



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2020-INFO-63
Date: July 3, 2020

Subject:

Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of the administration of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) in Durham, which began on April 1, 2020.

2. Background

2.1 The COHB is jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, who have committed \$1.46 billion in total to assist more than 40,000 households across Ontario by 2027-2028.

2.2 Under the program, the Province of Ontario pays monthly housing benefits directly to eligible low-income households who are on (or eligible to be on) a social housing wait list, as well as households in financial need living in community housing.

2.3 All Portable Housing Benefit-Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP) recipients were automatically transitioned to the COHB in April 2020, ending the PHB-SPP program (Report #2018-COW-124).

2.4 All other applicants are selected by local service managers in accordance with provincial guidelines and priorities.

2.5 The program began on April 1, 2020 and ends on March 31, 2029.

3. Program Design

- 3.1 The COHB is a portable housing benefit paid directly to low-income households. Portable housing benefits are not tied to specific housing units, and recipients can use the COHB to live anywhere in Ontario.
- 3.2 The amount of the COHB is roughly the difference between 30 per cent of monthly adjusted family net income¹ and 80 per cent of average market rent for the area where the recipient lives². Examples of COHB payment amounts are provided in Attachment #2.
- 3.3 In addition to the ongoing monthly benefit, applicants may be entitled to first and last months' rent to secure accommodation. First and last months' rent is 100 per cent federally-provincially funded but administered by the service manager.
- 3.4 The COHB is directly administered and paid by the Province of Ontario.
- 3.5 Service managers are responsible for identifying and selecting eligible households, processing applications, and issuing first and last months' rent as required.
- 3.6 MMAH will reimburse service managers for first and last months' rent payments, and service managers may claim administration costs of \$250 per approved household, up to a maximum of 5 per cent of their annual planning allocation.

4. Planning Allocation

- 4.1 The Province has committed to provide funding for households approved for the COHB in Durham up to a maximum of \$1,135,127 in the first fiscal year 2020-21, and \$1,487,353 in 2021-22 (see Attachment #1).
- 4.2 Annual planning allocations will be the incremental funding available for new households approved in Durham each fiscal year (i.e., \$1,135,127 in 2020-21, \$352,226 in 2021-22).
- 4.3 All PHB-SPP recipients were automatically transitioned to the new COHB. In total, the Region assisted 290 households to apply for and obtain the PHB-SPP. These recipients have been rolled into the COHB over and above the Region's allocation for 2020-2021.

5. Targeted Applicants

- 5.1 Service managers are required to give priority for the COHB to applicants on (or eligible to be on) their waiting lists in the following vulnerable groups:

1 Based on the most recent Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment.

2 Per the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation or alternate average market rent requested by the service manager and approved by MMAH.

- A) Survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking
- B) Persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness
- C) Indigenous persons
- D) Seniors
- E) People with disabilities.

- 5.2 Service managers may also select market rent households in community housing that are not receiving financial housing assistance, including households impacted by the expiration of federal-provincial programs or operating agreements/mortgages.
- 5.3 Some of these priorities align with local needs identified under At Home in Durham, the Durham Housing Plan 2014-2024, in particular assistance for people with disabilities or people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, as well as the stability of community housing neighbourhoods.
- 5.4 Housing Services staff have identified over 500 applicants from the Durham Access to Social Housing (DASH) wait list who meet these targets. It is estimated that the Region can assist 160 to 180 applicants within its allocation.
- 5.5 The MOF issued the first payments to eligible applicants on April 28, 2020. To date, 115 applicants from Durham have been deemed eligible for the COHB by MOF.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The new Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is 100 per cent federally-provincially funded and delivered, paid directly to eligible applicants, fully portable across the province, and not tied to a specific tenancy or cost of accommodation.
- 6.2 Eligible applicants are also entitled to 100 per cent federally-provincially funded assistance for first and last months' rent, as administered by the service manager.
- 6.3 Housing Services staff is actively assisting applicants apply for the COHB. To date, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) has approved 115 applicants from Durham for the COHB.
- 6.4 The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit has the potential to relieve pressures on the Durham Access to Social Housing (DASH) wait list and provide a more timely, flexible and responsive approach to low-income households in Durham.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: Ministry of Municipal Affairs Housing – Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Allocation letter

Attachment #2: Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Examples of Payment Amounts

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December 20, 2019

Mr. John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
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Dear Regional Chair and CEO Henry:

Yesterday, Minister Hussen and I announced details about the exciting work our governments have been doing to launch the upcoming **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit** program under the National Housing Strategy.

This highly anticipated program will provide a portable housing benefit directly to thousands of Ontario households. We expect over 5000 households will receive critical housing assistance in the first year of the program, which includes about 1500 households transitioning from Ontario's Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy program for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.

By 2027-28, we expect over 40,000 households will be assisted, with a total program spend of up to \$1.46 billion split evenly between the provincial and federal governments.

Our government for the people understands the importance of housing that is affordable, adequate and accessible, and that meets the needs of Ontario's diverse communities and populations. Despite the significant fiscal challenges that our government continues to face, we have committed to supporting critical housing investments and to leveraging federal funding through new provincial investments.

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit

I am now pleased to provide more information on the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit, which will begin in April 2020.

As you may know, our government committed to co-design, cost-match and deliver this program. The Province has since finalized negotiations with the federal government and has received the necessary funding and program design approvals to proceed with

implementation. My Ministry is now working hard to ensure the program will launch in April 2020, with payments to households beginning as early as that month. As communicated last April, all households in the province's Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy program will be supported through the larger Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit. Our Ministry will provide these households with a seamless transition through the annual renewal process.

To maximize our existing investments and processes set up for similar programs and to ensure portability across the province, the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit will be provincially-delivered. The Ministry of Finance will determine eligibility, calculate the benefit, provide payments directly to households and manage the annual renewal process. Portability provides recipients the freedom to choose where to live and make the housing choices that are best for them, whether in the private market or in community housing.

Other key program design details include:

- Assistance will be provided to households that are on, or eligible to be on, a social housing waiting list.
- Assistance will be prioritized to the following vulnerable household types: survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, Indigenous persons, seniors and people with disabilities.
- Priority will also be given to households that will no longer receive assistance as a result of expiring social housing operating agreements/mortgages and/or federal-provincial housing programs.
- Benefit calculation will be based on the difference between 80 per cent of average market rent and 30 per cent of monthly income (consistent with the benefit calculation for Ontario's Portable Housing Benefit Framework and the Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy program).
- Social assistance recipients will have a separate maximum benefit calculation to avoid a reduction in social assistance entitlements.
- Households may receive first and last month's rent assistance, if needed.
- Monthly benefit amounts may be adjusted in-year under select circumstances (e.g., change in household composition, decrease of 20 per cent or more in household income).

As the organizations that deliver most housing and homelessness prevention programs, Service Managers will have a vital role to play at the local level. This includes identifying and selecting households to apply for the program and assisting households with the application process.

The program will provide up to the following amounts to assist households approved in the Regional Municipality of Durham's service area for the first two fiscal years:

- 2020-21: **\$1,135,127**
- 2021-22: **\$1,487,353**

Please note that your annual planning allocation will be the incremental funding available for new households approved in your service area each fiscal year (i.e., \$1,135,127 in 2020-21, \$352,226 in 2021-22). Funding for existing households who

were approved from your service area in previous fiscal years and who remain eligible for payments will be administered by the province (i.e., \$1,135,127 in 2021-22).

These planning allocations were determined using the same funding methodology used in the recently launched Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, which ensures appropriate geographic distribution of funding.

To help offset administration costs, you may claim administration cost reimbursement at the rate of \$250 per approved household, up to 5 per cent of your annual planning allocation.

My Ministry will provide program dollars to the Ministry of Finance for payments to households. Service Managers may claim administration costs and amounts paid for first and last month's rent assistance on a quarterly basis.

Next Steps

Additional details on the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit, including program guidelines and application forms, will be shared with your staff in the new year. Should you have any immediate questions, please contact Ravi Bhusia, Manager, Program Development & Analysis Unit at 416-585-6526 or Ravi.Bhusia@ontario.ca.

I am pleased that our government is able to continue to support the important work that you do to improve housing outcomes in your community. I look forward to continuing our exciting work together as we launch the final shared investment under the National Housing Strategy – the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit.

Yours truly,



The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Ms. Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional Municipality of Durham
- Mr. Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services, Regional Municipality of Durham

Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Examples of Payment Amounts

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) and rent-geared-to-income (RGI) are different types of benefits. RGI reduces the cost of rent, while the COHB increases income to make private market rent more affordable.

The amount of the COHB is roughly the difference between 30 per cent of monthly adjusted family net income¹ and 80 per cent of average market rent² for the area where the recipient lives. The COHB amount remains the same even when rent goes down. When comparing the COHB to RGI, it is best to look at a person's disposable income after their rent is paid.

Example 1 – Single Person – Minimum Wage³

Benefit	RGI	COHB	COHB (lower rent)
Income	\$2,123	\$2,123	\$2,123
COHB	0	\$283	\$283
Rent payable	\$(614)	\$(1,150)	\$(1,000)
Income after rent paid	\$1,509	\$1,256	\$1,406

COHB is calculated differently for people receiving social assistance. The combination of the COHB and the shelter allowance portion of their social assistance cannot be more than actual rent/shelter costs. This means the COHB amount can change when rent goes up or down. It is still best to look at a person's disposable income after their rent is paid when comparing the COHB to RGI.

Example 2 – Single Person – ODSP

Benefit	RGI	COHB	COHB (lower rent)
Income	\$781 ⁴	\$1,169	\$1,169
COHB	0	\$569.30	\$503.00
Rent payable	\$(109)	\$(1,150)	\$(1,000)
Income after rent paid	\$672	\$588	\$672

¹ Based on the net income in the most recent Canada Revenue Agency notice of assessment

² Based on the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) average market rent

³ Minimum wage of \$14 per hour at 35 hours per week.

⁴ Social assistance recipients who pay RGI receive a lower benefit amount/lower shelter allowance than social assistance recipients in the private market because RGI rents are lower.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-64
Date: July 3, 2020

Subject:

COVID-19 Implications to Durham York Energy Centre Operations

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This information report provides additional details regarding potential implications from COVID-19 on the Durham York Energy Center (DYEC) as well as contingency measures being employed.

2. Background

- 2.1 COVID-19 has created conditions which produced increases in the amount of waste being handled curbside and multi-residential facilities in many jurisdictions including the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region).
- 2.2 Immediately following the implementation of social distancing measures and school closures an increase in residential waste generation was realized (15 to 20 percent), as many individuals transitioned to working from home.
- 2.3 Regional staff identified the need to proactively develop contingency plans to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of waste collection and disposal services. Concerns surrounding logistics were very prevalent along with a significant uncertainty surrounding the potential for a full USA/Canadian border closure and its impacts on disposal and recycling. It was anticipated that Ontario landfill

capacity would be at a premium, particularly towards the end of the calendar year as facilities approached annual permit limits.

- 2.4 Contingency measures were identified to minimize the potential number of transport drivers needed, and to minimize the reliance on external disposal capacity at private landfills. This included a request to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an emergency increase to the DYEC capacity during 2020, as well as relaxed conditions for onsite storage timeframes, waste and residue transport, to allow materials to move during off-peak hours, or when drivers were available.
- 2.5 As a result of the approved Emergency ECA amendment, the DYEC is permitted to process up to 160,000 tonnes of material until December 31, 2020. Requesting the permit increase early in the year allowed the operator greater opportunity to map out the DYEC operations and the waste bypass to ensure uninterrupted operations.
- 2.6 As part of the 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study, Committee of the Whole Report #2019-COW-3, Regional Council authorized staff to seek MECP approval to increase the current processing limit of 140,000 tonnes per year to 160,000 tonnes per year on a go forward basis. This will reduce the need to utilize other disposal options and to optimize the operation of the facility. This permit increase requires the completion of an Environmental Screening Process which is ongoing, including an update to the facilities Emissions Summary and Dispersion Model (ESDM). Once the Screening Process and Environmental Compliance Approval are approved, the facility will process up to 160,000 tonnes of waste per year. The additional waste will be processed using the existing facility equipment, and emissions will comply with the facilities existing permit limits.

3. DYEC Operations

- 3.1 The DYEC continues to operate normally and the voluntary source test for the facility was completed between June 15 to 18, 2020.
- 3.2 Covanta, as the DYEC operator, has put in place routine screening of staff, limited the number of non-essential staff within the facility, suspended site tours, and has taken steps to minimize interaction between staff on site, as well as mandating masks. Operators are required to be in the facility continuously to oversee the safe operation of the boilers.

4. Ongoing Measures

- 4.1 To limit public visits to the Waste Management Facility drop-off depots, curbside garbage bag limits have been relaxed from four to six bags. Waste Management Facilities continue to also restrict the number of vehicles on site at any time to permit safe physical distancing for customers and staff.
- 4.2 Waste generation numbers remain elevated and staff are closely monitoring collection data to determine if waste collection trends will remain elevated or return to more seasonal values. Despite impacts of normal seasonal peaks, overall collection has remained elevated when compared to previous years.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 In response to the initial uncertainty surrounding potential impacts of COVID-19 on the trucking industry, consideration of potential border closings limitations, and as a result of indications of increased waste generation by residents, The Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York requested and received emergency approval to process an additional 20,000 tonnes of waste in 2020 to help ensure uninterrupted waste disposal services would occur during the pandemic.
- 5.2 Health and safety measures and site restrictions remain in place to ensure the protection of workers and the public. Contingency measures beyond what is currently in place have been developed in the event of disruption to one or more components of the integrated waste management operations. Staff continue to monitor collection numbers and waste characteristics and will make adjustments as needed.
- 5.3 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-65
Date: July 3, 2020

Subject:

Economic Update – Updated Risks and Uncertainty as of June 30th, 2020

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing on a daily basis. The following summarizes significant changes that have occurred over the period of June 25 – June 30, 2020.

2. Federal Government

2.1 In addition to the \$9 billion in student support programs announced in April, the federal government announced \$280 million of additional funding for post-secondary students and recent graduates on June 25. The measures include:

- \$186 million for the Student Work Placement Program to create 20,000 additional job placements, for post-secondary students, in high-demand sectors. This is in addition to the \$80 million announced in April.
- \$60 million for the Canada Summer Jobs Program to create 10,000 new job placements for people aged 15 to 30.
- \$34 million to create 3,500 new job placements and internships in high demand sectors, such as healthcare, community services, and information technology. This is in addition to the \$153 million announced in April.

2.2 The federal government also announced details of the new Canada Student Service Grant announced in April. The grant will provide a one-time payment of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to post-secondary students and recent graduates, between the ages of 15 and 30, who volunteer their time in the community. The payment will be based on the number of hours served volunteering.

2.3 On June 24, Fitch Ratings Inc. downgraded Canada's credit rating from AAA to AA+. According to Fitch, the downgrade reflects "the deterioration of Canada's public finances in 2020 resulting from the coronavirus pandemic". The ratings agency expects a rise in Canada's public debt ratios, forecasting Canada's consolidated gross general government debt to hit 115 per cent of GDP in 2020, up from 88 per cent in 2019.

3. Ontario Government

3.1 On June 26, the provincial government announced an additional \$4 million investment in the Seniors Community Grant Program. The program provides grants between \$1,000 and \$100,000 to help non-profits and other organizations develop programming to combat social isolation among seniors.

3.2 On June 25, the provincial government approved the community of Windsor-Essex to enter phase 2 of the provincial reopening plan, with the exception of the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Kingsville. Windsor-Essex was the last community in Ontario waiting to be included in phase 2 of the reopening plan.

3.3 Although certain lockdown restrictions continue to be relaxed, the provincial government announced a further extension of all emergency orders, under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, to July 10. The orders were set to expire on June 30. The Declaration of Emergency that allows the province to enforce current emergency orders expires on July 15.

4. Canadian Economy

4.1 As the pandemic significantly impacts consumer demand across the globe, Export Development Canada (EDC) is forecasting a 20.3 per cent decline in Canadian exports in 2020. Most countries have imposed social distancing restrictions that force consumers to stay home, leading to a decline in global demand for oil and automobiles. EDC is forecasting a 30 per cent decline in Canadian automotive sector exports and a 33 per cent drop in exports from the Canadian energy sector.

4.2 April was the first full month of social distancing measures in Canada, which resulted in severe restrictions on international travel. As a result, Statistics Canada reported a 96.6 per cent year-over-year drop in the number of international arrivals coming to Canada from overseas in April. Air travel arrivals from the United States were down 96.8 per cent year-over-year in April, while arrivals from the United Kingdom and France were down 99.1 and 99.5 per cent respectively.

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- 4.3 The economic and social restrictions that persisted throughout April had a significant impact on industrial output. According to Statistics Canada, monthly GDP declined 11.6 per cent from March to April. This marks the largest monthly decline since 1961 as all 20 industrial sectors experience a contraction in output. Monthly GDP has declined 18.2 per cent from February to April.
- 4.4 Goods producing industries experienced a 17 per cent decline in output from March to April, while service producing industries experienced a 9.7 per cent decline. The largest output declines were experienced in the accommodation and food service industry, down 42.4 percent from March to April, and the arts, entertainment and recreation industry, down 25.6 per cent.
- 4.5 While the economy experienced a steep decline in April, an economic recovery, led by the construction industry, began to take shape in May. According to Statistics Canada, the total value of all building permits issued by Canadian municipalities increased 20.2 per cent in May. This follows a decline of 13.4 per cent in March and 15.4 per cent in April. The large increase in May is mainly due to the relaxing of construction restrictions in Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island. Despite the rebound in May, the value of building permits across Canada is still down 20.4 per cent from the peak in January 2020.
- 4.6 The value of residential permits issued by Canadian municipalities increased 18.7 per cent in May as the value of single dwelling permits rose 37.5 per cent after falling 34.6 per cent in April. The value of commercial permits rose 20.8 per cent while the value of industrial permits increased 57.6 per cent. The value of institutional permits rose for the first time in 2020, increasing 2.8 per cent in May.
- 4.7 Ontario was a major contributor to the national increase in building permit values as the total value of permits issued by Ontario municipalities rose 24 per cent from April to May. The value of residential permits increased 17.1 per cent in May, while the value of industrial and institutional permits rose 67.4 and 49.3 per cent respectively. Ontario saw the second largest increase in the value of commercial permits of all the provinces, with a 26.3 per cent increase from April to May.
- 4.8 Although the value of building permits rose in Canada and Ontario, according to Statistics Canada, the total value of all permits issued in the Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) fell 24.4 per cent. The value of commercial permits rose 7.1 per cent in May, while the value of industrial and institutional permits fell 86.6 and 66.8 per cent respectively. Although the value of single dwelling residential permits rose 231 per cent, the total value of residential permits fell 20.3 per cent as multi-unit dwelling permit values fell 72.3 per cent.

5. Provincial Economic and Fiscal Updates

- 5.1 As Canada begins to shift its focus away from economic crisis and toward economic recovery, provincial governments are beginning to release the 2020-21 budgets that were previously delayed due to the pandemic. These budget documents provide insight into the economic and fiscal impact of COVID-19.

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- 5.2 Saskatchewan released its 2020 budget on June 15 and, after previously expecting a surplus in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, is now expecting a budget deficit of \$319 million in 2019-20 and a record \$2.4 billion deficit in 2020-21. In 2020-21, revenues are expected to decline by \$1.2 billion, or approximately 8 per cent, on lower tax revenue and falling oil and potash prices. Expenditures are expected to increase by \$1.1 billion, or 7 per cent from the previous year, with over \$700 million related to COVID-19.
- 5.3 Prince Edward Island released its 2020 budget on June 17 and, after anticipating its third consecutive balanced budget, is now expecting a \$3.7 million deficit in 2019-20, followed by a record \$172.7 million deficit in 2020-21. In 2020-21, total revenues are expected to increase slightly due to a nearly 23 per cent increase in federal government transfers. Program expenditures are expected to increase over 15 per cent, largely due to higher healthcare spending related to COVID-19.
- 5.4 Quebec originally released its 2020 budget on March 10, however, due to the economic and fiscal impacts of COVID-19, a budget update was released on June 19. While the original release projected a balanced budget, the update projects a record \$14.9 billion deficit in 2020-21. The budget update predicts a roughly \$2 billion reduction in revenue, along with \$6.3 billion in added expenditures related to the pandemic and a \$4 billion provision to mitigate the effects of a potential second wave.
- 5.5 Ontario decided to release an economic and fiscal update, rather than a budget, on March 25. The province also released a long-term report on the economy, which provides a 20-year economic outlook after the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic has occurred. The province predicts that the rate of potential real GDP growth, or the maximum level of output that an economy can produce without causing inflationary pressures, to average 2 per cent per year over the long run. This is down slightly from the 2.5 per cent average annual growth experienced between 1982 and 2019.
- 5.6 The slower economic growth rate expected in Ontario is a result of a projected decrease in the labour force growth rate. Ontario's labour force is expected to grow at an average rate of 0.9 per cent over the long term, compared to the 1.4 per cent average annual growth rate experienced between 1982 and 2019. Labour force growth is forecasted to decline as the "core-aged" percentage of the population (15-65 years old) is expected to fall from 67.1 to 61.9 per cent. The population of seniors (age 65+) is expected to increase from 17.2 per cent in 2019, to 23.4 per cent in 2046. This demographic shift is expected to reduce the average annual labour force participation rate from 67.1 per cent, from 1982-2019, to 62.1 per cent over the next 20 years.

6. United States Economy

- 6.1 After the record monthly increase in retail sales in May, the U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis is reporting an 8.1 per cent increase in real (constant 2012 dollar) personal consumption expenditures for May. Expenditures on larger durable goods increased over 28 per cent from April, which may suggest a

willingness among Americans to resume large purchases. Durable goods purchases have fallen since January, including an 11.9 per cent decline in March and an 11.3 per cent decline in April.

- 6.2 Although personal consumption expenditures increased in May, personal income decreased 4.2 per cent. This comes after personal income rose 10.8 per cent in April. According to the U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis, the decrease is partially attributed to a decrease in payments made to individuals from federal economic recovery programs.
- 6.3 While Americans begin to increase consumption of goods and services, the number of Americans filing first time claims for unemployment insurance remains relatively high. The number of initial claims for the week ending June 20 was 1.48 million, a decrease of 60,000 from the previous week. This marks the twelfth straight week of declining claims; however, it also marks the fourteenth straight week of one million plus initial claims. The total number of people receiving unemployment insurance, for the week of June 20, fell by 767,000 to 19.52 million.
- 6.4 As a large number of Americans continue to receive unemployment insurance, the U.S Department of Labour reported that the number of employed persons as a percentage of the U.S adult population fell to 52.8 per cent in May. This suggests that 47.2 per cent of the American adult population is without a job. The official unemployment rate was 13.3 per cent in May as the official unemployment figures do not capture a large portion of the adult population deemed “not in the labour force”. In comparison, the employment to population ratio was at 61.1 per cent prior to the pandemic in February.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The economy is experiencing increasing volatility with uncertainty around the spread of COVID-19. Economic conditions are changing on a daily basis as policy makers continue to navigate this uncharted territory.
- 7.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 3, 2020

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – June 28, 2020

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 28, 2020

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/yb4a4qds>

- COVID-19: Reopening Dental Practices (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7m9lers>

- TB Medication Shortage (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb3l734f>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jun 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/yabx77k9>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jun 26)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y7h2z4b5>

- Maintaining and strengthening Canada's food production and processing sector (Jun 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yad8khvt>

- Government of Canada implements surplus food rescue program to help alleviate food concerns of vulnerable Canadians (Jun 15)

Canadian Border Services Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/y98v9em3>

- Changes to travel restrictions for immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents (Jun 8)

Canadian Heritage

<https://tinyurl.com/ybmoveyp>

- The Government of Canada Maintains Its Efforts to Support Cultural and Heritage Organizations (Jun 18)

Department of Justice Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yd993wn7>

- Joint Statement by Ministers Lametti and Hajdu on motion seeking second extension of Superior Court of Québec's Truchon ruling (Jun 11)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yb526ymh>

- Government of Canada announces funding for the social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities (Jun 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycoxp52s>

- National disability organizations receive additional funding to support and enhance accessible communications and engagement activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic (Jun 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/yanurutb>

- Statement by Minister Qualtrough on the anniversary of the *Accessible Canada Act* (Jun 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9o9sbmp>

- The Government of Canada temporarily extends time periods given to employers to recall employees laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic (Jun 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8nybk9o>

- Government of Canada publishes new regulations to prevent harassment and violence in federal workplaces (Jun 24)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/ybnrppkt>

- Canada marks World Environment Day by protecting nature from coast to coast to coast (Jun 5)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y7llrpk7>

- Certain hand sanitizers may pose health risks (Jun 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8gm6wko>

- Certain hand sanitizers may pose health risks (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9vw4qpy>

- Certain hand sanitizers may pose health risks (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/yaypzt49>

- Certain hand sanitizers containing technical-grade ethanol may pose health risks (Jun 24)

Infrastructure Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/ycoowu24>

- Supporting communities across Ontario (Jun 11)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y87c42zd>

- Minister Bains announces members of new Industry Strategy Council (Jun 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ys4b83>

- Minister Bains updates plans to improve quality, coverage and price of telecom services (Jun 5)

Parks Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/ydged47t>

- The Government of Canada will provide rent relief for eligible business tenants in all national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas (Jun 1)

Prime Minister's Office

<https://tinyurl.com/y8u8lvvv>

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the one-year anniversary of the final report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Jun 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y86gzko4>

- Prime Minister welcomes appointment of new Auditor General (Jun 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydegvg33>

- Canadian seniors to receive special payment in early June 4 (Jun 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydxoyagx>

- Prime Minister announces supports for Canadians with disabilities to address challenges from COVID-19 (Jun 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/yd43t3wc>

- Prime Minister announces extension of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (Jun 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydga6l9l>

- Prime Minister announces new mobile app to help notify Canadians of COVID-19 exposure (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7qt6jgp>

- Prime Minister announces support for students serving their communities and opportunities to gain paid work experience (Jun 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybkx4cxh>

- First Ministers' statement on anti-racism (Jun 25)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y7voqzuo>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybxxmx4r>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9mkl8rl>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/yaj54tq3>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yawo7r7l>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycyosnx8>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7fe8qqx>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 20)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycrpfrrr>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/yd8xnd52>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Jun 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb58pcbo>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada: An Update on Her Vision and Areas of Focus (Jun 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8jrtbw2>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on June 27, 2020 (Jun 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y96pxk22>

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

Public Safety Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y8spamu5>

- Government of Canada continues federal support to Quebec COVID-19 response through partnership with Canadian Red Cross (Jun 26)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y8f5p7s8>

- Minister Garneau announces new measures for the use of face coverings in the Canadian transportation sector (Jun 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9unfa63>

- Temperature screening to be required for travellers at Canadian airports (Jun 12)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

<https://tinyurl.com/yakp3nfw>

- Government of Canada launches access to information review (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/yaaaloe7>

- Statement by the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos on the easing of restrictions related to COVID-19 (Jun 22)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

<https://tinyurl.com/y9dtop9j>

- Ontario Protecting Agri-Food Workers during COVID-19 (Jun 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7pdfg3h>

- Canada and Ontario Support Beef and Hog Farmers During COVID-19 (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybehj5s2>

- Ontario Protecting Farmers and Food Supply Chain (Jun 18)

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y7bl22h4>

- Ontario Protects Children and Youth during COVID-19 (Jun 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7hgfrom>

- Ontario Expanding Services for Young Victims of Sex Trafficking (Jun 15)

Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Job Creation

<https://tinyurl.com/ybkro2yb>

- Ontario and Canada Helping Small Businesses Go Digital (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/yajhcsvb>

- Ontario Helps Local Business Test and Certify Medical-Grade PPE (Jun 15)

Ministry of Education

<https://tinyurl.com/y7bxseqa>

- Ontario Makes Major Investment in Mental Health and Technology to Support Students (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybuay2se>

- Ontario Makes Historic Investment in Public Education (Jun 19)

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxfckfm>

- Beaches and Campsites to Open at Ontario Parks (Jun 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/yar7swny>

- Ontario Proposes to Further Protect Water Resources (Jun 18)

Ministry of Finance

<https://tinyurl.com/ycmpxgh4>

- Ontario Supports Ontario's Beverage Alcohol Sector During COVID-19 (Jun 17)

Ministry of Health

<https://tinyurl.com/ycjm4rzq>

- Ontario Appoints Special Advisor to Develop Health Data Platform (Jun 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybowmnjt>

- Ontario Appoints New Patient Ombudsperson (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycf2uw9s>

- Ontario Lifting 30-Day Supply Limit on Prescriptions (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb7r8olu>

- Ontario Eases Restrictions on Wedding and Funeral Ceremonies (Jun 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/ya2fgdfp>

- Ontario Expanding Data Collection to Help Stop Spread of COVID-19 (Jun 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycx977bz>

- Ontario Appoints New Chair for the Minister's Patient and Family Advisory Council (Jun 23)

Ministry of Indigenous Affairs

<https://tinyurl.com/y9bzrmho>

- Ontario Marks First Anniversary of Inquiry Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Jun 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycz4eddm>

- Ontario Supporting Indigenous-Owned Businesses During COVID-19 (Jun 19)

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdv5hlt>

- Ontario Extending Infectious Disease Emergency Leave for Workers during COVID-19 (Jun 1)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

<https://tinyurl.com/y7dfr2fh>

- Ontario Pauses Commercial Evictions (Jun 17)

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

<https://tinyurl.com/ybo2gvrh>

- Celebrating Seniors in Ontario (Jun 1)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

<https://tinyurl.com/y7nx8c77>

- Keep Pets Safe this Summer, Do Not Leave Them in Hot Vehicles (Jun 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y92fqr98>

- Ontario Marks Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day (Jun 27)

Ministry of Transportation

<https://tinyurl.com/y9n68bgn>

- Ontario Introduces Public Transit Safety Guidance (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9uzk3sk>

- Ontario to Gradually Reopen DriveTest Centres Across the Province (Jun 18)

Office of the Premier

<https://tinyurl.com/yc8n2tvn>

- Ontario Supports Those Struggling with Electricity Bills during COVID-19 (Jun 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc9ktz44>

- Ontario Helps Manufacturers Ramp Up Production of Personal Protective Equipment (Jun 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7gfydy>

- Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency until June 30 (Jun 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydhlgd3d>

- Ontario Improving Broadband and Cell Service for Rural Communities (Jun 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6urwvek>

- Ontario Creates Premier's Council on Equality of Opportunity (Jun 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3lq8ec>

- Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Support Its Reopening Efforts (Jun 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycf4c3qo>

- Ontario Permits More Businesses and Services to Reopen in the Coming Days (Jun 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxmq2ld>

- Ontario Helping Parents Return to Work (Jun 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4rka7g>

- Ontario Unveils a Plan to Reopen Postsecondary Education (Jun 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y95serve>

- Ontario to Resume Family Visits in Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, and Other Residential Care Settings (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7ndovn7>

- Ontarians Encouraged to Establish Social Circles (Jun 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb5usbte>

- More People Can Get Back to Work as Additional Businesses and Services to Reopen This Week (Jun 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7sktwsg>

- Ontario Releases Guide on How to Develop a Workplace Safety Plan (Jun 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/yd5huh4a>

- Ontario Extends Emergency Orders (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycyhk6zm>

- Ontario Marks Three Months Since Declaration of Emergency (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybdxevvs>

- Ontario Enhancing COVID-19 Case and Contact Management (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y87knc3n>

- Ontario Prepares for the Safe Reopening of Schools (Jun 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdsar6x>

- Ontario Moving Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 2 (Jun 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb8q6xlo>

- Ontario Introduces New Math Curriculum for Elementary Students (Jun 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7xnr8z>

- Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to July 15 (Jun 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydho9a7g>

- Ontario Takes Immediate Action to Stop COVID-19 Outbreaks in Windsor-Essex (Jun 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybshofyx>

- Businesses and Services to Reopen in Windsor-Essex, with Exceptions (Jun 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7jq2fk7>

- Ontario Providing Additional Supports for Seniors (Jun 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y79eva9g>

- Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to July 10 (Jun 27)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y9csj9pq>

- Ontario Extending Outdoor Patios to Allow for Social Distancing During COVID-19 (Jun 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/yd27grdz>

- Liquor sales licensees may extend their patios for the duration of 2020 once permitted to open (Jun 8)

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

<https://tinyurl.com/ybs9wp6h>

- 2019-20 aLPHa Annual Report (Jun 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycjpn4yc>

- Digital Health Data Platform Letter (Jun 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9jz3f5r>

- Health Equity and COVID-19 Letter (Jun 26)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

<https://tinyurl.com/yb96oq6e>

- New analysis paints international picture of COVID-19's long-term care impacts (Jun 25)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://tinyurl.com/ycf8rw4u>

- Government of Canada and provincial partners invest more than \$109M in COVID-19 research (Jun 25)

Canadian Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/yb3xz4ws>

- Patients and Virtual Care Expert Co-Creat e Guide to Help Navigate New Way of Accessing Care (Jun 12)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

<https://tinyurl.com/ybm85m9j>

- Nuclear regulator response to COVID-19 pandemic is instrumental in strengthening nuclear safety globally (Jun 5)

Canadian Transportation Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/ybpd2fzc>

- New Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations now in force (Jun 25)

Cancer Care Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y825f4ty>

- Progress in Prevention Report 2015-2020 (Jun 11)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdybu9k>

- Windsor, St. Catharines-Niagara and Thunder Bay suffer sharpest job losses from pandemic shutdown (Jun 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ruxmp>

- FAO assesses the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on Ontario's tourism, culture and heritage sectors (Jun 25)

Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y7qkdda7>

- Achieving Financial Safety, Fairness and Choice in Ontario – FSRA demonstrates Significant Progress in Year One (Jun 8)

IC/ES

<https://tinyurl.com/y9gbw4ow>

- Suicide rate for people with schizophrenia spectrum disorders 170 times higher than the general population (Jun 18)

Lakeridge Health

<https://tinyurl.com/y7f7s6u3>

- COVID-19 Outbreak Declared Over at Orchard Villa Long-Term Care and Retirement Home (Jun 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycqscf6t>

- Lakeridge Health Assumes Day-to-Day Operations of Orchard Villa (Jun 15)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y7gb99wc>

- New survey finds employment status, income, key factors impacting mental health of Canadians during COVID-19 (Jun 23)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y9pq4njm>

- Ontario IPC and BC OIPC find LifeLabs failed to protect personal information in 2019 breach (Jun 26)

Ombudsman Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y8m4m84s>

- Ontario Ombudsman to Investigate Government's Oversight of Long-Term Care Homes during Pandemic (Jun 1)

Ontario Power Generation

<https://tinyurl.com/yabmhhjw>

- Darlington's Refurbished Unit 2 Reactor Returns to Service (Jun 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8kdqwk9>

- OPG partners with Jack.org to bring award-winning mental health resource to Ontarians (Jun 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y87knc3n>

- OPG Donating 10,000 Face Shields to Indigenous Communities (Jun 19)

ParticipACTION

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3e7rt6>

- New ParticipACTION Report Card Shows Families are Critical Influencers for Children's Healthy Habits – But Support is Needed to Get Kids Moving (Jun 17)

Public Health Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y87zwd8>

- PHO Connections (Jun 11)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/yano5hju>

- RNAO releases list of 35 reports and recommendations dating back 20 years documenting the government's failings of Ontario long-term care sector (Jun 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/y77y4u78>

- RNAO calls for a "Nursing Home Basic Care Guarantee" and provides staffing formula to Minister Fullerton for her July 31st report to legislature (Jun 11)

Transportation Safety Board of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yc674whz>

- New TSB recommendation aims to reduce frequency of uncontrolled movements in rail yards (Jun 10)

VIA Rail Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y74twd74>

- VIA Rail to Implement a New Mask Policy Starting June 23 (Jun 19)

Wellness Together Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/ya6h9zu6>

- Wellness Together Canada encourages everyone to #TakeThatStep with access to free mental health support available 24/7 (Jun 15)



The Regional
Municipality of
Durham

Works Department

Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 3, 2020

To: Regional Chair Henry and All Members of Regional Council

From: Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works

Copy: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Giuseppe Anello, Director, Waste Management Services
Gary Williams, Director, Corporate Communications

Subject: Mixed Waste Pre-Sort and Anaerobic Digestion
Informational Resources and Communications

This is the second in a series of memos to be issued over the coming weeks. The intent is to provide information and resources to Regional Council and the public on specific topics related to the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Project (Project). Each informational memo will be posted to the Project website detailed below.

This memo focuses on the available resources and where to find them, as well as the multiple communications forums being used to ensure public education and awareness of the Project and on related waste issues.

To increase awareness among Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) residents on the proposed Mixed Waste Pre-sort and AD facility, the following forums and tools have been developed and utilized.

The communications plan utilizes a mix of advertising, media relations and social media with the goal of informing a broad audience across the Region.

Communications to date:

Website created: Residents can learn more about Pre-sort and AD by visiting the website durham.ca/ADProject. Project website highlights progress to date, frequently asked questions and allows residents to ask

questions through the email ADProject@durham.ca. Interested parties currently have access to council reports (21), council information memos (1), presentations (2), procurement documents (6) and technical reports (6). The website will continue to be updated as the Project progresses.

News Releases: Inform residents of key milestones and Project timeline.

- Durham [takes next step toward Anaerobic Digestion Facility](#) - May 28, 2020
- [Anaerobic Digestion facility siting report now available online: recommends south Clarington site](#) - March 9, 2020
- [UPDATE: Region unveils list of potential sites and invites residents to learn about the new Anaerobic Digestion and Waste Pre-Sort facility](#) - February 21, 2020
- [Region invites residents to learn about potential sites for new Anaerobic Digestion and Waste Pre-Sort facility](#) - February 13, 2020
- [Durham Region is working to address climate changes](#) - December 3, 2019 (AD was highlighted)

Regional Chair's newspaper column: Messaging on the progress of AD project and importance of climate change initiatives like this.

- [Durham Region takes another innovative step in waste management options](#) - June 2020

Video message from the Regional Chair: Chair Henry addressed Pre-sort and AD Project in a [video message](#) highlighting climate change initiatives and bio-gas generation.

Public Information Session: First Public Information Centre (PIC) held on February 27, 2020.

- [Waste Pre-Sorting and Anaerobic Digestion Facility – display boards](#)
- Additional virtual PIC incorporated with Long-Term Waste Management Plan public engagement planned this summer.

Social media messaging: Multiple messages and information shared via YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

- Phase 1: social media videos and related campaign on preventing food waste launched mid-May. This includes paid social media advertising and posts.
- Project milestone update on partnership, siting and Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ).



Following our tips, but still have food scraps leftover? Learn how #DurhamRegion's Waste Pre-sort and #AnaerobicDigestion Facility will process the organic waste from your green bin into renewable energy: durham.ca/... See More



- Phase 2: social media videos and related campaign explaining AD launches late summer 2020. This will include social media advertising and posts.

Durham Works and blog: Residents will be informed of project and public engagement opportunities through the Works Department's blog durham.ca/DurhamWorks.

- [Waste as a resource: Converting food scraps into renewable energy](#) – June 11, 2020

This Week In Durham Region ([Regional e-Newsletter](#)): Residents will be updated on Project milestones and public engagement opportunities.

- Next steps taken toward Anaerobic Digestion – June 2, 2020
- What is Anaerobic Digestion? – May 25, 2020
- Anaerobic Digestion: converting food scraps into renewable energy – May 19, 2020
- Anaerobic Digestion: converting food scraps into renewable energy – May 12, 2020

Videos: Phase 1: videos (11) on preventing food waste accompanied by related Pre-sort and AD Project messaging. Phase 2: videos planned for fall 2020, explaining in a simplified and easy to understand manner what anaerobic digestion is and additional food waste videos.

- Phase 1 video [playlist](#) (released May 2020)

Advertorial: 'Ask Katherine Waste Advice' column running monthly in all Durham Metroland Media newspapers.

- [Durham takes next step toward Anaerobic Digestion facility](#) – June 18, 2020 (page 4)
- [Long Term Waste Plan](#) – June 4, 2020 (page 7)

Advertising (Newspaper and Radio): Traditional advertising is being used to increase public awareness of project and key engagement opportunities like PICs.

- [Public Information Centre Waste Pre-sorting and Anaerobic Digestion Facility – Potential Sites](#) – February 13 and 20, 2020 (page 17)
- Preventing food waste radio ad campaign running during May, July, September and December on KX 96, CKDO, 94.9 The Rock and 105.5 Hits FM

Digital Advertising: Preventing food waste leaderboard campaigns, website takeovers, targeted displays ads set for May, July, September and December with durhamregion.com, globalnews.ca, ckdo.ca, kx96.fm, therock.fm and durhamradionews.com

Advertising (Television): Preventing food waste videos modified into 30 second TV commercials. The commercials air on Global TV Durham during May, July, September and December.

End of Memo



June 25, 2020

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Privy Council Office
Room 1000
85 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

We are writing to you, in our capacity as Members of Parliament representing ridings in the Regional Municipality of Durham, in regards to the Region's federal funding priorities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped the delivery of public services by all levels of government. Durham Region was no exception and they had to adapt with new, innovative measures to ensure that workers, businesses and families are well protected. As an example, the Region of Durham partnered with local child-care operators and home child-care agencies in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington and Uxbridge to offer free emergency child care for the children of front line and essential workers.

To support unsheltered residents, the Region of Durham also worked with community partners to open the In/Out of The Crisis (IOTC) program at Camp Samac in Oshawa, Ontario. The facility served as a temporary location to provide shelter for the homeless and is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with appropriate physical distancing measures and security to protect vulnerable residents.

These are just a couple of the programs the Region of Durham has been able to offer it's residents. Unfortunately, the Region of Durham is currently facing a \$40.5 million shortfall as a result of COVID-19 related expenditures. To contain this impact, they've worked to build community resilience and create a Regional Recovery Plan with opportunities to work in partnership with the federal government.

In addition to their support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) request for \$10 billion in funding to be distributed to municipalities across Canada for emergency operations, Durham Region's policy priorities for federal partnership include:

- **Transit Infrastructure:** The Region is requesting that federal and provincial governments expedite the approval of Investing in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP) projects.
- **Supportive Housing:** The Region is looking to partner with the federal government to develop innovative housing solutions and enhance existing programs to support unsheltered residents.
- **Broadband Infrastructure:** COVID-19 has highlighted the critical importance of universal broadband infrastructure. Durham Region is looking to partner with the federal government to access funding in support of their Broadband Strategy to bridge the digital divide in Durham.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Durham Region is urging the federal government to implement the zero-interest home retrofit loan program in 2020, and are looking to partner on the Durham Forest Centre for Innovation and Resilience.

Further information and specific details regarding their funding priorities are found in the attached report.

We'd also note that these four priorities align strongly with our government's core policy agenda. Supporting transit and housing infrastructure, as well as implementing universal broadband coverage by 2030 and protecting our environment from the devastating effects of climate change have been major policy areas of focus over the past five years.

As Durham Region Members of Parliament, we support these funding requests, and urge you work in partnership with the Region to deliver on our shared commitments to Canadians.

Yours Sincerely,



Hon. Mark Holland
MP, Ajax



Jennifer O'Connell
MP, Pickering-Uxbridge



Ryan Turnbull
MP, Whitby

CC:

John Henry, Regional Chair, Region of Durham
Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO, Region of Durham
Durham Regional Council



June 25, 2020

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Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
180 Kent Street
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- **Broadband Infrastructure:** COVID-19 has highlighted the critical importance of universal broadband infrastructure. Durham Region is looking to partner with the federal government to access funding in support of their Broadband Strategy to bridge the digital divide in Durham.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Durham Region is urging the federal government to implement the zero-interest home retrofit loan program in 2020, and are looking to partner on the Durham Forest Centre for Innovation and Resilience.

Further information and specific details regarding their funding priorities are found in the attached report.

We'd also note that these four priorities align strongly with our government's core policy agenda. Supporting transit and housing infrastructure, as well as implementing universal broadband coverage by 2030 and protecting our environment from the devastating effects of climate change have been major policy areas of focus over the past five years.

As Durham Region Members of Parliament, we support these funding requests, and urge you work in partnership with the Region to deliver on our shared commitments to Canadians.

Yours Sincerely,



Hon. Mark Holland
MP, Ajax



Jennifer O'Connell
MP, Pickering-Uxbridge



Ryan Turnbull
MP, Whitby

CC:

John Henry, Regional Chair, Region of Durham
Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO, Region of Durham
Durham Regional Council



The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Box 490, Rodney Ontario N0L 2C0

June 26, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Dear the Honorable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020-209

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Councillor Rowe

Whereas West Elgin Council wishes to support resolution number CW93-20 from Grey County; and

Whereas West Elgin recognizes that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success; and

Whereas reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic; and

Whereas not all residents of West Elgin are within a connectivity coverage area and that rural areas often receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and

Where as while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and

Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin representing our residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford, Minister of

Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honorable Jeff Yurek to champion the implementation of broadband in the under-serviced areas of West Elgin;

For (3): Councillor Tellier, Councillor Cammaert, and Councillor Rowe
Abstain (1): Mayor McPhail

Carried (3 to 0)

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jana Nethercott
Clerk
Municipality of West Elgin

cc. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
All Ontario Municipalities



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Resolution No. 2020-210

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

Whereas West Elgin received a resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands with regard to the creation of a Universal Basic Income for citizens; and

Whereas the Council of West Elgin agrees that the creation of a Universal Basic Income would assist in reducing the financial strain on its citizens and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Where a basic income ensures everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live with dignity, regardless of work status and has the potential to improve individual physical and mental health, labour market participation, food security, housing stability, financial status and social relationships and generally raise the standard of living for vulnerable members of society; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin urges the Ontario Provincial government and the Federal government work together to investigate the feasibility of implementing a universal basic income program.

For (3): Councillor Tellier, Councillor Cammaert, and Councillor Rowe
Abstain (1): Mayor McPhail

Carried (3 to 0)

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jana Nethercott
Clerk
Municipality of West Elgin

cc. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
All Ontario Municipalities



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Cancellation of the 2020 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

June 24, 2020 [Toronto, ON] – Due to our ongoing concern regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the excitement of The Royal will have to wait for another year. The Royal’s Board of Directors today made the heart-wrenching but unanimous decision to cancel the 2020 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, originally scheduled for November 6th to 15th at Exhibition Place, Toronto. This treasured annual tradition will return better than ever in 2021.

“Over the past several months, we’ve all experienced an unprecedented disruption to our daily lives and are redefining how we live, work and play. Ultimately, our decision is grounded in our commitment to help ensure the health and well-being of our community at large,” stated Charlie Johnstone, Chief Executive Officer at The Royal. “Our primary responsibility remains rooted in serving our community and protecting the integrity and welfare of all. We understand and appreciate the time, effort and financial commitment required to compete and exhibit at The Royal and did not make this decision without very careful consideration.”

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Each fall, The Royal brings together hundreds of competitors, thousands of animals and hundreds of thousands of guests to celebrate the best in agriculture, local food, and equestrian competition. During its storied history, The Royal has been cancelled on only one other occasion, during World War II. At that time, the stalls within the historic Royal Horse Palace were transformed into Army Barracks to house soldiers preparing to be deployed to join our Canadian and Allied troops fighting in Europe. Today, The Royal once again stands in support of its community, first and foremost.

“During these uncertain times, we’re heartened by the resilience of farmers, the ingenuity of entrepreneurs, and the abundance of care shown towards family, friends and animals,” concluded Johnstone. “As we lead up to our 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2022, we take comfort knowing that the 2021 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair will be, as always, an outstanding experience for all those who compete, exhibit and attend.”

In addition to The Royal’s Agricultural Food Competitions, which will still take place in 2020, virtual programming designed to engage, educate and motivate is currently being explored for this Fall. More details regarding this exciting initiative will be released soon. In the meantime, all Canadians are encouraged to continue supporting Canadian farmers, producers and local retailers.

Together we will get through this, and “Bring the Country to the City” next November 5th to 14th, 2021.

To view a video message from The Royal, [please click here](#).

<https://the-royal-agricultural-winter-fair.prezly.com/cancellation-of-the-2020-royal-agricultural-winter-fair>

About The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Since 1922, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (“The Royal”) has celebrated excellence in agriculture, food and equine sport. Every year in November, more than 300,000 guests visit The Royal, which is the world’s largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian show. Held at Exhibition Place in Toronto, The Royal showcases Canada’s leaders in agricultural, food, and equine excellence.

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For more information, or to request an interview with Charlie Johnstone, please contact:

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DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

K. Ashe, Chair * B. Drew, Vice-Chair
P. Barnes, Member * G. Cubitt, Member
S. DeBoer, Member * K. Fisher, Member * J. Henry, Member

June 26, 2020

Regional Clerk
Durham Regional Council – Regional HQ Level 1
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

On behalf of the Durham Regional Police Services Board, I am pleased to confirm with Council the 2019 Annual Report can be viewed on the DRPS website, as stated under the Protocol for the Sharing of information between the Durham Regional Police Services Board and the Durham Regional Council.

The public can also view this copy on the DRPS website:
https://members.drps.ca/annual_report/2019/Annual_report_2019_WEB.pdf

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita Longo".

Anita Longo
Executive Assistant

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:06 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
G. Layton, Oshawa
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
K. Murray, Member at Large
B. Shipp, Member at Large
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax
D. Upadhyay, Youth Member
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
R. Dickinson, Brock
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
D. Sallans, Member at Large

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, CAO Office
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
L. Malyjasiak, Works Technician 3, Waste Services, Works Department
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, CAO Office
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services, Works Department
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the agenda for the June 18, 2020 DEAC meeting, as
presented, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
March 12, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Durham Region Long-Term Waste Management Plan – Angela Porteous,
Supervisor, Waste Services

Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Long-Term Waste Management Plan. She stated that Durham Region adopted its first Long-Term Waste Management Strategy in 1999 and in spring 2019, staff was directed by Regional Council to begin working on a new Long-Term Waste Management Plan for 2021 to 2040.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Durham's New Long-Term Waste Management Plan
- Durham Waste Management History
- Waste Management Vision 2021-2040
- Plan Development Timeline
- Guiding Principles
- Early Consultation
- Current & Future Challenges Identified by Region and Local Staffs
- Policy
- Programs
- Promotion and Education
- Vision & Objectives
- Next Steps

A. Porteous requested that the Committee provide feedback through a survey with regards to key issues and considerations to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan. The link to the survey was provided to Committee members subsequent to the meeting.

A. Porteous responded to questions from the Committee regarding when styrofoam and single-use plastics would be accepted into the recycling stream; whether we are encouraging manufacturers to use less packaging as

well as managing what they use now; and how will the Region monitor whether the strategy is being implemented or not.

6. Items for Discussion/Input

A) LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program, Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Region of Durham, and Janet McKay, Executive Director, LEAF

Janet McKay, Executive Director, LEAF, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program.

Highlights from her presentation included:

- Backyard Tree Planting Program
- Keys to Success
- Building Lasting Relationships (Education, Follow-Up, Repeat Clients)
- Promoting the Program

J. McKay advised that the LEAF Program will be launched on July 14, 2020 in some municipalities. She stated that the program is already offered in the Town of Ajax, and that the City of Pickering, the City of Oshawa, the Town of Whitby, and the Township of Scugog will be next. She also advised that the program was successful in receiving the Trillium Grow Grant. She advised that the grant will allow more work to be completed in the Region of Durham and will allow other community engagement activities to be offered along with the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program.

I. McVey added that the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program would be a good program to incorporate into the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowners Guide.

The Committee suggested that J. McKay reach out to the local environmental committees at the municipal level as well as the local nature clubs to help promote the program.

J. McKay responded to questions from Committee regarding the cost of the DIY option of the backyard tree planting; and whether consideration has been made to partnering with local schools.

At the request of the Committee, A. Luqman advised that she would email the LEAF Program PowerPoint to the Committee members.

G. Carpentier advised that he would compile the contact information of the presidents of the local nature clubs and forward it to A. Luqman to provide to J. McKay, as a way of promoting the program.

Members of the Committee expressed interest in receiving copies of the brochures once available and were advised to send an email to J. Taylor and I. McVey in order to facilitate that process.

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

A. Luqman provided an update on the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee. She advised that the subcommittee has been meeting virtually throughout the last three months and that quite a bit of work has been completed. She stated that the next stage will be to review the text and create a synonymous voice throughout the guide. A. Luqman advised that the subcommittee hopes to have the next stage of the Guide completed over the summer or by early Fall.

C) Update from Environmental Awards Subcommittee

G. Layton advised that due to COVID-19, the 2020 Environmental Awards will be deferred until the Spring or Fall of 2021.

D) Update on the Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution Project

D. Upadhyay advised that due to COVID-19, the Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution Project has been put on hold until next year (2021).

E) Impact of COVID-19 on Environment and Climate Change

A copy of Walk Softly – Positive Outcomes in Troubled Times authored by Geoff Carpentier, was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

G. Carpentier offered his perspective on how COVID-19 has impacted the environment, and that there have been positive aspects of the pandemic. He stated that every little action does make a difference, which has helped the environment in some regard.

7. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-35 – 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-35 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

B) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-37 – Durham York Energy Centre Emergency Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-37 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

- C) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-32 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the February 10, 2020 Meeting
A copy of Report #2020-INFO-32 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.
- D) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-28 – Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update, Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Public Consultation
A copy of Report #2020-INFO-28 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.
- E) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-26 – Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Development Schedule
A copy of Report #2020-INFO-26 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.
- F) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-29 – Durham Regional Cycling Plan (RCP) Update – Project Status Summary
A copy of Report #2020-INFO-29 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.
- G) Memorandum from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Office – Durham Home Energy Savings Program (D-HESP)
A copy of the memorandum from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Office, regarding the Durham Home Energy Savings Program (D-HESP) was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.
- Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,
That Information Items 7A) to 7G) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A) Community Re-Opening Toolkit
A. Luqman advised that the community re-opening toolkit is available on the Region of Durham website and that she can email the link to any interested members.
- B) City of Oshawa's Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan
A. Luqman advised that the City of Oshawa will be holding a virtual meeting on their draft greenhouse gas reduction plan and that she will email the details to the committee.

C) DEAC Youth Membership

D. Upadhyay requested clarification regarding when his role as a youth member comes to an end and what happens once he has graduated high school. Staff advised that they would look into this and get back to him directly.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

June 19, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, June 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:00 AM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: D. Hoorweg, Citizen Member, Chair
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair, attended the meeting at 10:12 AM
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee
J. Koke, Citizen Member
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member
C. Mee, Citizen Member
R. Plaza, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
T. Hall, Citizen Member
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member

Also

Present: Councillor Barton

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Acting Director of Waste Management, Works Department
J. Austin, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit
S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, CAO Office
L. Malyjasiak, Works Technician 3, Waste Services, Works Department
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services, Works Department

S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Highet,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on January 17, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Climate and Sustainability Project Updates - Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability

I. McVey introduced and welcomed Melanie Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator, to the committee.

I. McVey provided updates on the following projects:

- Corporate Climate Change Master Plan
 - Corporate Climate Action Framework
 - Low Carbon Fleet Strategy
 - Facilities GHG Reduction Implementation Plan
- Climate Mitigation Reserve Fund
 - Recommended Allocation by Project Category
- Durham Home Energy Savings Program
 - Durham Home Energy Savings Program Overview
 - Proposed Financial Framework over 4 Years
 - Anticipated Program Outcomes for 2021 to 2024
- LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program
- Durham Nature-Based Solutions Program
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Network
 - NRCan Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)
- Home Flood Preparedness Webinar

I. McVey responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether Durham Region's corporate greenhouse gas inventory methodology would be aligned with the local municipalities to decrease risk of double counting emissions.

In response to a question, I. McVey advised that he would email the link to the Flood Preparedness Webinar once it has been posted to the Region of Durham's website.

B) Scaling-up to Zero Emissions Transit in the Region of Durham – Jamie Austin, Deputy General Manager, Durham Region Transit and Janet Taylor, Manager of Sustainability and Business Advocacy, Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation

A DRT fact sheet with regards to the Electric Bus Pilot Strategic Initiative was emailed to the committee prior to the meeting.

Jamie Austin, Deputy General Manager, Durham Region Transit and Janet Taylor, Manager of Sustainability and Business Advocacy, Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation, provided a presentation regarding Scaling-Up to Zero Emissions Transit in the Region of Durham.

J. Austin advised that the pilot will leverage \$10.1 million dollars of federal gas tax funding to acquire up to eight electric buses and four electric bus chargers. He also advised that staff have taken key learnings from other jurisdictions and have heard that customers like that the electric buses are quieter and offer a smoother ride. J. Austin further advised that it takes 12 to 18 months to manufacture the electric buses and hope to have them on the road by 2022.

J. Taylor advised that The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) Board of Directors approved grant funding for the Scaling-up to Zero Emissions Transit in the Region of Durham Proposal. She stated that there are 5 task areas within the grant including: facility structure upgrades; equipment selection and procurement; field testing and data gathering; value add and analyzing; and findings that will be published and presented to various agencies across Canada. She advised that the total value of the grant is \$196,000 with the bulk of it going to resources to help with the five task areas, and some going to the hard costs.

In response to a question from Chair Hoornweg J. Austin advised that he would look into the suggestion of comparing the air quality monitoring data from the City of Oshawa's real time air quality sensors before and after putting the electric buses on the road, to see if there is a measurable improvement in air quality once the buses are on the road.

C) Durham Region Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services

Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Long-Term Waste Management Plan. She stated that Durham Region adopted its first Long-Term Waste Management Strategy in 1999 and in spring 2019, staff was directed by

Regional Council to begin working on a new Long-Term Waste Management Plan for 2021 to 2040.

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A. Porteous requested that the Committee provide feedback through a survey with regards to key issues and considerations to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan. The link to the survey was provided to Committee members subsequent to the meeting.

A. Porteous responded to a question from the Committee regarding increasing education and promotion around where the materials go and what the end-product is, as well as a focus on how our waste products work for us.

G. Anello, Acting Director of Waste Management, responded to a question regarding timelines of when the anaerobic digester would start construction, pending approval by Regional Council.

D) Innovate My Future – Climate Action Catalysts Program – Laura Hache, Climate Action Lead Youth Challenge International

Laura Hache, Climate Action Lead Youth Challenge Internal, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Innovate My Future – Climate Action Catalysts Program.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Innovate My Future
- Youth Challenge International
- About the Program
- The Climate Action Catalyst Journey
 - 100 Climate Action Catalysts Engaging with Local Climate Policy and Community Leaders
- Innovate My Future – Year One Results

- Action in Durham
 - #durham4sustainable – Sustainable Durham
 - Used Coffee Grounds as an Organic Fertilizer – Catalysts of Change
- Learn more at youthclimateaction.ca
- Now Recruiting
 - Now Recruiting for Cohort 3 in Durham Region
- Innovate my Future
 - Partners
 - Funders

L. Hache advised that Youth Challenge International explores the intersection between youth and innovation by addressing health, the environment and inequality within the employment solutions we co-create.

L. Hache advised that Youth Challenge International is currently recruiting for Cohort 3 in the Region of Durham. She advised that there are 80 Climate Action Catalyst Team Member positions available and applications for that position closes July 19, 2020. She further advised that there are 20 Climate Action Catalyst Team Lead positions available and the deadline for that position is June 21, 2020.

L. Hache responded to questions from the Committee regarding how Youth Challenge International advertises and what channels they use; who they are partnered with; and whether Ontario Tech University has been approached as they have a sustainability group.

D. Hoornweg advised that he would send the contact information for Ontario Tech's sustainability group to L. Hache after the meeting.

5. Items for Information and Discussion

A) 2020 Meeting Schedule

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
That the 2020 DRRCC Meeting Schedule as outlined in Attachment
#3 to the agenda, be approved.

CARRIED

B) Climate Leadership Course for elected officials

I. McVey advised that registration for the Climate Leadership Course for elected officials is available online until July 3, 2020.

6. Other Business

There was no other business to be heard.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, September 18, 2020 starting at 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

D. Hoornweg, Chair, Durham Region
Roundtable on Climate Change

S. Penak, Committee Clerk