.

### Durham Region's Annual Waste Management Reports

G. Anello advised that there are two waste management reports issued annually. The first report is on the Region's diversion efforts, collection efforts, and total tonnage collected and processed. The second report is on the performance of the Energy from Waste facility located in the Municipality Clarington, which is a requirement of the Environment Compliance Approval (ECA). He advised that the ECA report will be issued March 31, 2021 and will be available online. He further advised that M. Smart will email the Committee the associated links once they are available.

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

G. Anello advised that the long-term waste management plan has gone through the first round of consultation, and staff are preparing to start the second round of consultation in May. He advised that staff will report back to the committee with a draft plan for the Committee's comment and input around the June timeframe. G. Anello advised that the long-term waste management plan will guide the Region from 2021 to 2040, and that there will be incremental 5-year plans that will provide the opportunity for a review of the plan and to make adjustments as needed. He advised that the Plan is aimed to be presented to the Works Committee and Regional Council in the Fall/Winter of this year.

Durham Region's Organics Management Project

G. Anello advised that Durham Region's Organics Management project will move to an anaerobic digester that will allow the Region to review the green bin program and investigate the introduction of diapers and pet waste into the program. He advised that the anaerobic digester would create methane biofuel which would be cleaned up to a renewable natural gas. He further advised that the second part of the project is a mixed waste pre-sort system that will open the black garbage bags and sort out the organics and non-combustibles (metals, ferrous and non-ferrous materials), as well as any marketable recyclables. G. Anello advised that this would help to delay an expansion of the DYEC beyond 2030-2035.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

G. Anello advised that currently producers pay 50% of the Region's costs for: recycling, tires, electronics and household hazardous waste. EPR will make the producers pay 100% of the costs and also give them control over the programs. He advised that the incentive will be for the producers to make changes to their packaging and to look at producing value in the recycled materials.

G. Anello stated that Durham Region is currently in transition to EPR with tires, electrical waste and batteries already being migrated over. He advised that by July the intent is for producers to also oversee the household hazardous waste program and that the Region is waiting for the release of the regulations for the blue box program. He further advised that the Region will most likely transition the blue box program in 2024.



Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)

G. Anello advised that at each meeting he will provide an update on the operations at the DYEC. He advised that the DYEC takes the residual garbage, after the recyclables have been removed, and uses a mass burn thermal technology where the steam generates electricity. He further advised that each year the DYEC generates electricity that goes into the grid and is also used to run the facility.

G. Anello also advised that a tour of the DYEC facility will be arranged when in-person meetings can resume.

G. Anello asked the Committee to think about the development of an EFW-WMAC workplan for the next meeting. He advised that M. Smart will email samples of workplans from other advisory committees to the Committee.

- B) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham regarding Durham Region's integrated waste management system and the EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2021 to 2022 – Term Five)

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 10. A) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham. See pages 2 to 5 of these minutes.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by G. Gordon, Seconded by K. Meydam,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services

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S. Glover, Committee Clerk