



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2017-INFO-26
Date: March 3, 2017

Subject:

Long-Term Care Homes Annual Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Long-Term Care Homes Annual Report is attached to this report.

2. Attachments

Attachment #1: Long-Term Care Homes Annual Report 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Dr. Hugh Drouin
Commissioner of Social Services

REGION OF DURHAM LONG-TERM CARE HOMES

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by: Michael MacDonald, Administrator, Lakeview Manor
Gina Peragine, Administrator, Hillsdale Estates
John Rankin, Administrator, Hillsdale Terraces
Marcey Wilson, Administrator, Fairview Lodge

The Region of Durham (ROD) operates a total of 845 long stay and 2 respite beds in 4 long-term care (LTC) homes, Fairview Lodge, Hillsdale Estates, Hillsdale Terraces and Lakeview Manor. The homes are all accredited with exemplary standing through Accreditation Canada. We provide care and services in accordance with the *Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007* and other relevant legislation.

The homes continue to refine required programs and implement and evaluate new processes in order to provide high quality care and service excellence to residents in an environment that promotes choice, dignity and respect.

We remain dedicated to fulfilling the Mission, Vision and Values set in our Strategic Plan. The achievements in 2016 confirm the commitment to the Philosophy of Care:

We believe that quality of life is achieved through person-centred care and through empowering, embracing and engaging each individual.

The following report highlights our accomplishments falling under each of the 4 strategic themes within our Strategic Plan 2015-2017. We are also reporting relevant demographic data as well as key risk indicators.

Life with Meaning

This past year was the first time the homes used the National Research Corporation Canada (NRCC) survey to measure resident and family satisfaction. This research based survey allows LTC homes across Canada to measure and review the needs of the home from the client's experience and perspective and to benchmark against other similar homes. The ROD homes rated 93.7% overall in resident satisfaction and 92% overall in family satisfaction. This compares to the national average of 89.2% and 91.1% respectfully. The homes will focus on priority areas to improve care and experience as part of our continuous quality improvement efforts.

The LTC homes continued to work on the development of a 'Person-Centred Care' (PCC) framework and model in 2016. The purpose of this priority area is to engage staff and residents in a reflective and exploratory process to identify existing strengths of person-centre care and identify areas of growth and opportunities for change. This approach will create a model that is thoughtful and holds meaning to all the key stakeholders. Building a culture of PCC means that the resident is in the driver's seat as much as possible, identifying what they need and what has meaning to them as an individual. The goal for 2016 in each home was to engage a high percentage of direct care staff by asking the same key questions and collecting that data. Every home was able to engage over 60% of the direct care staff. The data is being analyzed and will be used once the data collection segment of this project is completed.

Each home is already engaged in many PCC approaches and initiatives, an excellent example being the use of music as therapy. In 2016, each home engaged in active music therapy using technology and creative programming. Music therapy has been used as a successful clinical and social intervention. The therapy has given the residents the ability to contribute to their communities and connect to positive memories. Divisionally, over 20% of residents engaged in music therapy in 2016. The homes have specifically used music therapy as a tool to support and manage challenging behaviours.

The homes continued to work with Behaviour Supports Ontario (BSO). BSO is focused on helping older people with responsive behaviours associated with cognitive impairments due to complex mental health, addictions, dementia, or other neurological conditions and their caregivers. In 2016, over 50% of the 845 residents living within the homes exhibited responsive behaviours. Each resident is assessed with specific tools and each support plan is very unique. The homes work with BSO to ensure behaviours are 'responsive' in nature so the home can have success with the appropriate interventions. Hillsdale Estates continues to receive Central East LHIN funding through the BSO initiative to support positions dedicated to working with residents with responsive behaviours. We were pleased to be advised by the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) that our other 3 LTC homes were successful in their applications for embedded BSO positions beginning in 2017. The homes also continue to work very closely with Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Science to evaluate incidents and develop strategies to address responsive behaviours and resident aggression. In 2016, Hillsdale Estates published a success story in the LHIN BSO newsletter highlighting the work of the BSO Personal Support Workers.

It is well documented that moving into a new environment can be a behavioural trigger for people living with a dementia. In 2016, the homes began the process of reviewing the current admission process in each home. This initiative consisted of gathering some baseline data, and through application of LEAN principles and practices our goal is to

improve the overall satisfaction with the admission process by 3% in the annual satisfaction survey from 94% to 97%. The project will continue in 2017.

One key clinical area the homes focused on in 2016 was an 'Intensive Therapy Program'. The program involves intensive therapy 5 days per week from a licenced physiotherapist and/or occupational therapist involving a maximum of 15 residents for a minimum of 150 minutes per week of therapy. The goal of this program is to improve activities of daily living and maintain maximum independence in our residents. This program not only benefits the residents' quality of life but also has the added benefit of potentially increasing our level-of-care per diem Ministry funding and will continue to be a focus in 2017.

Great People Doing Great Things

In 2016, the senior management team set a goal to develop leadership capacity and reinforce position accountability. A number of actions and initiatives including an improved performance review process, education opportunities at the home management level, and a review of job descriptions were implemented. In addition, the administrators committed to meet on a monthly basis to strategize ways to improve collaboration and teamwork within the division.

In accordance with the *LTC Homes Act*, all homes are required to provide mandatory education on a wide range of programs to all staff working in the LTC homes. The division identified a need for a dedicated training specialist position to better facilitate the training and to ensure a consistent message. The position was created in 2016 and filled near year end. Work has begun on standardizing the delivery of education and this work will continue into 2017.

The homes participated in the Annual Social Services Innovation and Research Forum. The LTC presentations demonstrated different creative programs implemented to support care such as the Legacy Project which included a series of intergenerational expressive art therapy workshops, to create art and foster relationships. We also presented on the homes' journey to co-creating person-centred care and innovations in dementia support.

The homes continued to monitor trends and current best practices in LTC. In 2016 new policies were created and implemented to address emerging issues in the sector that included intimacy and sexuality and medical marijuana use. These policies also help guide staff and assist in fostering a culture of Person Centered Care.

The division invested considerable time analyzing ways to enhance the work environment and morale in the homes. The senior leadership team participated in formal sessions regarding the leaders' role in building a 'Respect in the Workplace' culture and the plan is to continue this work with all care partners within the homes.

Peace of Mind

In 2016, the 4 homes commenced work on a new bed rail minimization program. This program requires the interdisciplinary team to assess the necessity for bedrails for each resident. According to Health Canada Statistics, bed entrapment and injury related to bedrails remains a high risk for residents in LTC. (Canada, H. 2008, June 26). Aside from the physical risk to a person, the presence of bedrails can also increase a resident's feeling of isolation, agitation and prevent a resident from getting up to perform routine activities. Our work has resulted in a 20% reduction in the use of bedrails, from 83% in January to the current 63%. In 2017, we will continue to reduce and manage the use of bedrails as safely as possible.

All 4 LTC homes received their annual Resident Quality Inspection (RQI) by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). These inspections were unannounced as per the Long-Term Care Homes Act (LTCHA). Inspection outcomes included 16 written notifications (WN) of non-compliance, and 17 voluntary plans of correction (VPCs). In all cases, the homes responded immediately to bring themselves back into compliance in the areas noted by the inspectors.

Over the last year we continued to see a positive downward trend in the percentage of residents on antipsychotics without a diagnosis of psychosis across the ROD homes. An Antipsychotic Evaluation Tool was implemented in 2015; this work continued throughout 2016. The goal is to ensure there is an ongoing indication for use and that the medication is working effectively and is tolerated by the resident. The homes work with the consultant pharmacists on a quarterly basis to review team recommendations for dosage adjustments and/or discontinuations where appropriate. Ultimately, the downward trend over the last year shows that the homes are committed to ensuring that antipsychotics are being used judiciously and only when appropriate.

The division is committed to provide a healthy workplace through the integration of mental health, employee engagement, lifestyle, and preventative health and safety. This commitment will assist to enhance employee health and wellness and contribute to improve well-being at home and in their work environment.

The homes continued to work with their Joint Health and Safety Committees to remain in compliance with all applicable legislation and regulations. Random Ministry of Labor inspections did not result in any orders, but did result in recommendations that were acted upon.

Building Our Future

Long-Term Care continues to evolve and the technology used to deliver care and services continues to improve. In 2016, the division benefitted from the creation of an applications support coordinator position, shared with the Family Services division, to assist LTC with its growing information technology (IT) needs. This position assists the homes with IT projects and request for proposal (RFP) processes for upgrading software.

In preparation for future technology such as electronic medical administration record and point of care documentation, all 4 homes went through an extensive audit to determine the capacity and the availability of Wi-Fi throughout the homes. This process determined the capacity levels of switches and servers throughout the home to be able to maintain Wi-Fi connection. Through this process we were able to budget for 2017 to ensure our systems would be able to handle new and improved documentation systems.

Due to the growing demands of evolving scheduling practices, LTC worked with other Regional departments to prepare an RFP to replace our current scheduling software. A key outcome of this RFP process will be the upgrade to software that has the capability to manage all schedules in a 24 hour operation, automate basic attendance and payroll functions, and improve reporting and tracking components to better manage work locations. We anticipate the software to be fully operational in 2017.

In collaboration with Medical Pharmacies, upgrades were made to our Medipen system. This upgrade has streamlined the process for capturing digital physician orders and signatures and transmits them from the nursing station computer directly to Medical Pharmacy. This has decreased the number of transcription and dispensing errors.

Demographics

Ontario supports 627 LTC homes that operate 78,120 beds. The Region of Durham homes care for 845 residents. The homes experienced 223 admissions and 208 discharges in 2016. Our wait lists remain high with between 105 to 494 applicants selecting our homes as their first choice for placement. The total number of applicants on our waitlists at year end ranged from 190 to over 1,300. Occupancy rates remain over 98%. The average age of the resident is 85. Approximately 6% of the population is under the age of 65 and this has proven to be a challenge within the homes.

Risk Indicators

All homes in Ontario contribute to *Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)* data to benchmark and analyze care and service delivery. This supports the homes prioritization in quality improvement and project planning. (The provincial data referenced below is from the most recent CIHI report for the period ending September, 2016).

Sixty one percent of the residents on the ROD homes have a diagnosis of dementia. This is consistent with the provincial average of 62%. The number of residents exhibiting aggressive behaviours is 61% in the ROD homes compared to 45% in the province. The importance of a strong BSO program cannot be emphasized enough. However, there are individuals in the homes who exhibit behaviours that are high risk and difficult to manage safely in a LTC setting.

Another area of risk is the use of physical restraints. Physical restraints are designed to restrict voluntary movement or behaviour by use of a device or physical force because of a potential for injury to self or others and only when all other strategies have been attempted and proven unsuccessful. Our homes have evaluated the necessity of restraints and have reduced the overall usage down from 8% in 2015 to 4.6% in 2016. This compares favourably to the provincial rate of 5.5%.

As mentioned earlier, we continued to see a positive downward trend in the percentage of residents on antipsychotics without a diagnosis of psychosis across the ROD homes. In 2016, our rate was 20%, down from 25% in 2015. The provincial rate is 21.5%.

A final risk indicator is the percent of residents who fell. In 2015 our fall rate was 16.9% and in 2016, we experienced an increase to 18.2%. This compares unfavourably to the provincial rate of 15.5%. This will be an area of considerable focus in 2017.

Looking Forward

The residents living in long-term care continue to have very complex medical and psychological care needs that require an increased knowledge and skill level. We will continue to look at the resources required to ensure our staff have the necessary ongoing training and education. In particular, internal behavior support programs will need to be enhanced to effectively manage residents with dementia and challenging behaviors.

We will continue to promote programs that foster Person Centered Care (PCC) and ultimately support the resident to achieve an independent lifestyle as much as possible. Quality improvement efforts will continue in areas of high risk to resident safety.

We continue to work with our community partners and advocacy allies such as Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) to advocate for specialized programs and specialized behavioural units to ensure the safety of all

residents. From a sector perspective, we will also support the advocacy efforts of OANHSS in lobbying the provincial government to increase the number of LTC beds in the province as one means to address the growing waitlists.

Preparing for and implementing changes in technology associated with the RFPs related to our electronic health records, medical pharmacy and scheduling software will be a priority in 2017.

Fairview Lodge and Lakeview Manor will submit a review of Required Organizational Practices to Accreditation Canada in order to extend their awards for an additional year in preparation for a divisional survey in 2018.

In conclusion, we wish to acknowledge the dedication of staff, physicians, and volunteers to the provision of high quality care and services to our residents and their families as well as the hard work of Resident Council and Family Council. We are also appreciative of the ongoing support we receive from members of Regional Council.



February 23, 2017

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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Roger M. Anderson Regional Chair and CEO

Deep Geologic Repository Project Project Manager Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency 160 Elgin Street 22nd Floor Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3

Dear Project Manager:

RE: Proposed Kincardine Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste

On behalf of the Regional Municipality of Durham, I am writing in support of a federal decision to proceed with the development of the deep geological repository for DGR low and intermediate level radioactive waste at Kincardine.

For close to five decades, nuclear generation has helped to power Ontario. Durham is proud to be the source of about one third of the electricity generated in this Province. However, a key impact to Durham Region of the operation of the Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generating Stations and the refurbishment project at Darlington is increasing nuclear waste storage. This includes:

- wastes from the refurbishment of the Darlington reactors that will be stored onsite for at least 25 years;
used fuel and other wastes from the 30 additional years of operation of the reactors at Darlington; and
used fuel and other wastes from the potential continued operation of Pickering to 2024.

The waste storage facilities at both of these nuclear generating stations have always been characterized by Ontario Power Generation as "temporary" or "interim". The public understanding, dating back to the 1980's at least, is that the generators of nuclear waste would develop a permanent storage solution and that funds have been reserved for this purpose.

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In April 2015, Durham Regional Council confirmed its position on the storage of nuclear waste in the Region by adopting the following recommendation of Report 2015-J-21:

"Regional Council reiterates to Ontario Power Generation, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization and the Federal Government, the Region's strong opposition to the long-term storage of used nuclear fuel and other nuclear wastes at the nuclear generating stations in Durham Region."

The Region understands the need to safely store nuclear wastes produced from the refurbishment activities and ongoing operations of the plant at the Darlington and Pickering sites on an *interim basis*. **The Region is confident that the waste will be safely handled and stored on site in accordance with strict regulations.** However, the Region remains concerned with the slow pace and highly uncertain outcomes of the processes for developing permanent nuclear waste storage solutions.

OPG's proposal to develop a DGR for low and intermediate level waste at Kincardine has been under study for more than 15 years. The recently provided information about alternative locations concludes that this site is technically as suitable as others in the Province and has several advantages. In the absence of a federal decision to proceed with the DGR, the Region is concerned that wastes created by the refurbishment process and the eventual decommissioning of the Pickering station, will be stored indefinitely in above-ground facilities, directly on the Lake Ontario shoreline at Darlington and Pickering.

From Durham's perspective, the creation of the Kincardine DGR, in a willing host community, is a more sensible, environmentally-protective and secure long-term solution for storing the waste.

Yours truly,



Roger Anderson
Regional Chair and CEO

cc: Lise Morton, Vice President, Nuclear Waste Management, Ontario Power Generation
David Ullrich, Executive Director, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Adrian Foster, Chair, Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities
Garry H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk

Notice of Public Meeting

What: A public meeting will be held regarding a proposal for a new Telecommunication Tower (File: SPA-2017-01) submitted by Signam Wireless for lands at 1175 Nelson Street.

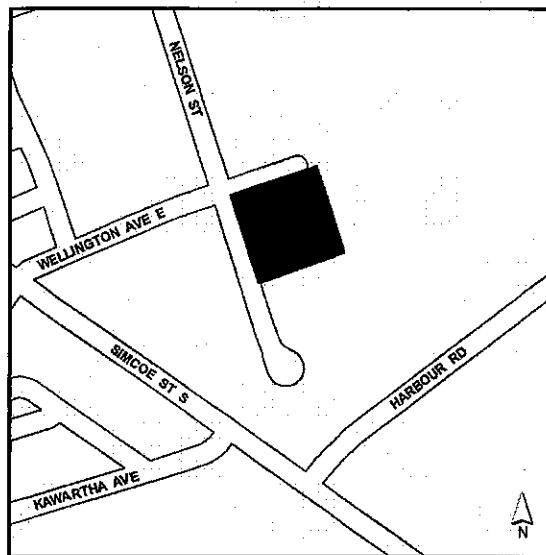
The Oshawa Development Services Committee will be considering the above referenced proposal for the lands as shown shaded on the map at the public meeting.

When: March 27, 2017– 6:30 p.m.

Where: Council Chamber, Oshawa City Hall, 50 Centre Street South. Use South Parking Lot to enter City Hall.

Why: Signam Wireless proposes to construct a 40 metre (131 ft.) high telecommunication tower with associated equipment and fencing at 1175 Nelson Street.

Telecommunication towers are regulated by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada requires telecommunication operators to consult with the City on certain telecommunication tower proposals. Before the City provides any comments to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada it is important to obtain public input. The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain public comments on this new telecommunication tower proposal.



How:

City Contact: Robert Bedic, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7 or by telephone at 905-436-3311, extension 2401 or by email to rbedic@oshawa.ca.

To Provide Comments: Written submissions to the City of Oshawa may be delivered prior to the public meeting to the attention of the City Contact shown above.

To Obtain Additional Information and Material: Additional information and material regarding the proposal is available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, in the Development Services Department, 8th Floor, Rundle Tower, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7, or by calling or emailing the City Contact shown above.

To Access the Report: Copies of the staff report for the public meeting will be available beginning March 24, 2017, either online at www.oshawa.ca/agendas-DevServices or by contacting the City Contact shown above.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Accessibility: The City of Oshawa is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternate formats or other accommodations, please contact Laura Davis, Committee Coordinator at 905-436-3311, extension 2475, or by email to ldavis@oshawa.ca.

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The Honourable Steven Del Duca, M.P.P.
Minister of Transportation

Re: Request to Require Ignition Interlock Devices on Public Transportation

This is in response to correspondence received from the Town of Whitby dated February 2, 2017 concerning the above-referenced matter.

At its meeting of December 19, 2016 Oshawa City Council considered the matter and endorsed Pickering Council's resolution requesting the Province implement legislation to require operators of public transportation to install ignition interlock devices to proactively ensure drivers have zero alcohol in their system.

Attached please find a copy of Pickering Council's resolution on this matter.

By copy of this correspondence I am advising Durham Region area municipalities of Oshawa Council's decision.

Your consideration of this important matter is appreciated.

If you need further assistance, please contact me at the address listed below, or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

Andrew Brouwer
City Clerk

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Notice of Motion

Arrive Alive

Date: November 21, 2016

Moved By: Councillor Maurice Brenner

Seconded By: Councillor Bill McLean

Resolution #239/16

Whereas the City of Pickering strives to be a leader in its support for proactive measures that can reduce the risks associated with drinking and driving;

Whereas while there has been increased levels of enforcement, education and awareness about not drinking and driving, more needs to be done to address growing concerns related to drinking and driving and the morning after effects by responsible drinkers who take appropriate steps when leaving a bar via a designated driver or similar such programs and show up for work the next day, unaware that they continue to have levels of alcohol in their system;

Whereas countries such as France, Finland, Norway, Sweden and others have implemented or are in the process of implementing legislation requiring all vehicles that transport people or are contracted by various levels of government that interact in the public realm must have a proactive Alcohol Countermeasure System installed on vehicles;

Whereas equipment such as the ACS Alcolock System provides safeguards that will prevent and alert an operator of a vehicle if their blood alcohol level is too high and that they and the public may be at risk;

Whereas installation of such devices not only improves public safety, but may also reduce the cost of fleet insurance policies;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the City of Pickering request the Province of Ontario to implement legislation that will require operators of public transportation vehicles to have installed devices that will proactively prevent the risks associated with high blood alcohol levels the morning after drinking.

Now therefore be it further resolved that City staff forward copies of this motion to The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation, all Regional Municipalities within the GTA that operate public transit, including Metrolinx, The Honourable Tracy MacCharles, MPP, Pickering-Scarborough East, Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering and the Durham Public and Separate School Boards.

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Subject: Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016
Attachments: Letter to Minister of Municipal affairs re Bill 68.pdf

Please see the attached correspondence from the Town of Ajax regarding the above subject.

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Re: Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*

To the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Council of the Town of Ajax strongly supports continued enhancement and improvement to the municipal legislative framework in Ontario. Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*, contains many amendments previously advocated for by Ajax through its submission to the 2015 Municipal Legislation Review conducted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. A copy of the Town's original submission is attached for your reference.

We are proud to continue to participate in the legislative review process. Council of the Town of Ajax therefore respectfully submits the following comments regarding Bill 68.

1. Upper-Tier Council Composition Reviews (Schedule 1, Section 14. (2))

As ardent advocates for fair representation at Regional Council, Ajax Council supports the proposed requirement for regularly scheduled reviews of upper-tier council composition. Ajax Council has consistently argued that fair representation at the regional level is defined primarily by the principle of representation by population. Under Bill 68, this principle must be considered by the Minister if he or she is required to review a regional municipality's council composition, but this principle is not required to be considered when the review is being performed by the upper-tier council itself.

Additionally, there is no appeal mechanism for a lower-tier municipality to challenge the decision of the upper-tier council if it feels that the chosen composition is unfair or violates established democratic principles such as representation by population. The 'triple majority process' does not adequately protect the minority rights of underrepresented municipalities.

Finally, the two-year timeframe to complete upper-tier composition reviews (before Ministerial authority can be invoked) could unfairly interfere with the completion of lower-tier council composition and ward boundary reviews, some of which will be required as a result of composition changes at the upper-tier. If an upper-tier municipality uses the full two years to complete their review, lower-tier municipalities would be required to complete their council composition and ward boundary reviews within one year (by December 31st of the year prior to the election year), including allowing time for an appeal of the ward boundary review to the Ontario Municipal Board. This is an unrealistic timeframe.

Therefore, Council of the Town of Ajax submits that, when reviewing the number of members for each lower-tier municipality, upper-tier municipalities should be required to have regard to certain guiding principles that should be specified directly in the *Municipal Act*, including the principle of representation by population. A right of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board should be included for all lower-tier municipalities to challenge the decisions of the upper-tier council regarding its composition. Lastly, the time to complete the upper-tier composition review should be reduced from two years to one year in order to allow lower-tier municipalities the time needed to complete their own subsequent governance reviews and appeal processes.

2. *Expanded Role of Integrity Commissioners and Revisions to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (Schedule 1, Sections 18-24)*

The Town of Ajax strongly supports accountable and transparent governance. The proposed changes to the role of the Integrity Commissioner and revisions to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* are welcome and supported by Ajax Council.

3. *Definition of a Meeting (Schedule 1, Section 26)*

The Town of Ajax welcomes the added clarity regarding the definition of a meeting and supports the definition as proposed.

4. *Additional Authorities to hold In-Camera Meetings (Schedule 1, Section 27)*

The Town of Ajax welcomes the additional authorities to hold in-camera meetings for the protection of sensitive information and negotiations being conducted by municipalities.

5. *New Policy Requirements (Schedule 1, Section 33)*

The Town of Ajax supports the intent of the new required policies, however the provisions lack clarity regarding the extent and scope of the required policies. Further elaboration is necessary regarding what is intended with respect to the relationship between members of council and the officers of the municipality, and the extent of protection for trees and natural vegetation within the municipality.

6. *Regional Council – Appointment of Alternate Members (Schedule 1, Section 32)*

Allowing alternates to be appointed and attend upper-tier council presents technical challenges that must be addressed. It is unclear whether alternates may sit on various committees of an upper-tier council, under what conditions or criteria a member may call upon their alternate, and why each municipality may only appoint one alternate when there could be multiple absences. Additionally, alternates may not have the knowledge, experience, and context necessary to properly address matters of upper-tier business, as they were not elected to those positions and do not serve in them on a daily basis.

The Town of Ajax would recommend that alternates only be permitted in the event of a sustained long-term absence of a member of an upper-tier council. Such a change would allow for continued consistency amongst the membership of Regional Council, while also supporting other changes in Bill 68 that allow members to take extended absences for pregnancy and/or parental leave. Alternatively, rules regarding when and how alternates may be permitted to sit on an upper-tier council should be allowed to be established via the upper-tier council's procedural by-law.

7. Campaign Finance - Maximum Contributions to a Candidate's own Campaign (Schedule 4, Section 8. (5))

Ajax supports the intent of the proposed maximum contributions to a candidate's own election campaign in order to ensure that municipal election campaigns are primarily financed and supported by individual donors, and that wealthy candidates do not enjoy a significant competitive advantage. However, the formula as proposed in Bill 68 would create arbitrarily low self-contribution limits for candidates in races with large elector bases, such as regional chair races and candidates in large urban areas. Additionally, the *Municipal Election Act* currently exempts certain expenses after Election Day from being counted towards a candidate's campaign expense limit (e.g. for legal representation at a compliance audit, recounts, etc.). This ensures that a candidate does not inadvertently exceed their expense limit after the election has concluded. No such similar protection exists for the self-contribution limit as it is currently proposed.

Therefore, the Town of Ajax submits that the formula used to calculate the maximum contributions to a candidate's own municipal election campaign should be changed to a flat percentage of the maximum campaign expense limit, allowing the size of the electorate in each race to determine both the maximum expenses and self-contributions of a candidate. Additionally, self-contributions after Election Day that are necessary to finance post-election costs should be exempt from being counted towards the self-contribution limit.

8. Municipal Revenue Tools

The revenue tools available to municipalities have not kept pace with the increasing service needs of the community. The limitations of the *Municipal Act* and other legislation related to revenues keeps property tax as the main source of revenue for all municipalities, which is increasingly insufficient. The growing needs of communities, expanded services, and legislated reporting requirements increase the service needs and deliverables to communities and other stakeholders. Through the *City of Toronto Act*, the ability to impose taxes and other user fees beyond the property tax came into effect for the City of Toronto in 2007. Access to a mix of taxes and user fees would give municipalities the flexibility to respond to changes in the economy, demographics, expenditure needs, etc., allowing municipalities to choose those that best fit their community.

Despite frequent requests by many municipalities in Ontario, these revenue tools have not been included in Bill 68. The Town of Ajax reiterates its support for their inclusion.

9. *Municipal Exemption for Collection and Payment of Sales Tax*

The cost and administrative burden associated with collection and payment of sales tax by municipalities is significant, particularly in light of the fact that municipalities pay the full amount of HST but can only claim a portion back, resulting in a significant direct cost. The Town of Ajax therefore reiterates its support for a complete exemption for municipalities from the collection and payment of HST.

10. *By-laws Respecting Environmental Design Features and the Building Code (Schedule 1, Section 5 & Schedule 4, Section 1)*

Ajax Council supports additional municipal authority to require building construction that respects the protection or conservation of the environment, and supports the additional power to require the construction of green roofs. Municipalities should be afforded powers under these amendments to pass by-laws that would require other environmental design features beyond green roofs without being in conflict with the Building Code Act or building code, such as the ability to require high albedo roofing shingles or white roofs to reduce the urban heat island effect. Ajax requests that municipalities be consulted during the Province's development of future regulations regarding the implementation of these provisions.

11. *Small Business Counselling Programs (Schedule 1, Section 8)*

The Town supports changes allowing for easier implementation of programs that encourage the establishment and initial growth of small businesses, and requests that municipalities be consulted during the Province's development of future regulations regarding this subject.

12. *Integrated Planning for Service Delivery (Schedule 1, Section 34)*

The scope and applicability of this provision remains unclear. The Town of Ajax therefore requests clarification regarding the types of services that may be subject to a regulation under this provision.

13. *Voting Rights for Permanent Residents*

Council of the Town of Ajax strongly believes in diversity and inclusion for all members of the community, and therefore supports in principle the concept that individuals with permanent resident status living in Ontario should have the right to vote in Ontario's municipal elections. Permanent residents live, work, and play in Ontario's many communities, and are often property tax payers themselves. However, the Municipal Elections Act specifies that only Canadian citizens are eligible voters in municipal elections, effectively disenfranchising those with permanent resident status from participating in the level of government that most directly affects their quality of life and sense of community.

This proposal would have substantial implications for municipal election administration, particularly in relation to preparation and accuracy of the voters' list. As such, Council of the Town of Ajax urges the provincial government to work towards introducing this change in future amendments of the Municipal Elections Act.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on Bill 68. Should you have any questions regarding the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Focus Area 1 – Accountability & Transparency

Municipal Act

- **Sec 1: Add definition of “meeting”:**
In the absence of a proper definition of what does and does not constitute a meeting of Council, municipalities are left with the highly contentious and questionable definition established by the former Ontario Ombudsman. The Act must define this term such that municipalities can be clear on how to uphold the Open Meeting and Notice provisions within the Act.
- **Sec 223.4 (5): Increase menu of penalties available to Council for Code of Conduct violations:** *A broader suite of penalties should be available to Councils beyond the two currently within the Act, for example, removal of the member from a local Board or Committee.*

Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

- **The Act must contemplate non-pecuniary conflicts of interest:**
The Act needs to provide for conflicts of interest that are not strictly pecuniary. There are very real and significant conflicts of interest which arise that are not financial in nature but nonetheless ought to be declared, and Council/committee/board members are unsure if/how to declare them under the current legislation.
- **Sec 10 (1): Expand/revise penalties section:**
There should be a broader suite of penalties available to the Courts under this Act (for example, suspension of remuneration, a fine, etc.). The penalties currently listed in the Act, especially the penalty of removal from office, should be applicable at the Court’s discretion rather than mandatory. Generally, penalties should be better suited to the nature of the offense: serious enough to act as a deterrent but not so heavy-handed as to result in an absurd outcome that could overturn the will of the electorate for something that may only be a minor infraction.
- **Sec 10 (2): Remove Saving provision for “Error in Judgment”:**
This saving provision should be removed. ‘Inadvertence’ can reasonably be excused from time to time, but even the most deliberate and calculated failure to properly declare a conflict could be deemed an ‘error in judgment’, and it shouldn’t be sufficient to excuse violation of the Act.

Focus Area 2 – Municipal Financial Sustainability

Municipal Act

- **Access to new revenue tools:** *The revenue tools afforded to the City of Toronto in the City of Toronto Act should be available to all municipalities under the Municipal Act.*

The revenue tools available to municipalities have not kept pace with the changing/increasing service needs of the community. The limitations of the Municipal Act and other legislation related to revenues keeps property tax as the main source of revenue for all municipalities which is insufficient. The growing needs of



communities, expanded services, and legislated and reporting requirements increase the service needs and deliverables to communities and other stakeholders. Through the City of Toronto Act, the ability to impose taxes and other user fees beyond the property tax came into effect for the City of Toronto in 2007. Access to a mix of taxes and user fees would give municipalities the flexibility to respond to changes in the economy, demographics, expenditure needs, etc. allowing municipalities to choose those that best fit their community.

- **Enhance Development Charges:**

The current legislation restricts the use of development charges and often requires a statutory deduction of any development charge related project to be funded by the municipalities own revenues. Currently, a review of the legislation indicates there may be some relief in the area of transit, but other statutory deductions will likely remain in place. Ineligible services and current service level calculations are also impediments to funding growth. The following recommendations in regard to development charges were recently submitted by the Town of Ajax in response to Bill 73, "The Smart Growth for our Communities Act".

- Eliminate all ineligible services (i.e. hospitals, administrative buildings, lands for parks, tourism facilities) so that all services are eligible for development charges.
- All services should be fully recoverable and eliminate the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in eligible capital costs
- Municipalities should be able to adopt forward looking service levels, define the basis for service levels and broad service categories.

- **Sales Tax: Municipalities should be both exempt from collection of HST and payment of HST.**

The waiving of HST for municipal governments would reduce both direct costs and administrative costs.

- **Grants: Fiscally responsible municipalities should not be disadvantaged in their ability to obtain government grants**

Limitations associated with infrastructure grants can create a disadvantage to fiscally sustainable municipalities and urban municipalities. Grant programs in general are often related to incremental services that put further pressures on municipalities to fund their portion and may delay other projects. Application deadlines and requirements with quick turn-arounds can also be a disadvantage.

Focus Area 3 – Responsible and Flexible Municipal Government

Municipal Act – Representation Reviews and Regional Government

OMB Appeals vs Triple Majority

Section 223 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides electors in lower-tier and single-tier municipalities with the opportunity to petition their council to change the make-up of their wards. If the council does not pass a by-law in accordance with the petition within 90 days, electors who signed the petition may apply to the Ontario Municipal Board. The Board then hears the application and can make an order to change the composition of the council.



However, this remedy is not available to electors in respect to upper-tier councils. Instead, a “triple majority” must be achieved, meaning a majority of Regional Council and a majority of the lower-tier councils (who represent a majority of the total electors) must support a proposal to change the composition of an upper-tier council in order for it to be permitted by Ministerial regulation.

The inconsistency between how council composition is dealt with at a lower/single-tier municipality compared to an upper-tier municipality cannot continue. The “triple majority” provision does not provide a fair, accessible or accountable solution for impacted municipalities or their electors. The current process has resulted in situations throughout Ontario where over-represented municipalities are able to impede changes that would provide fair representation across the upper-tier municipality.

Mandatory Composition Reviews

Currently there is no requirement within the Municipal Act for when a municipality must undertake a review of its composition. Unlike the federal or provincial governments who undertake reviews every ten years, regional politicians (who have a clear vested interest in the outcome) are to use their own discretion as to when a review should take place. Creating a standard review period would create a process that would be transparent and dependable.

Proposed Changes

The Municipal Act must be strengthened to ensure all electors are afforded the same right to fair representation, and have mechanisms in place to hold their governments accountable in this respect. In order to do this, the “triple majority” process in the Municipal Act should not be a requirement to change the composition of a Regional Council, and the Act must require mandatory reviews for all municipalities on a regular basis.

It is recommended that S. 218 and 219 of the Municipal Act, 2001 be amended with the following:

1. That municipalities undertake substantive and fully public representation reviews at least once in every three terms of Council (12 years) and implement the changes required to maintain fair and effective representation; and,
2. This review period shall be deemed to commence on the date of the last regular election for which the composition of the upper-tier council was changed. For example, any upper-tier Council with a composition that is unchanged from the 2006 regular election must complete a representation review in time for any required changes to be implemented for the 2018 regular elections; and,
3. That these reviews and any proposals to either change or maintain the existing council composition may be appealed by any lower-tier municipality or elector of the municipality to the OMB and the Board may make an order to change the composition of the upper-tier Council as it deems appropriate; and
4. That the rights of electors under Sec. 223 (1) of the Municipal Act to petition a municipality to conduct a ward boundary review be extended to also apply to electors in a Regional municipality wishing to request an upper-tier Council composition review.

Municipal Act – Climate Change and the Environment

- **Advancing the mandate for local governments to act on climate change:**
Municipal action on climate change would be strengthened if the General Principles section of the Act would expand on the current purpose by adding “improve the environmental well-being of residents through actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change”.



- **Authority to adopt Green Development Standards:**
Greater clarity within the Act is required to acknowledge the authority of municipal governments to adopt and implement mandatory green development standards.
- **Increasing recognition within the Municipal Act of Natural Assets as a community service that provides significant ecological, health and economic services and value:**
Through recognizing the ecological, economical and health services and cost benefits provided by the terrestrial and aquatic environments (i.e. forests, wetlands, waterways, prairie meadow), municipalities would be able to better protect and enhance these assets leading to improved stormwater management and increased resilience and protection from extreme weather impacts.
- **Increased recognition within the Municipal Act of the municipal role in advancing community energy planning:**
Community Energy Planning is a comprehensive, long-term plan that helps to define community priorities around energy with a view to explore how energy is and could be used, generated, and delivered in the community now and into the future. Such a plan would better enable municipalities to identify and act on local energy generation opportunities. This increased recognition would enable increased momentum for the creation of holistic and integrated community energy plans that identify opportunities to better meet local energy needs in the most efficient, cost-effective and resilient way possible.
- **Enable municipal ability to identify and enact fees that municipalities determine will enable them to meet their financial sustainability goals as well as their sustainability and environmental priority goals.**
For example this could include but not be limited to parking related, fuel efficiency related, licensing of delivery in zones fees.



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February 23, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Resolution regarding Schedule 5 of Bill 7 - An Act to Amend or Repeal Various Acts with respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standards)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays at its meeting held on February 21, 2017 passed the following resolution:

"Resolution #5(f)(i)/02/21/17

WHEREAS the Township of Lake of Bays receives the staff report "Bill 7 - An Act to Amend or Repeal Various Acts with Respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standard)", dated February 21, 2017.

AND WHEREAS Schedule 5 of the Bill prescribes that local municipalities shall assume enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards (O. Reg. 517/06) under the RTA on July 1, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Housing currently enforces residential rental maintenance standards in municipalities that do not have a property standards by-law, or have a "partial" by-law that does not address the interior of rental buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry currently receives complaints from tenants respecting residential rental maintenance standards and appoints inspectors to provide this service to municipalities on an as needed basis, for a cost-effective set fee of \$265 for each inspection or re-inspection;

AND WHEREAS the download of enforcement responsibility will require each municipality to receive written complaints from tenants, cause an inspector to make an inspection to determine whether the provincial standards have been complied with, issue work orders to landlords who have not complied with a prescribed maintenance standard, monitor compliance, investigate allegations of failure to comply, and where circumstances warrant, to prosecute landlords for non-compliance;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario intends to download these responsibilities with no compensatory funding, leaving municipalities that do not currently enforce residential rental maintenance standards with the significant fiscal challenge of providing this service cost-effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner; and

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Member of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing
Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller
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Enjoying some maple taffy!

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Welcome Spring With A Visit To The
42nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival
 @ Purple Woods Conservation Area
 March Break: 11th to 19th
 Weekend: March 25th/ 26th
 Weekend: April 1st/ 2nd
Fun for the WHOLE family!

Release Date: Immediate

With the approach of spring a person may be sure of several things: birds will be singing and pancakes will be flipping at the 42nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Purple Woods Conservation Area in Oshawa. Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) will be hosting the Festival starting on March 11th to 19th (March Break) and weekends March 25th/26th and April 1st/2nd. **General Admission tickets must be purchased in advance as there will be no ticket sales at the door.**

A General Admission ticket is \$5.00/person plus HST and children 2 years of age and under are free. New this year we are offering a half price admission day on Saturday March 25th courtesy of one of our sponsors, Tribute Communities. Admission tickets may be purchased online at www.cloca.com or at the Administrative Office, 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa, during business hours. Admission tickets do not include pancakes or horse-drawn wagon rides. Those are paid for separately on the day of your visit. Purple Woods Conservation Area is located on the southeast corner of Coates Road and Simcoe Street at the Oshawa/Scugog boundary. Complete Maple Syrup Festival information is available at www.cloca.com.

Advance Ticket Sales Only – Limited Quantity

“The advance ticket sales worked very well last year in reducing crowding and wait times,” says Gord Geissberger with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. “When purchasing tickets visitors will have to decide on the day they wish to attend along with their preference for a morning (9:30am – Noon) or afternoon (Noon – 2:30pm) visit.” There are 1,000 admission tickets available each day and visitors are asked to bring a printed copy of their ticket for scanning or we can also scan the ticket from a smart phone.

As in past, visitors will be able to enjoy a walk through the woods to the Sugar Shack and experience interactive historical displays about maple syrup production along the way. And don't forget Ontario Power Generation will be here on Friday March 17 with special treats for the young visitors. Oshawa Community Museum, Scugog Shores Museums and Windreach Farm will also be hosting hands-on activities at the Festival. The family favourite, horse-drawn wagon rides will be operating by the Sugar Shack. All event details are on our Festival web page at www.cloca.com.

If the trails are too challenging for you or those with physical limitations, a shuttle service for individuals is available. Please inform staff when you arrive, if you require this service.

Do you have a sweet tooth?

The Heritage Store will be open daily for visitors to purchase maple syrup and maple products such as sugar candy and fudge and a visit to the Festival would not be complete without enjoying a stack of hot delicious pancakes covered in 100% pure maple syrup. Pancakes will be served up morning and afternoon by local non-profit organizations in the now heated Heritage Hall, with proceeds going back to their community programs. *Please join us in our efforts to reduce waste. Although recyclable plates and utensils are available, we ask the public to bring reusable plates and utensils to enjoy your pancakes on, as well as your own shopping bags to hold Heritage Store purchases.*

This year the birds will not be the only ones tweeting at Purple Woods! Follow the Maple Syrup Festival through Twitter [@PurpleWoodsCA](https://twitter.com/PurpleWoodsCA). Get tweets of events, conditions and yes, notifications about when the sap is running. For those of you more comfortable with traditional communication ways, contact the Conservation Office at (905) 579-0411, Phone Option 3 or press 0 to talk to one of our staff.

Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.

Chief
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Toronto and Region
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February 24, 2017

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Ms. Debi Wilcox
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Dear Ms. Wilcox:

Re: Notice of Meeting to Approve the 2017 Non-Matching Levy for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 139/96, (as amended by O.R.106/98), I hereby give notice that Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) will be considering its 2017 budget including non-matching municipal levy on March 24, 2017.

In accordance with the "AMO/ACAO Protocol Pertaining to Non-Matching Municipal Funding of Watershed Programs", we are advising the Region of the date of the Authority meeting at which the budget will be considered and that it may wish to direct its appointed representatives as to how they should vote with respect to the non-matching levy. The weighted voting procedure required under Regulation 139/96 provides that each member votes in proportion to their municipality's share of current value assessment, as modified.

TRCA's 2017 operating and capital levy requirements for the Region of Durham are in accordance with the funding approved by Regional Council earlier this year. Regional Finance staff has complete information on TRCA funding requirements.

We appreciate the continuing support and cooperation of the Region in fulfillment of TRCA's vision for The Living City.

Yours very truly,


Brian Denney, P.Eng.
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jim Clapp, Commissioner, Finance, Region of Durham
Nicole Pincombe, Director, Business Planning, Budgets & Risk Management, Region of Durham

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February 8, 2017

Mr. Roger M. Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

RE: Residential Hospice

We have previously written to you to inform you that the dedicated volunteers of Victorian Order of Nurses, Durham Region Community Corporation ("VON Durham") have been working collaboratively with the staff and management of Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada ("VON Ontario"), Durham Hospice and other local organizations to explore the feasibility of establishing a residential hospice serving the Town of Whitby and Durham Region.

We are writing to you today as the potential owners/operators of a residential hospice to be located in Durham Region to respectfully request that Durham Region consider the build of a residential hospice to be exempted from development charges.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Christine Raynor
Chair, Board of Directors
VON Durham

Jo-Anne Poirier
President and CEO
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cc: ✓ Jim Clapp, Commissioner of Finance, Durham Region

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February 20, 2017

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Dear Chair Lovekin and Members of the Board of Trustees,

The Friends of the Ajax Pickering Hospital have been studying the Minister of Health's Final Order of November 23, 2016 regarding the reorganization of Lakeridge Health. As a result of our preliminary studies, the Friends have a number of questions to which we request detailed answers. The items about which we have questions are set out in the Minister's Final Order of November 23, 2016 commencing at the bottom of page 2 and continued on page 3, that is to say, items 'A' to 'D' followed by six bullet points.

Our preliminary questions are as follows:

1. With respect to 'A'
 - a. Has RVHS entered into an integration agreement with Lakeridge Health under which RVHS will transfer to Lakeridge Health and Lakeridge Health will acquire from RVHS all agreed upon assets, liabilities, employees etc?
 - b. Who at Lakeridge Health and the Ajax Pickering Hospital are overseeing the 'agreement' and that it has been complied with fully in all respects?
 - c. When do you anticipate this work will be completed?
2. With respect to 'C' – "TSH, RVHS, the Amalgamated Corporation and Lakeridge Health shall develop and implement human resources adjustment plans in respect of the integration".
 - a. To what extent has this been completed to date?
 - b. If not completed, when do you anticipate full completion?
3. The last 'bullet point' on page 3 regarding the establishment of community

advisory groups to gather input and advice on strategically important planning initiatives including, without limitation, 'master planning' and 'clinical services planning'.

- a. When and how do you intend to establish these 'community advisory groups'?
- b. How will all the local communities have an opportunity for full input on the membership of these 'community advisory groups'?
- c. Will the local councils and the Regional council be kept fully informed?
- d. Who will finally approve the master plans and the clinical services plans?
- e. Will all the local communities be given full opportunities for input before final decisions are made?

The Friends will submit further questions as implementation of the Minister's Order proceeds.

Finally, the Friends have two important recommendations.

First with respect to a new name for the corporation, our recommendation is – 'Durham Communities Health Corporation'. The name emphasizes that the corporation is Durham wide and it is made up of all the communities our hospitals serve.

Second, because of the size of the Ajax Pickering Hospital, its future growth and the population growth of Ajax, Pickering and Whitby, the Ajax Pickering Hospital requires now an Associate Chief of the Medical Staff.

Thank you for your anticipated answers to our questions and the consideration of our two recommendations. More questions and recommendations will follow.

Sincerely,

Walter Donaldson
President

Cc Matthew Anderson, President & CEO Lakeridge Health
Mayor & Council, Town of Ajax
Mayor & Council, City of Pickering
Chair & Council, Region of Durham
Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM

Present: H. Manns, Chair, Clarington
G. Carpentier, Scugog
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby, Member at Large
J. Henry, Regional Councillor, City of Oshawa, attended the meeting at 7:40 PM due to municipal business
C. Junop, Youth Member
M. McGuire, Youth Member
E. McRae, Chair, Whitby
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa
C. Pettingill, Brock
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
C. Tincombe, Post-Secondary Member

Absent: G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
K. McDonald, Vice-Chair, Uxbridge
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large
K. Sellers, Vice-Chair, Ajax
M. Thompson, Second Vice-Chair, Ajax, Member at Large

Staff

Present: M. Blake, Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by C. Pettingill,
That the agenda for the February 9, 2017, DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
January 12, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Steve Auger, Stormwater Management Specialist, Lake Simcoe Region
Conservation Authority (LSRCA) re: Mainstreaming Low Impact
Development in the Lake Simcoe Watershed

Steve Auger, Stormwater Management Specialist, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with respect to mainstreaming the low impact development (LID) in the Lake Simcoe watershed. He stated that LID is an integrated ecological, planning, and aesthetic strategy for stormwater management to maintain the natural hydrology by managing runoff as close to the source as possible. He displayed charts depicting the Lake Simcoe phosphorus loads resulting from stormwater; and provided a comparison of urban and rural creeks river flow, and its impact on meeting Growth Plan targets.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- Rain Scaping to promote LID and more sustainable building practices
 - Protection for new development areas
 - Restoration to retrofit existing Urban areas
- Bringing it All Together: LID Treatment Train Tool for Ontario
 - Identified objectives for LID model in Ontario
 - LID Treatment Train Tool Architectural Overview
 - Focused Catchments
- Safer, Healthier, Livable Watershed
- Summary
 - New development
 - Existing development
- Collaboration has been key to our successes
 - Conservation Authorities
 - Stormwater Working Group

Discussion ensued regarding the need for the Region of Durham and its local area municipalities to identify strategies to mitigate and manage stormwater by utilizing resilient homes; water recovery systems; and hydrologic processes to move surface water downward to recharge the ground water, particularly in the northern municipalities.

S. Auger responded to questions of the Committee.

5. Items for Action

A) 2017 DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards Sub-Committee

M. Blake advised that an Environmental Achievement Awards sub-committee is required to assess the nominations received and recommend recipients for each Environmental Achievement Award.

Moved by W. Moss-Newman, Seconded by C. Pettingill,
That C. Junop, K. McDonald, M. McGuire, K. Sellers, and C. Tincombe be appointed to the sub-committee to review the nominations received for the Environmental Achievement Awards.

It was suggested that the sub-committee meet at 6:00 PM prior to the March 9, 2017 DEAC meeting.

CARRIED

B) Natural Areas as Neighbours Guide

G. Carpentier provided an update on tasks regarding the placement of the document sections and the corresponding graphics within the Guide and the inclusion of a First Nations section. M. Blake advised the Data, Mapping and Graphic Services staff will finalize the Guide and a copy will be forwarded to the Committee for their review and comments.

Discussion ensued on the inclusion of a resource reference list and whether strategies identifying natural hydrology for water runoff in residential areas should also be part of the Guide.

Councillor Henry suggested that DEAC consider the possibility of planting a tree that is native to the area at the Regional Headquarters.

The next meeting of the sub-committee will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the March 9, 2017 DEAC meeting.

6. Items for Information

A) Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Workplan (2017-COW-32)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-32 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

C. Pettingill asked that the notification of upcoming requests for DEAC participation on a stakeholder advisory committee be provided to all members of DEAC.

B) Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Area Boundary – Environmental Bill of Rights Registry No. 012-9247, File: L35-03 (2017-COW-33)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-33 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

C) Regional Response to the Province of Ontario's Proposed Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy, Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Posting #012-9356 (2017-COW-25)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-25 of the Commissioners of Finance and Works was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

A question and answer period ensued with respect to infrastructures for reducing waste and the recovery of resources; and whether an anaerobic digester facility would be considered as "waste diversion" under the province's Cap and Trade program.

Detailed discussion ensued on various alternative initiatives to assist the Region in reaching its 70 per cent diversion rate through the use of clear, opaque or green garbage bags; recycling of mixed separated plastics; Tri Recycling Systems; all apartment and condominium units being part of the Blue Box program; and, the inclusion of styrofoam as "acceptable" material for the curbside Blue Box program.

D) Regional Response to Planning Ontario's Energy Future (EBR #012-8840) (2016-COW-98)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-98 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Darlington plant refurbishment; the opportunity for a new nuclear generating plant to ensure the supply of carbon-free electricity; and a potential permanent disposal site at Kincardine for low and intermediate level nuclear waste.

E) 2016 Source Water Protection Annual Report (2017-INFO-1)

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-1 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding how the protection of the wellhead areas and the testing of soil impact the quality of life in the northern municipalities.

F) The 2017 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study
(2017-COW-16)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-16) of the Commissioners of Finance and Works was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

G) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change 2016 Annual Report
(2017-COW-38)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-38 of the Director of Corporate Policy & Strategic Initiatives was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

It was questioned whether DEAC will be involved in the Five Million Trees Program. Chair Manns advised she would follow-up with the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee and report back.

H) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change 2017 Workplan
(2017-COW-39)

A copy of Report #2017-COW-39 of the Director of Corporate Policy & Strategic Initiatives was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.

M. Blake advised that staff is reviewing the possibility of a sub-committee, in conjunction with the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, to discuss the impacts of extreme weather within the Region.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That Information Items A) to H) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) News from Around the Table

Chair Manns announced that a Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting regarding Interchange Enhancement will be held on February 28, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Mississauga facility. A webinar option is available for those unable to attend in person. Further details are available at the IESO website.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by C. Pettingill,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

H. Manns, Chair, Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee

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

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DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

February 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, February 10, 2017 in Boardroom LL-C, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM.

Present: R. Gauder, Citizen Member, Chair
Councillor Ballinger, Works Committee
G.H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Gilbert, Citizen Member
Councillor Gleed, Health and Social Services Committee
D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
Councillor Mitchell, Planning & Economic Development Committee
S. Moore, Citizen Member, attended the meeting at 1:19 PM
B. Neil, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
J. Solly, Citizen Member

Absent: Councillor Ashe, Finance & Administration Committee
C. Caneo, Citizen Member
T. Hall, Citizen Member
E. Lacina, Citizen Member
H. Manns, Citizen Member
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair
Regional Chair Anderson

Also Present: Councillor Jordan, Works Committee, attended the meeting at 1:06 PM

Staff

Present: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
P. Reid, Director, Corporate Policy & Strategic Initiatives, Office of the CAO
B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
C. Rochon, Program Co-ordinator, Climate Change, Office of the CAO
P. Vega, Supervisor, Waste Operations, Works Department, attended for part of the meeting
D. James, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ballinger, Seconded by J. Solly,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on January 13, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Announcements

Chair Gauder introduced and welcomed June Kinniburgh and Kent Shadwick, the 2 new citizen members to the Committee.

4. Gas Utilities Delivering Lower Carbon Solutions

A) Rob Dysiewicz, Manager Low Carbon Solutions, Enbridge Gas Distribution

R. Dysiewicz, Manager of Low Carbon Solution, Enbridge Gas Distribution provided a PowerPoint presentation on The Energy of Tomorrow: Natural Gas Utilities Delivering Lower Carbon Solutions. A copy of his presentation was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Opportunities for Natural Gas in the Lower Carbon Economy
- Vision 2050: Renewable, Sustainable, Lower Carbon
- Vision 2050 – Reducing Greenhouse Gases
- Ontario’s Energy Mix and Emissions Profile
- Enbridge – Spectra Proposed Combination
- Enbridge Renewable Assets
- Why Natural Gas? – Reliability
- Why Natural Gas? – Affordability
- Successes in Conservation (1995 – 2015)
- Why Conservation First?
- Conservation Opportunities Abound
- Information on Enbridge Incentives
- The Opportunity - Infrastructure and Vehicle Conversions (NGV)
- NGV Market Potential
- The Opportunity – Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
- Provincial Funding and Incentive Programs
- Natural Gas Vehicles – Moving Ontario in the Right Direction
- Renewable Natural Gas – Closing the Loop
- The Future – Hydrogen
- The Future – Technology Optimization

R. Dysiewicz responded to questions from the Committee.

5. Report on Baseline Energy Study for 2015

A) Terry Green, Chair of Durham Sustain Ability, Baseline Energy Study for 2015 – Interim Report

T. Green, Chair of Durham Sustain Ability, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Baseline Energy Study for 2015 – Interim Report. A copy of his presentation was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Introduction: Scope and Methodology
- Durham Energy Consumption in 2015- Energy Consumption Breakdown by Sector
- Durham Energy Consumption in 2015 – Energy Consumption Breakdown by Source
- Durham Energy Generation in 2015 - Breakdown of Energy Generation in Durham
- Durham Energy Generation in 2015 – Breakdown of Renewable Energy Generated in Durham
- Durham GHG Emissions from Energy Use – GHG Emissions Breakdown by Source
- Durham GHG Emissions from Energy Use – GHG Emissions Breakdown by Sector
- Durham Energy Cost in 2015 – Energy Cost Breakdown by Source
- Durham Energy Cost in 2015 – Energy Cost Breakdown by Sector
- A Window on Energy in Durham – 2015 Baseline
- Final Report – Actions to Finalize Report

T. Green responded to questions from the Committee.

6. Update on Community Climate Adaptation Plan

A) Brian Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint update on the Community Climate Adaptation Plan. A copy of the Towards Resilience, Region of Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan 2016 was provided to the Committee members.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Public Version of Plan
- Letters of Referral
- Seed Funding for Phase 3

- Discussion with Others

7. Update on Community Energy Planning

A) Brian Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability provided a PowerPoint update on the Community Energy Planning. A copy of the final poster “A Window on Energy in Durham – Baseline 2015” was provided to the Committee members.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Project Schedule – Process for Durham Community Energy Plan
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Baseline Energy Data
- Community Energy Planning Consultant

8. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 starting at 1:00 PM in Room LL-C, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Ballinger, Seconded by B. Neil,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

R. Gauder, Chair, Durham Region
Roundtable on Climate Change

D. James, Committee Clerk

Action Items Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to provide information on the possibility of an educational campaign designed to encourage people to sign up for subsidized housing at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. (Region of Durham's Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan for the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Program) (2016-COW-19)	Social Services / Economic Development	October 5, 2016
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Section 7 of Attachment #1 to Report #2016-COW-31, Draft Procedural By-law, as it relates to Appointment of Committees was referred back to staff to review the appointment process.	Legislative Services	First Quarter 2017
October 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole	That Correspondence (CC 65) from the Municipality of Clarington regarding the Durham York Energy Centre Stack Test Results be referred to staff for a report to Committee of the Whole	Works	
December 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff advised that an update on a policy regarding Public Art would be available by the Spring 2017.	Works	Spring 2017
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion also ensued with respect to whether implementing a clear bag program will help to increase recycling and green bin program compliance at curbside. Staff was directed to bring an updated report on a clear bag program to an upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole.	Works	

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Inquiry regarding when the road rationalization plan would be considered by Council. Staff advised a report would be brought forward in June.	Works	June 2017