



The Regional Municipality of Durham

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

March 31, 2023

Information Reports

There are no Information Reports

Early Release Reports

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Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – re: Public Meeting Report – Application to Amend the Durham Official Plan, submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants Development Coordinators Ltd., on behalf of Gowanlea Ltd., to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2023-003

Early release reports will be considered at the May 2, 2023, Planning and Economic Development meeting.

Staff Correspondence

1. [Memorandum from Dr. R. J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health](#) – re: Health Information Update – March 26, 2023

Durham Municipalities Correspondence

1. [City of Oshawa](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 12, 2022, regarding Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guide
2. [Town of Ajax](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 27, 2023, in support of Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Other Municipalities Correspondence / Resolutions

1. [Municipality of South Huron](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 6, 2023, in support of the County of Huron's resolution regarding Cannabis Act Information
2. [Township of Lucan Biddulph](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held

on March 21, 2023, regarding Barriers for Women in Politics

3. [Township of Howick](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 21, 2023, in support of the Municipality of North Perth’s resolution regarding Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Miscellaneous Correspondence

There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) minutes – [March 21, 2023](#)
2. Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) minutes – [March 23, 2023](#)

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

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EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-P-**
Date: May 2, 2023

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Official Plan, submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants Development Coordinators Ltd., on behalf of Gowanlea Ltd., to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2023-003

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2023-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 On February 14, 2023, Michael Smith Planning Consultant Development Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of Gowanlea Ltd. submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation on non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.

- 1.2 “A Notice of a Complete Application and Public meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in the appropriate newspaper. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres of the subject site. This report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

2. Background

- 2.1 The subject site is located on the north side of Brock Concession Road 7, west of Ridge Road and east of Sideroad 18A. The property is municipally known as 1705 Concession Road 7 and is located at Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 in the Township of Brock (refer to Attachment #1).
- 2.2 The subject site is a square shape and is approximately 39.4 hectares (97.3 acres) in size. The southern portion of the site contains an existing house, accessory buildings and a livestock barn. The existing accessory building and livestock barn are to be removed. A woodland is located in the northeast corner of the site.
- 2.3 In 2022, Gowanlea Ltd. purchased the subject site, and the lands are used for crop rotation. Gowanlea Ltd. is a private farm business and owns 22 agricultural properties totalling 833 hectares (2,058 acres) in the Township of Brock (refer to Attachment #2). The workable area of the site is approximately 25.2 hectares (62.2 acres). The house located on the subject site is not utilized by farm employees and is surplus to the farm operation.
- 2.4 The applicant has also filed a Zoning By-law Amendment Application with the Township of Brock to rezone the proposed retained farm parcel to prohibit further severances and residential development.
- 2.5 The surrounding land uses to the subject site includes:
- a. North - agricultural land, woodlot, and rural residences
 - b. East – Sideroad 18A, agricultural land, rural residences, woodlot
 - c. South – Concession Road 7, rural residences, agricultural land, woodlot
 - d. West – Wetland, agricultural areas, and rural residences

3. Reports Submitted in support of the Application

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report/Agricultural Assessment prepared by Michael Smith Planning Consultants Development Coordinators Ltd. dated January 2023, has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan, the Regional Official Plan, the Lake Simcoe

Protection Plan (LSPP) and the Provincial Minimum Distance of Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 An Environmental Site-Screening Questionnaire dated January 11, 2023, completed by Cambium Inc., reported the subject land as having low level of environmental concerns and no further assessment is required.

4. Policy Context

Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and Greenbelt Plan

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the Protected Countryside designation of the Greenbelt Plan. Both the Provincial Policy Statement and Greenbelt Plan permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance and will be limited to the minimum size needed to accommodate the use.

Durham Regional Official Plan

- 4.2 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the ROP. The site is also located within the Provincial Agricultural System. The northeast portion of the property contains Key Natural Heritage and/or Hydrological Features. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 4.3 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
- a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
 - b. The farm parcel is of a size which is viable for farming operations;
 - c. Within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan Area, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004; and
 - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances and the establishment of any residential dwelling.

5. Proposed Official Plan Amendment

- 5.1 The proposed amendment to the ROP would facilitate the severance of a 1.5 ha (4 ac.) parcel of land containing the existing dwelling, retaining a 38.2 ha (94.3 ac.) farm parcel. The subject dwelling was in existence prior to December 16, 2004.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 A copy of the proposed ROP Amendment has been circulated to the Ministry of the Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Regional Health Department; the Regional Works Department; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

7. Public Consultation

- 7.1 A “Notice of Complete Application” and “Notice of Public Meeting” regarding this application was advertised in the Brock Citizen, and a notice was posted on the Region’s website. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed out to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. This report was also made available to the public prior to the meeting.
- 7.2 Anyone who attends or participates in a public meeting may present an oral submission and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submission at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 7.3 If a person or a public body does not make an oral submission at a public meeting, or does not make written submission before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and
 - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 7.4 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council’s decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3
planning@durham.ca

8. Future Regional Council Decision

- 8.1 The Planning and Economic Development Department Committee will consider the proposed ROP Amendment at a future meeting and will make recommendation to the Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.
- 8.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

9. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 9.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 10.1 In the processing of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications, the objectives are to ensure responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

11. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Gowanlea Ltd. Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

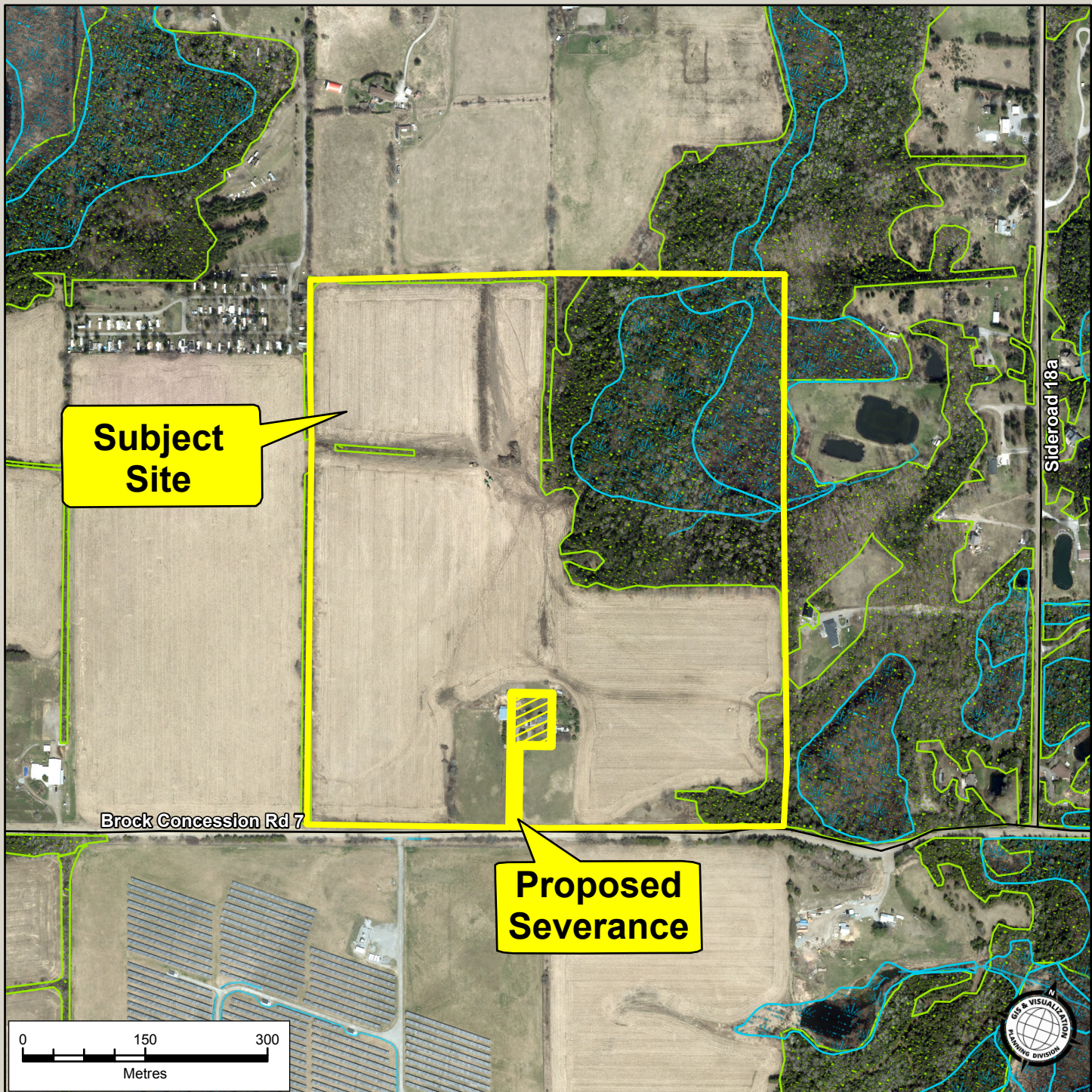
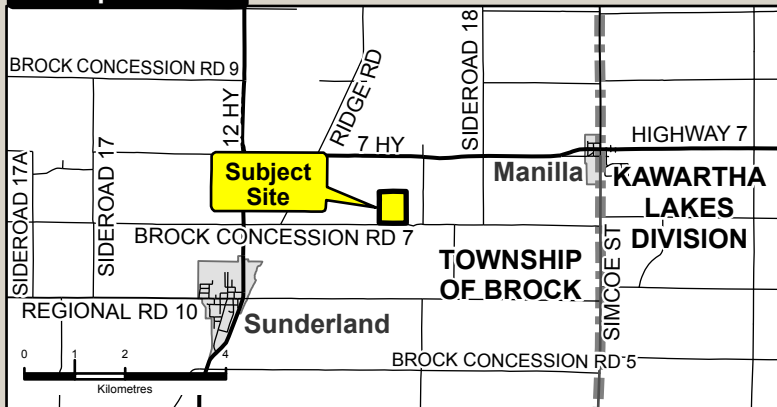
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

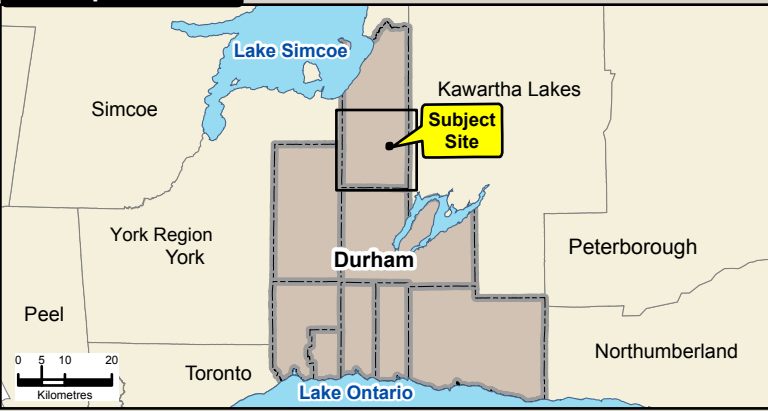
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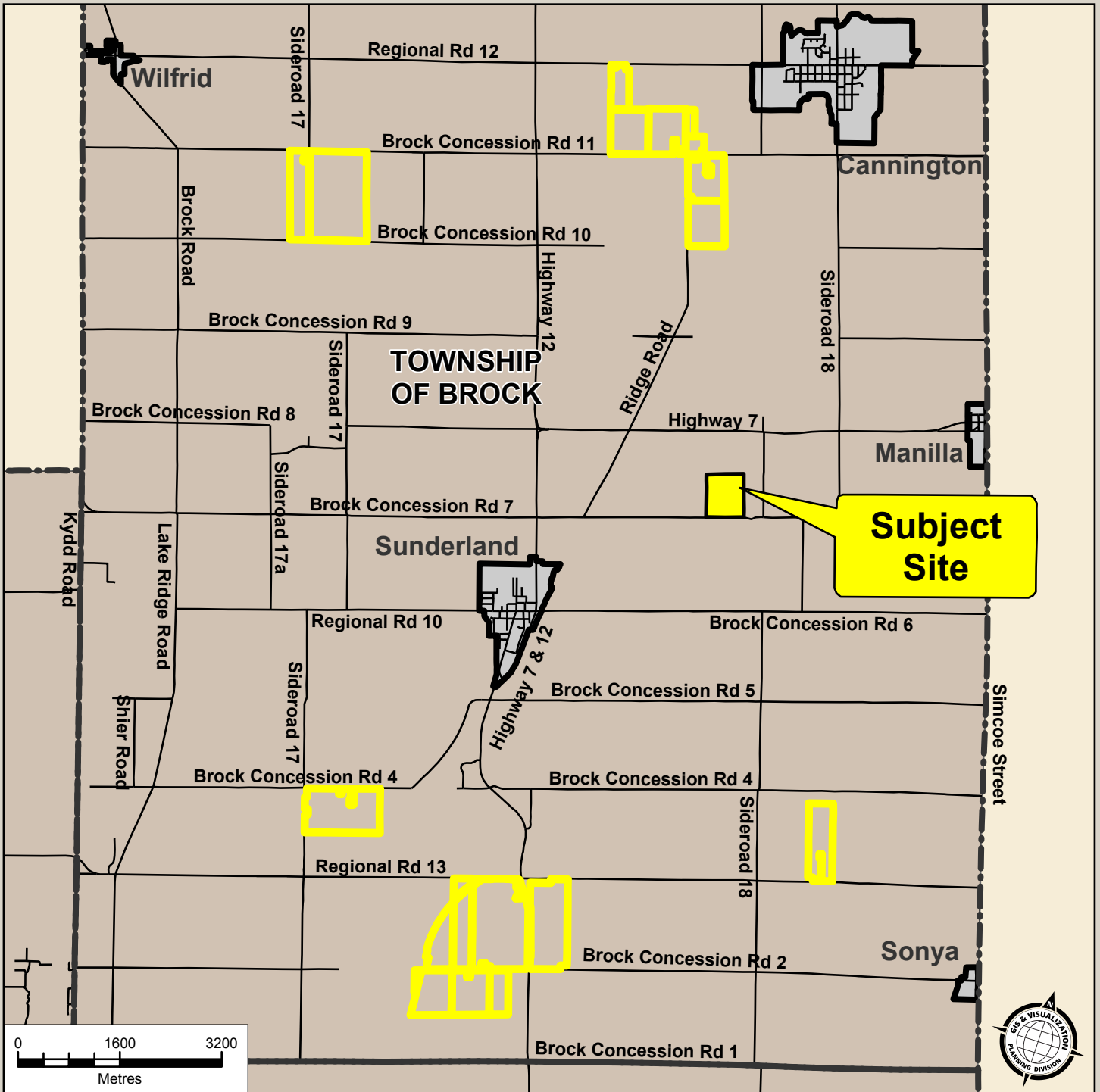
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Attachment #2
Commissioner's Report: 2023-P-**
File: ROPA 2023-003
Municipality: Township of Brock

Legend

-  Subject Site
-  Other Lands Owned by Gowanlea Ltd.



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Interoffice Memorandum

Date: March 31, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – March 26, 2023

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 26, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/yht3syh4

- It's Time to Spring Forward and Change Your Batteries (Mar 14)

tinyurl.com/5n7bum66

- XDR Shigella – Possible Sexual Transmission (Mar 15)

tinyurl.com/4utvkyab

- Scabies (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/4n3whmrt

- Durham Region Community Resource Centre to host an Oral Health Information Session (Mar 22)

tinyurl.com/2t8frp9w

- Health Department monitoring local area for potential avian influenza in wild birds (Mar 22)

tinyurl.com/3rmukztp

- World TB Day – March 24th (Mar 24)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/2fnz9ssv

- Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in Quebec City on the Canadian economy and the government's priorities heading into the 2023 budget (Mar 22)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/yc3fk3jy

- National Seniors Council launches consultations on Aging at Home (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/za3kfc2

- Federal minimum wage rising to \$16.65 on April 1 (Mar 21)

tinyurl.com/4xusmr76

- Government of Canada launches call for applications for the National Advisory Council on Poverty (Mar 23)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/yxrb8wrp

- Statement – Minister Guilbeault's statement following the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (Mar 14)

tinyurl.com/bdftvzy8

- Statement – Minister Guilbeault reiterates Canada’s commitment to achieve net-zero targets (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/3r3d88bs

- Speech for the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, at Americana 2023 (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/bdftvzy8

- Statement – Minister Guilbeault reiterates Canada’s commitment to achieve net-zero targets (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/yj47b7cu

- World Water Day marked with funding announcement for research and protection of our most precious natural resource: fresh water (Mar 22)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/2zh985v9

- Government of Canada announces over \$7 million to help address harms related to substance use in Ontario (Mar 14)

tinyurl.com/4e4ebvad

- Canada launches new toll-free 1-844 POISON-X number for poison centres (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/bd5deppy

- Statement from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Coalition for Action for Health Workers (Mar 21)

tinyurl.com/5x4k5w87

- Health Canada provides update on supply of infant formula in Canada (Mar 21)

tinyurl.com/46kwv4ma

- Government of Canada improves access to affordable and effective drugs for rare diseases (Mar 22)

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/4skekjhm

- Study launched to assess effects of development adjacent to the Rouge National Urban Park (Mar 21)

Indigenous Services Canada

tinyurl.com/yy7huhbh

- Joint message from Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami President Natan Obed and Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hadju on World Tuberculosis Day (Mar 24)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/4962rx6h

- Government of Canada releases results of public consultations on the future of genomics in Canada (Mar 13)

tinyurl.com/6tbthrf

- Advisory panel report on federal research support system published (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/mrywky4y

- Government of Canada establishes a new research hub at the University of Toronto to accelerate Canada's vaccine and therapeutics production (Mar 14)

tinyurl.com/yj2uxnys

- The Government of Canada continues to invest in domestic vaccine production (Mar 16)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/y7cwv73m

- Government of Canada announces funding to help accelerate innovation in aging and mental health (Mar 15)

tinyurl.com/2j6zt2ns

- Government of Canada will remove COVID-19 testing requirement for air travellers arriving from the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong or Macao (Mar 16)

tinyurl.com/426u3f2k

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on World TB Day (Mar 24)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Finance

tinyurl.com/2uceuek6

- Building a Strong Ontario (Mar 23)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/ayrwpema

- Ontario Government and Ontario Association of Optometrists Reach Historic Agreement (Mar 24)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/276kp62x

- Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Residents to More Hours of Direct Care (Mar 17)

tinyurl.com/yfcuhfun

- Ontario Updating COVID-19 Measures in Long-Term Care Homes (Mar 22)

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

tinyurl.com/ybhrnxvp

- Ontario Helping Low-Income Seniors (Mar 24)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/mzm5cavu

- Premier Doug Ford Makes Changes to Cabinet (Mar 24)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association

tinyurl.com/ypk3644d

- Ontarians Show Strong Support for Generic Medicines Sector (Mar 16)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/23xybcvf

- Health Workforce report recommendations are sound, now is the time for decisive action (Mar 14)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/44k9av4c

- Long wait times persist as Canada tries to reduce surgical backlog (Mar 23)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/4c5n8ns6

- Car-centric neighbourhoods drive up rates of diabetes (Mar23)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/yc3vvjtv

- Ontario Hospital Association Welcomes Health Care Investments Announced Today in 2023 Ontario Budget (Mar 24)

Ontario Medical Association

tinyurl.com/27264myy

- Ontario's doctors encouraged budget aligned with their proposals (Mar 23)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/y9e4jnv2

- OPG joins international group to advance new nuclear (Mar 23)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/3s82uj2n

- RNAO says budget recovery plan leaves health of Ontarians and nursing behind (Mar 24)

Statistics Canada

tinyurl.com/mawkcc77

- Statistics Canada Launches Portal to Improve Access to Municipal-Level Data (Mar 23)



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File: 03-05

March 22, 2023

DELIVERED BY EMAIL:
(minister.mto@ontario.ca)

(resolutions@amo.on.ca)

Honourable Caroline Mulroney

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guide – (All Wards)

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of May 12, 2022 and adopted the following recommendation:

- “1. That based on Report CNCL-22-37, dated May 4, 2022, City Council approve the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guide, appended as Attachment 1 of this Report; and,
2. That City Council approve the new 40 km/h area pilot program outlined in the Section 5.6 of this report; and,
3. That Traffic By-Law 79-99, as amended, be further amended to implement a 40 km/h maximum rate of speed on Grandview Street North from Coldstream Drive to Conlin Road East; and,
4. That a copy of Report CNCL-22-37, dated May 4, 2022, be sent to the resident inquirers; and,
5. That a request be sent after the provincial election to the Province of Ontario to amend legislation such that municipalities would be allowed to introduce bylaws modifying the standard speed to speeds other than 50km/h on the entirety of its neighbourhood roads, and that this direction be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario requesting that they scan Ontario municipalities for further support or investigation into the request, and that this request likewise be sent to the Region of Durham and the other local municipalities in our Region.”

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Oshawa City Council respectfully requests your consideration of the request set out in Part 5 of the recommendation.

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Ron Diskey, Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk

- c. Community and Operations Services Department
 - Region of Durham
 - City of Pickering
 - Town of Ajax
 - Town of Whitby
 - Scugog Township
 - Brock Township
 - Town of Uxbridge
 - Municipality of Clarington




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Re: Support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on March 27, 2023:

WHEREAS currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on an elected official is suspension and loss of pay for 90 days, even in cases of workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no process to remove an elected official from office, even in cases of confirmed workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require all elected officials to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit a municipality to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking re-election in any resulting by-election;

AND WHEREAS at least 27 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5, including Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Barrie, Orillia, and Richmond Hill;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Ajax Council express its support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and
- A copy of this motion be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Regional Council, and Durham Region municipalities.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason McWilliam', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Councillor N. Henry
MPP Patrice Barnes
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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March 22, 2023

Via email: mwark@huroncounty.ca

Meighan Wark, CAO
County of Huron
1 Courthouse Square
Goderich ON

Re: Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 071-2023

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: J. Dietrich

That South Huron Council support the County of Huron resolution to approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information.

Disposition: Carried (6-1)

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
Municipality of South Huron
awolfe@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 ext 224

Encl.

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

Premier of Ontario

Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Provincial Minister of Agriculture

Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Member of Parliament

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Federal Minister of Health

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Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

2. Personal and Designated Production

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.

Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

Recommendations for Further Advocacy

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

Call to Action Letter

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
- Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

Further Resources

The Cannabis Act: The Facts

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

The Cannabis Act

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework

Cannabis Information for Municipalities

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

Ontario: Cannabis Control Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

Correspondence Received by Council

Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

Appendix A

Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Corporation of the County of Huron
1 Courthouse Square
Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2
www.HuronCounty.ca
Phone: 519.524.8394
Toll Free: 1.888.524.8394



October, 5, 2022

To: Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat
Health Canada
Address locator 03021
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliance to municipal by-laws;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds

of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost fifty years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend enhanced consultation with municipal governments and request further notice and consultation with the County of Huron when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations dealing with matters related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

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{insert date}

To: {insert recipient}

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

{insert motion}

AND FURTHER THAT:

{insert motion}

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

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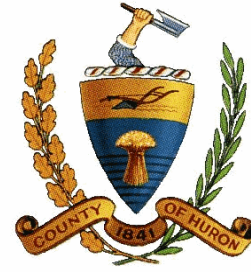
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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

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It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

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impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the beginning.

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council



Township of Lucan Biddulph

270 Main Street
P.O Box 190, Lucan, Ontario N0M 2J0
Phone (519) 227-4491; Fax (519) 227-4998

March 22, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A4

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford:

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph at its meeting held on March 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-095
Moved by D. Regan
Seconded by A. Westman

WHEREAS, the Township of Lucan Biddulph values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;


WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Township of Lucan Biddulph believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 23, 2023 1:33 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Middlesex County MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Township of Lucan Biddulph's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Ron Reymer
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Lianne Rood, MP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex
Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

March 23, 2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A4
VIA EMAIL

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford:

RE: Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that at their meeting held on March 21, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of West Perth passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 105-23

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

Seconded by: Councillor Hargrave


Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from the Municipality of North Perth and direct the Clerk-Administrator to draft an endorsement letter to be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties and all municipalities of Ontario.

Attached is a copy of the North Perth resolution for your reference. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick
clerk@howick.ca
519-335-3208 ext, 2

Cc: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Lisa Thompson
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 24, 2023 9:11 am
Original To:	CIP
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Notes/Comments:	



March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
G. O'Connor, Member at Large, attended the meeting at 7:37 PM
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
B. Winter, Ajax
W. Wotten*, Regional Councillor
*** denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large

Staff

Present: S. Jibb, Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

T. Barrie made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to Items 5.D) ROPA 2023-001 – Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington, and 5.E) ROPA 2023-002 – Thornlea Holsteins Ltd., Municipality of Clarington, as he has personal experience with both applications.

G.L. O'Connor made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to Items 5.D) ROPA 2023-001 – Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington, and 5.E) ROPA 2023-002 – Thornlea Holsteins Ltd., Municipality of Clarington, as she sits on the Land Division Committee.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. Taylor, Seconded by B. Winter,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Brenna Ireland, Partnership Manager, and Shane Jones, Farm Manager, The Barrett Centre, re: The Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture

Brenna Ireland, Partnership Manager, and Shane Jones, Farm Manager, The Barrett Centre, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to The Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Outcomes
- Urban Farm Activities
 - Barrett Centre Urban Farm
 - Timeline
 - W. Galen Weston Centre for Food – Urban Farm
 - On-Campus Activities at the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food – Urban Farm
 - W. Galen Weston Centre for Organic Regeneration
 - On Farm Innovations, Equipment, Standardized Operating Procedures & Resources
- Educational Opportunities & Research Connections
 - Work Integrated Learning Opportunities
 - Curriculum Development
 - Research Projects at the Barrett Centre Urban Farm
 - Season Extension (Hoophouses)
- Community Connections
 - Durham College Tackles Food Insecurity with Market Garden Benefiting Community Care Durham

- Bioenterprise, 1855, and Durham College
- Town of Ajax – Ajax Partnership Fund
- RBC Urban Agriculture Wil Program
- Collaborative Conversations
- Next Steps

B. Ireland and S. Jones responded to questions with regards to the nature of the plot of land; whether the soil has been disturbed; the selection of the subject site; any hurdles regarding the process; types of fruits and vegetables that can be grown at the urban farm; and steps being taken for food security measures.

Discussion ensued with regards to the challenge of providing education to the community about agriculture.

B) Michael Scott, Project Planner, Region of Durham, re: Region of Durham Draft New Regional Official Plan

Michael Scott, Project Planner, Region of Durham, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Region of Durham Draft New Regional Official Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Envision Durham – Draft Regional Official Plan
- Chapter 1 – Regional Structure
- Chapter 6 – Thriving Rural Systems
 - Implementation of Provincial Agricultural System
 - Prime Agricultural Areas policy changes
 - Introduction of permissions related to on-farm diversified and agriculture-related uses
 - Maintenance of rural lot creation and severance policies
- Chapter 7 – Protected Greenlands System
- Chapter 9 – Site Specific Policies
- Next Steps

M. Scott responded to questions with regards to the definition of bonafide farm in the draft new regional official plan; the process for lower tier municipalities following the regional official plan; whether municipalities can pass by-laws to override the regional official plan; how agriculture, agriculture related enterprise, and on farm diversified uses are incorporated into the regional official plan; and the requirement for agriculture impact assessments.

Discussion ensued with regards to bringing topsoil into Durham Region; the definition of a bonafide farmer within the Regional Official Plan and the impact on young farmers; development charges fees; how Bill 23 is affecting municipal planning; and when and how development charges will be required.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- Currently working on providing Economic Development comments on the new draft Regional Official Plan.
- Providing support to Durham Farm Connections for their open house on April 5, 2023 and obtaining permits from the Town of Whitby.
- The on farm diversified uses toolkit is still in development, working with the consultant with an aim to provide an opportunity for local municipalities to review by mid-late April

B) Agriculture 101 Training

S. Jibb advised that when the new committee members are appointed, the Agriculture 101 Training discussions will begin regarding the format of the presentations for presentation to the local municipalities.

Z. Cohoon advised the Agriculture 101 presentation to Regional Council on March 1, 2023 was well received and provided an overview of questions received from Council during the presentation.

Discussion ensued with regards to best way to provide the presentation to the eight local municipalities.

C) 2023 Farm Tour Sub-Committee Report

D. Risebrough provided the following update:

- The farm tour is being held on September 21, 2023 at Carncroft Farm and Swain Beef.
- A subcommittee meeting will take place before the next committee meeting and there will be an on-site meeting at the farms to review the set up.

M. Scott advised that the “save the dates” for the farm tour were sent to Regional and local Councils and will be sent to Members of Provincial Parliament shortly. He also advised that the tent and bathroom rentals have been confirmed, and he has received the quote for hats.

D) ROPA 2023-001 – Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington

M. Scott advised that an application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the

consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-001, was received.

M. Scott advised that the applicant is requesting to sever the existing farm dwelling which is not required for a farm employee and is surplus to the farm operation. He also advised that a concurrent zoning by-law amendment application has been submitted to the Municipality of Clarington to rezone the retained farm parcel to prohibit any further severances and the development of any new dwellings, and the use of the existing barn for housing livestock.

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the application and discussion ensued regarding the subject site.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by H. Schillings

That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee has no objections to the severance of land.

CARRIED

E) ROPA 2023-002 – Thornlea Holsteins Ltd., Municipality of Clarington

M. Scott advised that an application to amend the Durham Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Thornlea Holsteins Ltd., to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-002, was received.

M. Scott advised that Thornlea Holsteins Ltd. owns of total of five agricultural properties in the Municipality of Clarington with present land holdings of 175.5 hectares, of which 149.3 hectares are workable. He also advised that the applicant purchased the subject site in 2022, that the lands are used for the farm's feed crop operation, and the house located on the subject site is not utilized by a farm employee and is surplus to the farm operation.

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the application and discussion ensued regarding the subject site.

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by B. Smith,

That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee has no objections to the severance of land.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

A) Proposed Updates to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB)

A link to the Proposed Updates to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB) was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that the proposed changes include supporting public participation by clarifying access to adjudicative records, processes for electronic hearings, opportunities for the public to attend hearings, providing efficient and timely proceedings such as when to dismiss applications without a hearing, and optimizing board proceedings. He also advised that comments must be submitted by April 3, 2023.

B) Envision Durham – Release of the Draft New Regional Official Plan

Report #2023-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Envision Durham – Release of the Draft New Regional Official Plan was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

7. Other Business

A) Avian Influenza in Poultry

H. Schillings raised concerns with regards to the avian influenza effecting poultry in Durham Region. Discussion ensued with regards to the avian influenza and the possibility of a motion from DAAC on this matter.

B) Committee Members

B. Winter advised that he will be stepping down from the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee and today will be his last meeting.

M. Scott advised that the May 9, 2023 meeting will likely be the first meeting with the new committee members.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by T. Watpool, Seconded by B. Winter,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, 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 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
R. Dickinson, Brock
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:28 PM
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:10 PM
S. Panchal, Youth Member
Councillor Shahid
B. Shipp, Member at Large
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large
M. Nasir, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Also

Present: Councillor Wotten (alternate)

Staff

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

In the absence of the Committee Chair, J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Shipp, Seconded by K. Lui,
That the agenda for the March 23, 2023 Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

In follow-up to the February 16, 2023, DECAC meeting minutes with respect to concerns raised by S. Clearwater regarding the number of significant drinking water threats (SDWTS) identified in the 2022 Source Water Protection Annual Report, she advised that she followed up with staff who clarified the process, and advised that many homes that were estimated to be on a well, turned out to be on gas/septic so they were eliminated that way and the number was eventually brought down to 0.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by R. Dickinson,
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee
meeting held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentation

A) Envision Durham – Draft Regional Official Plan, Aneesah Luqman, Senior Planner

Aneesah Luqman, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Envision Durham – Draft Regional Official Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Policy and Legislative Context
- Timeline and Progress
- Policy Areas
- Regional Structure
- Healthy Communities – Chapter 3
- Protected Greenlands System – Chapter 7
- Special Study Areas – Chapter 9
- Next Steps
- Map Links

Concerns were raised regarding the difficulty in identifying Kettle Lake from the other evaluated wetlands on Map 2C because of the similarity in colours; and on

Map 2G, what the reason is for the highly vulnerable aquifers being found mostly on the Oak Ridges Moraine, and whether other areas would also be vulnerable.

A. Luqman responded to questions from the Committee regarding the definitions of “Natural Core Areas” (referenced on Map 2B), “Complex Landform and Moderately Complex Landform” (referenced on Map 2H). She advised that she would look into the definitions of Natural Core Areas, Complex Landform, and Moderately Complex Landform for the Committee. She also reminded the Committee to submit any additional comments on the final Draft Official Plan by April 3, 2023.

6. Items for Discussion

A) 2023-P-6: Envision Durham – Release of the Draft New Regional Official Plan – Draft Plan and Map Viewer

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 2 and 3 of these minutes.

7. For Information

A) Information Report #2023-INFO-15: 2022 Leader in Sustainability Award

A copy of Report #2023-INFO-15 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

B) Information Report #2023-INFO-16: 2022 Annual Water Quality Report

A copy of Report #2023-INFO-16 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

S. Clearwater raised concerns regarding the use of pesticides being absent from Report #2023-INFO-16 of the Commissioner of Works, but that pesticides are referenced in Report #2023-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development. She stated that Report #2023-INFO-16 only references the use of herbicides and insecticides, but dimethoate is mentioned in the testing sheet and that it should be identified as a pesticide to make it more accurate. S. Clearwater asked if the other 7 neonicotinoids are being used in the Region because they only test for dimethoate. A. Luqman asked that S. Clearwater forward her the list of all neonicotinoids so that she could follow-up with the appropriate staff and report back to her directly.

C) Commissioner’s Report #2023-WR-1: Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington

A copy of Report #2023-WR-1 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

D) Commissioner’s Report #2023-WR-3: Organics Management Plan – Next Steps

A copy of Report #2023-WR-3 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

Concerns were raised regarding the launch of an Enhanced Green Bin that adds diapers, personal sanitary products, adult incontinence products, pet waste, pet litter, and any other material deemed processible by the Regional Municipality of Durham to the list of acceptable materials in the Regional Municipality of Durham's Green Bin program.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear a presentation from the Works department regarding the Organics Management Plan at a future DECAC meeting.

- E) Commissioner's Report #2023-W-10: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2022 Summary

A copy of Report #2023-W-10 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

- F) Minutes of the February 14th, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the February 14, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by K. Murray,
That Information Items 7. A) to F) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

8. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by B. Shipp,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

J. Cuthbertson, First-Chair, Durham
Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk