



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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October 1, 2021

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: 2021-INFO-99
Date: October 1, 2021

Subject:

Durham Region to test the nuclear public alert system on October 18 and 19, 2021. The Province to test the Alert Ready system on November 17, 2021.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise Council of the upcoming test to Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system and the Provincial test of the Alert Ready system.

2. Background

2.1 As a designated municipality under the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP, 2017), Durham Region is required to test the nuclear public alerting system as part of its regular maintenance program and to raise public awareness.

2.2 Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system is usually tested twice per year. This year's spring test was conducted on May 3 and 4.

2.3 To increase public awareness, Durham Region will implement a communications campaign including social media, mobile signs, and advertisements for radio, print and online newspapers.

2.4 Durham Region's test will take place over two days:

- a. On Monday, October 18, landline phones in Durham Region within ten kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will receive an automated phone message. The message will advise that it is a test and will provide notice that the sirens will be tested the following day within three kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generation Stations. The message will advise on how to find more information about the tests and emergency preparedness.

- b. On Tuesday, October 19, thirty-four sirens located within three kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will be sounded for approximately one minute.
- 2.5 Messages will be posted to the Region's social media accounts confirming when the tests have commenced and when they have been completed.
- 2.6 The Province of Ontario is planning to test the Alert Ready system on Wednesday, November 17 at 12:55 pm. Alert Ready consists of alerts broadcast through radio and television, as well as alerts to compatible LTE enabled cell phones. Alert Ready is used to notify the public of any emergency deemed a threat to life.

3. Previous Reports

- 3.1 In 2021, Council was provided with the following information related to the spring nuclear public alerting system test:
- a. Council Information Report, April 16, 2021 – Report #2021-INFO-42.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Enhance community safety and well-being.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The next test of the nuclear public alert system is scheduled for the spring of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

original signed by

Elaine Baxter-Trahair

Chief Administrative Officer

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2021-INFO-100
Date: October 1, 2021

Subject:

Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Release of Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report, File D12-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Region is undertaking a Growth Management Study (GMS) as part of Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP). The first phase of the GMS is the preparation of a Land Needs Assessment (LNA) to quantify the amount of Settlement Area Boundary Expansion that will be required to accommodate future population and employment growth to the year 2051, specifically a population forecast of 1.3 million and an employment forecast of 460,000 jobs.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to release for agency and public comment, the **Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report**, which is the fourth technical report prepared in support of the LNA. The first technical report was the Region-Wide Growth Analysis released July 2, 2021, the second was the Housing Intensification Study released September 3, 2021 and the third was the Employment Strategy Technical Report released on September 24, 2021.

- 1.3 In the fall of 2021, a Council Education Session will be held to provide a detailed overview of the reports and recommendations. The completed LNA with all supporting technical reports and staff recommendations will be brought forward to Planning and Economic Development Committee in December of this year, following the Council Education Session.
- 1.4 On October 1, 2021, the Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report will be posted on the Envision Durham project webpage at durham.ca/EnvisionDurham for public review and is provided as Attachment #1 to this report. Those wishing to provide any input may do so by submitting comments electronically to EnvisionDurham@durham.ca or by mail. Any comments on the release of the Community Area Land Needs Technical Report are requested by November 1, 2021.

2. Background

- 2.1 Envision Durham is currently in Stage 3 (“Direct”). This stage of the project is intended to identify key proposed policy directions for moving forward with the preparation of a new Regional Official Plan.
- 2.2 As a key component of Envision Durham, a Growth Management Study (GMS) is being completed over two phases. To aid in the completion of the GMS, the Region retained the consultant services of Urban Strategies Inc. and Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.
- 2.3 The first phase of the GMS focuses on the completion of a Land Needs Assessment (LNA). The LNA is a detailed review of the Region’s land base to determine how much of the Growth Plan population and employment forecasts for Durham Region can be accommodated within existing urban areas, in the built-up area, and the designated greenfield area. Any growth that cannot be accommodated within existing urban areas would trigger a requirement for additional urban land by means of a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion. Determining the quantum of additional urban area land is a key outcome of the LNA. The second phase of the GMS will focus on determining the most appropriate locations for any required Settlement Area Boundary Expansion(s).
- 2.4 The LNA is a technical exercise which relies on the assessment of past and current trends as well as forward looking projections. The LNA is being presented through four separate but interrelated reports which are being released sequentially and, organized as follows:

1. The **Region-Wide Growth Analysis** (released on July 2, 2021) presents region-wide population and employment forecasts, various trends in demographics, unit mix, housing prices, and built form. This report analyzes Durham’s growth potential and informs key inputs and assumptions for the overall LNA.
 2. The **Housing Intensification Study** (released on September 3, 2021) evaluates the supply and demand for housing within the Built-up Area, including a detailed assessment of likely opportunities and supply potential for intensification and associated population and employment accommodation. A key outcome of this report was a recommended intensification target of 50% for the Region.
 3. The **Employment Strategy** (released on September 24, 2021) provides an assessment of trends in employment and will analyzes the current state of the region’s Employment Areas. Key outcomes included in this report are recommendations on Employment Area conversion requests, a recommended density target for Employment Areas, and recommendations on the supply of designated Employment Areas to accommodate employment land related jobs to 2051.
 4. The **Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report** (subject of this report) evaluates the existing state, current trends, and long-term development potential of “Designated Greenfield Areas”. The term “Designated Greenfield Areas” is specifically defined in the provincial Growth Plan and generally means lands within the urban area boundary that are outside the built-up area¹. The key outcomes of this report include: i) a proposed density target for Designated Greenfield Areas; and ii) consultant recommendations on new urban area land required to accommodate residential units and population-related jobs to 2051, referred to as “Community Areas” in the provincial Growth Plan.
- 2.5 Later this year, a **Land Needs Assessment Recommendations Report** will compile the key outcomes, technical analysis and related recommendations in the above four reports, and will be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

¹ The Built-up Area (BUA) is defined as the extent of urban development when the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe came into effect in June 2006. The outer limit of these lands is the Built Boundary. New development inside the Built Boundary is considered intensification; development outside the built boundary is considered greenfield development.

3. Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report Overview

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a technical assessment of the region's long-term Designated Greenfield Area (DGA) Community Area land needs to 2051, which will support long-term population and employment growth within the region.
- 3.2 Within Durham Region, there are approximately 5,500 developable hectares (13,600 acres) of DGA lands. As of 2019, approximately 1,190 hectares (2,940 acres) of this total were developed, and approximately 4,320 hectares (10,660) were vacant. Pursuant to the Growth Plan, the minimum density target to be achieved in the DGA is 50 people and jobs per hectare.
- 3.3 Over the 2021 to 2051 planning horizon, approximately 105,800 new housing units are anticipated to be accommodated on DGA lands. To ensure that existing and new DGA lands are able to evolve as complete communities, these areas will need to be planned to accommodate a balance of people and jobs.
- 3.4 The Community Area Land Needs Technical Report has resulted in several key findings:
- Since 2006, the Region's DGA has nearly achieved the minimum DGA density target of 50 people and jobs per hectare through the construction of predominantly low density housing.
 - Based on an analysis of approved and draft approved plans, pending development applications and market trends, the consultant's recommended DGA density target by 2051 for Durham Region is 64 people and jobs per developable hectare for all designated Community Area DGA lands².
 - There is currently insufficient urban area land supply within the region to accommodate forecasted people and jobs across the region by 2051 within the existing DGA lands. The Region will require approximately 750 developable hectares (1,850 acres) of additional DGA land to accommodate the Growth Plan forecast.
- 3.5 Further details can be found in the Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report (Attachment #1).

² Excluding Seaton, the remaining DGA target is 60 people and jobs per developable ha.

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

4.1 See Appendix 1.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 By planning for growth in a sustainable, progressive, and responsible manner, the Land Needs Assessment and supporting technical reports address the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a) Under Goal Area 2, Community Vitality:
 - 2.1 Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well connected, and have a mix of attainable housing;
 - 2.5 Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging;
- b) Under Goal Area 3, Economic Prosperity:
 - 3.1 Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business;
 - 3.2 Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth;
 - 3.4 Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs;
- c) Under Goal Area 4, Social Investment:
 - 4.1 Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability.

6. Next Steps and Conclusion

6.1 The Community Area Land Needs Technical Report is now available for public review. The report will be posted on the Envision Durham project web page at durham.ca/EnvisionDurham. Interested parties are encouraged to subscribe for further project updates and email notifications through this web page.

6.2 The release of this report will also be announced by way of:

- Public service announcements;
- Social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn; and
- Email notifications and report circulation.

6.3 A copy of this report will be forwarded to all Envision Durham Interested Parties, Durham's area municipalities, Indigenous communities, conservation authorities,

the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Circulation will also be provided to agencies and service providers that may have an interest in where and how long-term growth in the region is being planned (e.g. school boards, hospitals, utility providers, etc.).

- 6.4 Those wishing to provide input on the report may do so via email to EnvisionDurham@durham.ca or by mail. Any comments on the release of Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report are requested by November 1, 2021.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: [Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

Appendix 1 – to Report #2021-INFO-100

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

4.1 Several Reports have been prepared related to Envision Durham and Growth Management related topics:

- On May 2, 2018 Commissioner's Report [#2018-COW-93](#) requested authorization to proceed with the municipal comprehensive review of the Durham Regional Official Plan.
- Over the course of 2019, six theme-based Discussion Papers were released seeking public input on a range of topics. The Discussion Papers can be found on the project webpage at durham.ca/EnvisionDurham.
- On June 2, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-11](#) recommended evaluation criteria and a submission review process for the consideration of Employment Area conversion requests.
- On July 29, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-14](#) outlined Amendment #1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including recommended comments to the Province on the updated 2051 growth forecasts for the Region of Durham and the updated Land Needs Assessment Methodology.
- On December 1, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-27](#) provided proposed policy directions and boundary delineations for existing and future Major Transit Station Areas.
- On March 2, 2021 Commissioners Report [#2021-P-7](#) provided proposed policy directions related to all key components of Envision Durham, including initial directions for the Urban System and growth related topics. Also included was a Growth Opportunities and Challenges Report prepared by the Region's consultants, which serves as a starting point for the LNA and related technical studies.
- On July 2, 2021 Commissioners Report [#2021-INFO-71](#) reviewed the Region-Wide Growth Analysis. The purpose of the report is to analyze the region's long-term population, housing, and employment growth forecast within the context of provincial and regional policy, historical trends, and predicted future influences.

- On September 3, 2021 Commissioners Report [#2021-INFO-94](#) presented the Housing Intensification Study. The purpose of the report is to document the capacity for accommodating residential and mixed-use growth within the region's built-up area (BUA), and determine the intensification potential of strategic growth areas (SGAs).
- On September 24, 2021 Commissioners Report [#2021-INFO-97](#) summarized the Employment Strategy. The purpose of the Employment Strategy is to provide a comprehensive assessment of current industrial and office market conditions and trends, anticipated growth patterns, market opportunities and disrupters that are anticipated to influence employment growth across Durham Region through 2051.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2021-INFO-101
Date: October 1, 2021

Subject:

Update on the Release of the BETTER HEALTH: Durham Study

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the research article: [Building on Existing Tools to Improve Chronic Disease Prevention and Screening in Public Health](#) (BETTER HEALTH), published on August 3, 2021 in the Bio Med Central (BMC) Public Health Journal.

2. Background

2.1 [BETTER](#) (Building on Existing Tools to Improve Chronic Disease Prevention and Screening in Primary Care) is a chronic disease (CD) prevention and screening program used in primary care settings.

2.2 BETTER's program goals are to screen patients for CDs and prevent cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and their associated lifestyle factors.

2.3 Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) partnered with researchers from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, St. Michael's Hospital, and the University of Toronto to adapt the BETTER program for application in public health/community settings and study the program's effectiveness. The adapted program was called [Building on Existing Tools to Improve Chronic Disease Prevention and Screening in Public Health](#) (BETTER HEALTH: Durham).

2.4 BETTER HEALTH: Durham was a six-month program offering participants aged 40 to 64 supportive meetings with public health nurses (PHNs). The PHNs helped clients identify and reach goals related to CD prevention activities.

- 2.5 Adults living in low-income neighbourhoods were the target population group since evidence shows that lower socioeconomic status (SES) is negatively associated with participation in actions to prevent cancers and CDs.
- 2.6 The BETTER HEALTH: Durham program was guided and informed by a Community Advisory Committee composed of stakeholders and area residents which met quarterly, and a Primary Care Engagement Group.
- 2.7 The BETTER HEALTH: Durham study was funded by the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR) and the [Canadian Cardiovascular Society](#) (CCS) for the period from February 2017 to December 2020.

3. Study Highlights

- 3.1 DRHD and its research partners collaborated to study the effectiveness of the BETTER HEALTH program and its ability to improve CD prevention for residents aged 40 to 64 in low-income neighbourhoods. Study participants were recruited from the following Priority Neighbourhoods in Durham Region: Downtown Oshawa; Beatrice North; and Downtown Whitby.
- 3.2 The study design was a cluster randomized trial. This type of study can be used to evaluate how well a program, guideline, or standard of care is able to meet patient outcomes.
- 3.3 The study followed 126 participants; one participant withdrew from the study. Each participant was randomly sorted into one of two streams:
 - a. Fifty-nine participants were placed in the 'immediate' group and received the intervention.
 - b. Sixty-six participants were placed in the 'wait-list' group and did not receive the intervention but were studied for comparison purposes.
- 3.4 Participants from the immediate and wait-list groups were surveyed twice during the study period; first at baseline (i.e., before the intervention was administered) and again at six months. The two surveys asked participants to self-report their health status, health history, and some socio-demographic characteristics.
- 3.5 After baseline surveys were completed, the BETTER HEALTH: Durham intervention was administered to participants in the immediate group. This involved PHNs giving clients a tailored 'prevention prescription' and having meetings to support clients in creating health-related goals. Examples of goals included quitting smoking, improving diet, or increasing physical activity levels.
- 3.6 At the end of the study period (i.e., after six months), participants in both the immediate and wait-list groups completed a second survey. Analysts used survey data to assess how many evidence-based CD prevention activities participants achieved.

- a. Examples of CD prevention activities that were measured included weight control, nutritional referrals, smoking cessation, alcohol control, blood pressure (BP) screening, and physical activity improvements.
- 3.7 Results were combined and analyzed, looking at outcomes achieved by the immediate group compared to the wait-list group.
- 3.8 Results of the study showed that at six months:
- a. Participants in the immediate group achieved significantly more of the CD prevention activities for which they were eligible (64.5 per cent), compared to participants in the wait-list group (42.1 per cent).
 - b. The most notable improvements in the immediate group compared to the wait-list groups were in screening for BMI, measuring waist circumference and breast cancer screening.
 - c. Participants in the immediate group performed better than the wait-list group on nearly all CD prevention actions, except where both groups saw improvements in physical activity, weight control and healthy diet scores. This outcome suggests that the baseline survey and DRHD's educational materials (which were provided to the immediate and waitlist groups) may have been unintended co-interventions that motivated participants to make healthy choices.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan: Community Vitality, 2.3 influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The BETTER HEALTH: Durham study found that the adapted BETTER intervention was effective at improving uptake of CD prevention and screening actions among adults (aged 40 to 64) in low-income neighbourhoods.
- 5.2 Next steps for BETTER HEALTH: Durham are to:
- a. Explore which components of the intervention led to its success from both the participant and PHN perspectives.
 - b. Investigate how to make BETTER HEALTH sustainable.
 - c. Conduct further research on adapting the intervention for younger adults, specifically for people aged 18 to 39 living in low-income neighbourhoods.
- 5.3 The BETTER HEALTH: Durham team has participated in extensive knowledge exchange activities to share information about the research to colleagues, relevant organizations, program staff, and community partners.

- 5.4 The goal of DRHD's Chronic Disease Prevention program is to reduce the burden of CD and improve well-being.
- a. CDs of public health importance include but are not limited to obesity; cardiovascular diseases; respiratory disease; cancer; diabetes; intermediate health states (such as metabolic syndrome and prediabetes); hypertension; dementia; mental illness; and addictions.
- 5.5 Locally, DRHD's [Health Neighbourhoods](#) tool presents neighbourhood-level statistics on CD prevalence and relevant protective/risk factors (e.g., smoking rates, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, cancer screening, asthma in children, and self-rated mental health).
- 5.6 [Durham.ca](#) offers information about the BETTER HEALTH study in Durham Region and links to publicly accessible information and resources to help people make healthy living choices for themselves, their families, and their community.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Corporate Services, and
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2021-INFO-102
Date: October 1, 2021

Subject:

COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Policy

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of Regional Council with an update and available information related to the workplace vaccination policy implemented for Regional Staff.

2. Background

2.1 Regional CAO, Elaine Baxter-Trahair, and Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Robert Kyle, encourage all staff who are able to do so to get vaccinated. Vaccines are safe and effective and the best tool in bringing an end to the pandemic. Public Health advice and guidance confirms that vaccines are also an effective tool in protecting workers in the workplace and have recommended that employers make use of a vaccine policy in the workplace as part of COVID-19 safety protocols.

- 2.2 The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health has advised that establishing a workplace vaccination policy is one way that employers can protect their workers and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Further, that “promoting vaccine uptake is important to help reduce COVID-19 workplace outbreaks and build confidence for a safer return to work. Vaccination against COVID-19 is one of the best ways to protect workers who work in a location with common areas and/or where workers can have contact with other workers, customers/patrons, or the public. The Delta variant of the coronavirus is more contagious, with greater risk for severe illness and hospitalization. COVID-19 vaccination provides an important layer of protection for workers, their families, and the community.” Further, the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health advises that workplaces should create a supportive environment, making it easier for employees to get vaccinated, including providing information from trusted sources. Finally, employers should recognize that some workers cannot get vaccinated for medical reasons or may decline vaccination for reasons protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- 2.3 In developing the workplace vaccination policy staff engaged in a thorough process, starting with following and incorporating all the advice from Public Health set out above. Staff carefully reviewed the applicable public health advice and guidance related to vaccines including specific public health advice and guidance related to the use of vaccines as part of updated COVID-19 protocols in the workplace. It is clear that vaccination is an appropriate and effective tool in those protocols and accordingly should be incorporated into the Region’s existing COVID-19 protocols. In addition to reviewing public health advice and guidance, staff reviewed comparable policies from other employers including other municipal and public sector employers and worked closely with other municipalities in policy development. Finally, staff sought appropriate independent advice from external experts, including legal experts.
- 2.4 The resulting policy is consistent with the approach of many municipal and other employers. The Region’s workplace vaccination policy makes appropriate use of COVID-19 vaccination as a safe and effective tool in protecting staff from COVID-19 in the workplace and protecting the residents of the community that depend on Regional services. This policy is fair and reasonable in balancing our obligation to protect the safety of our staff and residents and accommodate the rights of our employees under applicable law.

2.5 The key points of the Region's workplace vaccination policy are as follows:

- a. Employees who are able to get vaccinated are encouraged to do so.
- b. Employees are asked to confirm their vaccination status with the employer. Private health information provided to the employer will be protected in accordance with the Region's well-established protocols for protecting employee privacy.
- c. Employees whose status is unvaccinated or unconfirmed are required under the policy to attend an education session on vaccines. Other supports are available on an individual basis to assist employees in their decision about vaccines.
- d. The Employer will provide appropriate accommodations for employees based on valid medical grounds or other grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- e. Employees must confirm their status as exempted or vaccinated.
- f. Employees who do not comply with the policy may face discipline up to and including termination.

3. Conclusion

3.1 All employees who are able to get vaccinated are encouraged to do so. Vaccines are a safe and effective tool in the fight against COVID-19. A workplace vaccination policy is an appropriate tool to protect the workplace against COVID-19. Following the advice and guidance of Public Health, the Region has incorporated a workplace vaccination policy as another measure to provide a safe workplace for our employees. This policy is consistent with workplace vaccination policies implemented by other private and public sector employers including other municipalities. The Region's workplace vaccination policy is a safe and effective method to protect the safety of employees in the workplace. This policy provides individual support for employees, protects the privacy of employees and provides accommodations for employees on medical and human rights grounds.

4. Attachments

Attachment #1: Workplace Vaccination Policy

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Regional Municipality of Durham

Corporate Policy and Procedures Manual

Title: COVID-19 Vaccination Policy	
Approved by: Chief Administrative Officer and Department Heads	Page number: 1 (of 7)
Issued: September 20, 2021	Revised:
Responsibility: Corporate Services – Human Resources and all Management	
Section: Employee Health, Safety and Wellness and Labour Relations	

1. Policy statement

The Region of Durham (the “Region”) has an obligation pursuant to the Ontario *Occupational Health and Safety Act* to take every reasonable precaution to ensure a safe workplace and to protect its workers. The Region is committed to protecting the health and safety of our employees, clients and members of the public. As COVID-19, including the highly contagious Delta variant, continues to spread within Ontario and the community, especially among the unvaccinated population, it is a public health imperative that the population gets vaccinated as vaccinations are one of the most effective ways to protect individuals, co-workers, and the community.

To help provide protection and minimize the transmission of COVID-19 within the workplace and in the community, all Regional employees, students and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated and submit proof of immunization against the COVID-19 virus by the deadlines outlined in this policy or at the time of onboarding. Vaccination requirements are subject to bona fide medical and human rights exemptions pursuant to the Ontario *Human Rights Code (OHRC)*, and sufficient proof of exemption, as determined by the Region, will be required.

All other health and safety protocols will remain in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: COVID-19 screening, using and maintaining personal protective equipment, maintaining physical distancing, wearing appropriate face coverings, practicing proper hand hygiene, disinfection protocols, and any other public health measures or divisional protocols.

It is understood that the provincial and regional approach to reducing the spread of COVID-19 continues to remain fluid and evolving. As such, this policy may be subject to amendment from time to time as required.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to maximize the vaccination rates among employees in order to provide protection and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. This policy will educate employees to receive the vaccine promptly, ensuring that we have a safer work environment and to provide protection to the community. This policy will outline the requirements to obtain full vaccination status and submit proof of immunization, to attend a mandatory educational session (if required), or to submit a request for exemption pursuant to the Ontario *Human Rights Code*.

3. Definitions

The following seven definitions should be used when reading this policy:

Approved vaccine

A COVID-19 vaccine approved for use by Health Canada and/or listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization.

COVID-19 testing

Includes rapid antigen testing administered as determined by the Region and/or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing (i.e. nasopharyngeal swabbing) every prescribed number of days while in the workplace as determined by the Region.

Employee

For the purpose of this policy, the definition of an employee also includes students and volunteers.

Fully vaccinated or vaccinated

For the purpose of this policy, an individual is considered fully vaccinated or vaccinated when they have received the required number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or a combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada and/or the World Health Organization at the correct interval; in addition to getting any required subsequent booster dose(s) in future.

Partially vaccinated

Individual has not received the required number of doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccination series or has received the vaccine(s) at the incorrect interval.

Proof of immunization/vaccination

Documented evidence verifying receipt of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series (i.e. confirmation of being fully vaccinated) issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health, or other province or territory, or international equivalent including the name, date(s) and time(s) of vaccination and the number of doses received.

Unvaccinated

Individual has not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine; includes employees who have not disclosed their vaccination status.

4. Procedures

- 4.01 All employees are required to disclose their current vaccination status through the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal (located in the Employee Portal - "My Page") by October 20, 2021; further updates/disclosure may be required for individuals who are not fully vaccinated and/or to submit proof of full vaccination as indicated in this policy. Employees may also be required to disclose their vaccination status by law (e.g. contact tracing purposes).
- 4.02 Employees are required to be fully vaccinated by December 20, 2021. Proof of receipt of a completed vaccination series is required to be submitted through the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal no later than December 20, 2021.

Note: Only proof of receipt of the second or final dose in the vaccination series is required to be uploaded.

- 4.03 Employees who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated are required to disclose their vaccination status in the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal by October 20, 2021 and include the date they are scheduled to receive their first or second vaccine dose in order to satisfy the full vaccination requirement by December 20, 2021.
- 4.04 Employees who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated and have not yet booked a vaccine appointment or do not have the intention of getting fully vaccinated, and in the absence of a valid exemption pursuant to the *Human Rights Code*, must disclose their vaccination status in the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal by October 20, 2021 and participate in a mandatory educational session through the Enterprise Learning Management (ELM) system: COVID-19 Vaccination – Making an Informed Decision by November 10, 2021.
- 4.05 Once an employee completes the mandatory educational session (where necessary), the expectation is that they will receive the required number of doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine series by December 20, 2021 to conform with the mandatory vaccination requirement of this policy. The employee shall continue to update their vaccination status through the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal to include their scheduled vaccination dates as per section 4.03 above.
- 4.06 The Region will maintain vaccination disclosure information, including documentation verifying receipt of a vaccination series approved by Health Canada and/or the World Health Organization, in accordance with privacy legislation. This information will only be used to the extent necessary for implementation of this policy, for administering health and safety protocols, and infection and prevention control measures in the workplace.
- 4.07 Employees seeking an exemption pursuant to the *OHRC* must disclose their request in the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal no later than October 20, 2021 and subsequently submit documentation/evidence satisfactory to the Region to substantiate the request for review and evaluation to Human Resources no later than November 3, 2021, as per the following:
- Any employee who is unable to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine(s) as a result of a protected ground as identified by section 5 of the *OHRC*, as may be amended from time to time, shall be required to submit information to the Labour Relations Division of Human Resources confirming: 1) the reason for the exemption, including the protected ground(s) they are invoking; and 2) supporting information/documentation to validate the exemption. Labour Relations may request further information/documentation to validate the exemption based on what is reasonable in the circumstances.
 - Further, in the case of a requested medical accommodation, the medical documentation must be from either a physician, specialist or nurse practitioner licensed to practice in Ontario. For medical exemptions, the Disability Management unit of Human Resources requires completion of the COVID-19 Medical Exemption Form. The medical documentation must indicate that the individual cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, the medical reason that precludes them from vaccination, and whether the medical reason for not obtaining the vaccine is permanent or time limited. If time limited, the documentation shall indicate how long the exemption will last. Once the time limit on the medical exemption listed has expired, the individual has 45 days to comply with this policy.

Note: The appropriate exemption request form (*OHRC*) will be sent electronically to the employee's work email address after the request to seek an accommodation is disclosed in the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal.

- 4.08 The Region will conduct an individual assessment of exemption requests related to this policy. Individuals with valid medical or other human rights-based exemptions, as per section 4.07 above, will be considered for appropriate accommodation.
- 4.09 Employees who remain unvaccinated due to a substantiated Ontario *Human Rights Code* exemption may be required to take additional infection and prevention control measures as well as self-isolate if exposed to COVID-19.
- 4.10 The Employer will assess any breach of this policy, including the submission of fraudulent documentation relating to this policy, on a case-by-case basis and will determine the appropriate recourse based on what is reasonable in the circumstances. It is understood that one such recourse may include discipline up to and including termination of employment.

Note: Employees who are on a leave of absence will have 45 days upon return to work to comply with this policy.

5. Employee support

- 5.01 The Region supports employees in becoming fully vaccinated against the hazard of COVID-19 by providing the following:
- Access to vaccination clinics and mobile vaccination teams at geographically located sites throughout the Region.
 - Where operationally feasible, reasonable arrangements can be made to allow for employees to attend COVID-19 vaccination clinics during work time, using existing applicable leave entitlements.
 - Paid sick leave in accordance with respective collective agreements, terms and conditions of employment or other legislated leaves (i.e. paid infectious disease emergency leave, if applicable).
 - An educational session available through ELM both during or after work hours on how COVID-19 vaccines work and their benefits, vaccine safety, the risks of not being vaccinated, and the possible side effects of the vaccine.

6. Roles and responsibilities

Management

- 6.01 Management is responsible for the following eight items:
- Ensure that the vaccination status of employees is kept confidential, except as deemed necessary for the administration of this policy and/or as required by law.
 - Ensure that all employees are informed of the requirements outlined in this policy and that the appropriate documentation is submitted by the timelines; this is inclusive of communicating and verifying employees are informed of this policy and its requirements and directing employees to The Insider for Questions and Answers or to the departmental Labour Relations Advisor.

- Ensure that employees understand the benefits of vaccination by completing the mandatory educational session pertaining to COVID-19 vaccinations, where required.
- Accommodate time away from work, if operationally feasible, for employees to get vaccinated.
- Support any required accommodation plans pertaining to an exemption pursuant to the *OHRC*, as established with Human Resources.
- Facilitate ongoing COVID-19 testing where such testing requirements are in place according to divisional policy.
- Promote additional infection and prevention control measures, in collaboration with Human Resources, where necessary.
- Ensure that COVID-19 health and safety policies and protocols continue to be followed along with any additional measures that are implemented.

Employees

6.02 The employee is responsible for the following eight items:

- Complying with the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and the associated deadlines outlined in the policy as summarized below:
 - October 20, 2021 – COVID-19 vaccination status disclosed in vaccination portal.
 - November 3, 2021 – submission of exemption form and required documentation for any accommodation requests.
 - November 10, 2021 – completion of mandatory educational session, if applicable.
 - November 20, 2021 – receipt of first vaccine dose.
 - December 20, 2021 – receipt of second dose of vaccination and submit proof of full immunization.
- Ensure that the required COVID-19 vaccinations are received, and proof of immunization is submitted in the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal according to the timelines outlined in this COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.
- Ensure that the required educational session regarding the benefits of vaccinations is completed where indicated.
- Ensure subsequent booster doses are received if required.
- Submit valid documentation to support a request for accommodation pursuant to the *OHRC*, if applicable, and follow established accommodation plans.
- Submit to ongoing COVID-19 testing where such testing requirements are in place according to divisional policy.
- Follow additional infection and prevention control measures if deemed necessary.
- Ensure that COVID-19 health and safety policies and protocols continue to be followed along with any additional measures that are implemented.

Corporate Services – Human Resources (CS-HR)

6.03 CS-HR is responsible for the following eight items:

- Support the communication and implementation of this policy.
- Safeguard proof of immunization documentation and maintain records of employee vaccination status.
- Disability Management will review and verify employee vaccination status.
- Disability Management will review and validate requests for a medical accommodation pursuant to the *OHRC*.
- Labour Relations will review and validate requests for an accommodation pursuant to the *OHRC*, excluding medical exemptions.
- Work with employees and supervisors/managers where a human rights exemption is substantiated to develop a reasonable and appropriate accommodation plan ensuring that adequate health and safety measures are in place.
- Ensure that appropriate health and safety policies and protocols continue to be in place and updated accordingly.
- Ensure all future hires, students and volunteers are aware of and meet the requirements of this policy.

7. Application

This policy is a Corporate directive and applies to all employees, students and volunteers.

Newly hired employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment and will be required to show proof of immunization or seek an exemption pursuant to the *OHRC* at the time of hire.

Employees who are required to be vaccinated as per the Provincial Health Minister's directive have an additional obligation to comply with vaccination policies pertaining to their specific locations and/or professions/groups pursuant to legislation (i.e. paramedic services, children's services, long-term care and population health).

8. Related information

- Corporate Policy and Procedures Manual including the following four policies:
 - Accommodation - Permanent or Temporary Restrictions Policy
 - COVID-19 Screening Policy
 - Face Covering Policy
 - Personal Information Privacy Policy
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act*
- *Ontario Human Rights Code*

- *Personal Health Information Protection Act*
- Records Retention By-Law and Corporate Classification Scheme

9. Inquiries

For further information regarding this policy, contact your manager, your departmental Labour Relations representative, or a representative from the Health, Safety and Wellness Division or Disability Management where a medical exemption or inquiry on vaccination documentation is the subject.



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 1, 2021

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – September 26, 2021

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 26, 2021

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/ycjurku8

- Two area COVID-19 mass immunization clinics to remain open until end of 2021 (Sep 13)

tinyurl.com/43nc8znx

- COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Referrals for Immunocompromised Update (Sep 16)

tinyurl.com/b5ua72st

- Area residents living near nuclear generating stations reminded to have KI pills available (Sept 20)

tinyurl.com/3kjcxnrt

- COVID-19 Vaccine Administration in Primary Care Settings (Sep 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/p8mmsx46

- Temporary import requirement for fall 2021: some romaine from parts of California must be tested for E. coli (Sep 14)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/yzdz3w4n

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attends the Global COVID-19 Summit hosted by the President of the United States of America (Sep 22)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yr6t5rm2

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on September 17, 2021

tinyurl.com/yy2nxxkd

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on September 24, 2021

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/75j8p4dc

- Canada announces extension of flight ban from India as it prepares for the return of direct flights (Sept 21)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/4mxdz6dc

- Ontario Releasing Guidance to Support Proof of Vaccination Policy (Sep 14)

tinyurl.com/s8m7vsu5

- Ontario Announces Eight New Ontario Health Teams (Sept 17)

tinyurl.com/2snywnmb

- Schools Continue to Remain Safe for In-person Learning (Sept 21)

tinyurl.com/s23v635d

- Ontario Investing in Health Care Infrastructure Upgrades and Repairs (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/4dfe72bt

- Ontario Providing Access to Lifechanging Treatment for Cystic Fibrosis Patients (Sep 24)

tinyurl.com/247dtfj4

- Ontario Cautiously Easing Capacity Limits in Select Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required (Sep 24)

Treasury Board Secretariat

tinyurl.com/3nwp97tu

- Public Accounts Confirms Historic Investments to Support People and Jobs (Sep 24)

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

tinyurl.com/kjm5vxx7

- Ontario Supports People Living with Dementia (Sep 22)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/28xk586x

- CIHR Grant Letter of Support (Sep 13)

Canada's Premiers

tinyurl.com/w9nd43vy

- Canada's Premiers reaffirm health care sustainability as their top priority and press for a meeting of First Ministers at the earliest opportunity (Sep 23)

Canadian Association of Physicians' Assistants

tinyurl.com/cv2cmac8

- PAs join the call urging Canadians to get vaccinated and cease hospital protests (Sep 13)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/y8nbzrbr

- Canadians will make health care a ballot issue, new CMA survey (Sep 13)

College of Family Physicians of Canada

tinyurl.com/4ty4hanp

- The CFPC urges new federal government to strengthen access to primary care (Sep 21)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yue6wfed

- Province spent \$2.6 billion less than planned over the first quarter of 2021-22 (Sep 15)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/ymekdczk

- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario launches Privacy Pursuit! Games and Activities of Kids (Sep 23)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/u7rxuhau

- RNAO calls for the government to shift its focus back to protecting Ontarians through vaccination (Sep 24)



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The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building Queen's Park
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Sent by E-Mail

September 23, 2021

Re: Changes Required to Make New Builds More Affordable and Achievable for Buyers

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held September 21, 2021:

WHEREAS all levels of governments are considering new policies to tackle the housing crisis, with improving affordability being a top priority;

AND WHEREAS the minimum down payment for a resale property is usually 5%, while a pre-construction property can be as high as 25% paid through a cost-prohibitive payment schedule set by the builder;

AND WHEREAS a 25% deposit on a \$750,000 new build amounts to \$187,500, which buyers have to come up with before they can even move in and stop paying the mortgage or rent on their current home;


AND WHEREAS new builds are notorious for delays in construction causing deposits to sit in trust, or even more frustrating, some new builds are simply cancelled and deposits returned with no earned interest;

AND WHEREAS there is no regulation around deposits for new builds, and are set at the discretion of the builder to satisfy lender requirements for financing to build;

AND WHEREAS governments are encouraging people to invest in new condo and townhouse builds in urban areas to increase density, connect homes and jobs, and encourage transit use;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ontario Government be requested to work with Tarion (the regulator for Ontario's new home building industry), the development sector, and lending organizations to reduce deposits for new builds to lessen the burden and strain on buyers, provide more stability, and make the process more affordable and manageable for all parties; and

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2. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long Term Care and MPP for Ajax, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, Peter Balasubramanian, CEO of Tarion, all Durham area municipalities, and Ontario's Big City Mayors.

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

Sincerely,



Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Councillor A. Khan
Councillor R. Tyler Morin
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP for Ajax
Hon. Mark Holland, Ajax MP
Peter Balasubramanian, CEO of Tarion
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Minister of Transportation
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Re: Request for Bike Storage/Lockers at the Ajax GO Station

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held September 21, 2021:

WHEREAS Ajax is a Silver designated Bicycle Friendly Community with a 140 km bike network that offers access to a wide variety of destinations within a 20-minute bike ride from anywhere in town;

AND WHEREAS since the start of Covid-19 there has been growing interest in bicycle commuting and further year-round riding;

AND WHEREAS if bicycle commuting is to remain a sustainable transportation option beyond the pandemic, timely investments in secure and convenient bike infrastructure such as trip-end facilities (bike parking, service stations, shelters, lockers, etc.) are required at GO Transit stations;

AND WHEREAS, for example, there are only two GO Transit stations (Scarborough and Rouge Hill) out of nine stops along the Lakeshore East Line that offer the security and convenience of bike storage/lockers for commuters;

AND WHEREAS the Town's Transportation Demand Management Plan includes an action to work with partners to facilitate a secure bicycle parking/commuter hub;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council formally requests Metrolinx to consider providing secure bike storage/lockers at the Ajax Go Station as part of its 2022 budget process; and
2. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long Term Care and MPP for Ajax, Phil Verster, CEO of Metrolinx, and all Durham area municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AH' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Councillor R. Tyler Morin
Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP for Ajax
Phil Verster, CEO of Metrolinx
All Durham Region municipalities

Clarington

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September 23, 2021

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, M.P.P.,
Minister of Transportation
Via Email: Minister.mto@ontario.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: Vehicle Noisemaker Muffler Systems

File Number: PG.25.06

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	September 24, 2021 11:33 am
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At a meeting held on September 20, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #JC-015-21:

That the following resolution from Alexander Harras, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Ajax, regarding Vehicle Noisemaker Muffler Systems, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas according to section 75 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and excessive smoke, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, straight exhaust, gutted muffler, Hollywood muffler, by-pass or similar device upon a motor vehicle;

And whereas the act of modifying the exhaust system of a motor vehicle is not currently an offence under the HTA, and as a result muffler and auto-body shops continue to provide such services to individuals who choose to modify their vehicles which could make these vehicles less safe;

And whereas Durham Regional Police Service has been actively laying charges (49 to date) pursuant to section 75 of the HTA against motor vehicle operators whose vehicles make excessive or unusual noise or produce excessive smoke from muffler systems that have been modified;

And whereas Ajax Council continues to receive negative feedback about an increase in noise due to modified vehicles on Regional and local roads;

And whereas on October 28, 2019, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 132, Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019 which in part sought to amend the HTA to include a new section 75.1 that will make it an offence to tamper with motor vehicles by (a) removing, bypassing, defeating or rendering inoperative all or part of a motor vehicle's emission control system or (b) modifying a motor or motor vehicle in any way that results in increased emissions from the level to which it was originally designed or certified by the manufacturer of the motor or motor vehicle, as well as prohibit the sale of tampering devices that can create excessive noise or smoke on our streets and in our neighbourhoods;

And whereas Bill 132 received Royal Assent on December 10, 2019, however, the Lieutenant Governor has not yet proclaimed section 75.1 of the HTA;

And whereas the City of Mississauga has passed two motions (August 2020 and May 2021), and Region of Peel also passed a motion (May 2021) calling on the Province of Ontario to immediately proclaim and bring into force section 75.1 of the HTA;

Now therefore be it resolved that Ajax Council urge the Province of Ontario to work with the Lieutenant Governor to expedite the proclamation of section 75.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 16, s. 11);

That the Ministry of Transportation be requested to set a maximum decibel count for exhaust systems to ensure that exhaust systems with the capability of exceeding 80 decibels will not be available for sale and will not be permitted in the Province of Ontario, and consider reviewing and increasing associated penalties for non-compliance;

That the Province of Ontario be requested to provide funding for police services in Ontario to be equipped with approved decibel monitor devices to aid in effective enforcement efforts; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP for Ajax, all Durham Region Members of Provincial Parliament, the Region of Durham, all Durham

municipalities, Durham Regional Police Service, and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Yours sincerely,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/cm

- c: The Honourable Lindsey Park, M.P.P., Durham - lindsey.park@pc.ola.org
- The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South - david.piccini@pc.ola.org
- Thomas Carrique, Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police Service – opp.commissioners.of@opp.ca
- Alexander Harras, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Ajax – alexander.harras@ajax.ca
- Todd Rollauer, Chief of Police, Durham Regional Police Service – c/o 925@drps.ca
- Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham - clerks@durham.ca

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September 27, 2021

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P.
Minister of Finance
Via Email: Minister.fin@ontario.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: Heritage Tax Incentive

File Number: PG.25.06

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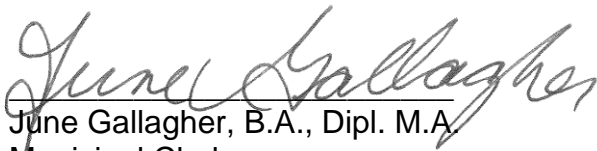
At a meeting held on September 20, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following resolution, #C-295-21:

That Report [FSD-039-21](#) be received;

That the status quo and the current Heritage Incentive Grant Program policies be maintained as this time with no consideration of rebates either now or in the 2022 budget deliberations; and

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-039-21 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours sincerely,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk

JG/cm

c: Clarington Heritage Committee, c/o Sarah Allin, Staff Liaison
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
T. Pinn, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
R. Windle, Director of Planning and Development Services



From: Ralph Walton	Date & Time	September 27, 2021
Sent: September 27, 2021 4:03 PM	Received:	4:18 pm
To: Lydia Gerritsen; Eamonn Rodgers	Original To:	CIP
Subject: Fwd: Regional Council Decision - Preventing Impacts of Violence Towards York Region Paramedics	Original To: CIP	
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From: McPhail, Roxanne <Roxanne.McPhail@york.ca> on behalf of Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:00:29 PM
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Preventing Impacts of Violence Towards York Region Paramedics

On September 23, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, send this report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and communicate Council’s request that the *Criminal Code of Canada* be amended to provide protection for paramedics and to make violence against paramedics an indictable criminal offence.
2. The Regional Clerk provide a copy of this report to the Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament representing York Region requesting their support to advocate for amendments to the *Criminal Code of Canada* to provide protection for paramedics and to make violence against paramedics an indictable criminal offence.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Regions of Peel, Halton and Durham, and to the Cities of Toronto and Hamilton.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Lisa Gonsalves, General Manager at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk’s Office, Corporate Services

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The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Community and Health Services
September 9, 2021

Report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services

Preventing Impacts of Violence Towards York Region Paramedics

1. Recommendations

1. The Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, send this report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and communicate Council's request that the *Criminal Code of Canada* be amended to provide protection for paramedics and to make violence against paramedics an indictable criminal offence.
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2. Summary

This report provides Council with an update on current measures underway by Paramedic Services to understand and address the complexity of workplace safety issues paramedics face on the job. It also highlights actions underway to prevent and mitigate the effects of violence against paramedics and discusses next steps for developing actions to address violence and advocacy opportunities.

Key Points:

- York Region paramedics are exposed to violence while providing patient care; however, due to under-reporting, the full extent of the issue is not fully known
- Paramedic Services is taking a multi-step approach to address violence against paramedics on the job
- Regional Council support is needed to build public awareness of the issue, advance efforts to address system level changes and advocate for legislative changes to the Minister of Justice to strengthen protections for paramedics

3. Background

In January 2021, Regional Council requested an update on the status of violence against York Region Paramedic Services

In January 2021, Council received the Region of Peel's report, [Eliminating Violence Against Paramedics – A Call to Action](#), which highlighted measures underway in Peel to advance system-level changes to reduce violence against paramedics and advocacy to the federal government to amend Canada's Criminal Code to make legislative changes to protect paramedics. Council received this report and requested staff provide further information on the issue of violence against paramedics in York Region.

Paramedics are exposed to violence while providing patient care which can take a toll on their overall well-being and personal lives

Paramedics are exposed to incidents of violence (e.g. verbal abuse, physical assault and/or sexual harassment) on the job by patients, their families or bystanders. Over the course of a career, paramedics may experience incidents of violence several times which can take a toll on their mental health, their career and their personal life. This can lead to longer-term psychological effects such as changes in mood, fear for personal safety, post-traumatic stress injury and decreases in job satisfaction. Further, the impact on the Service can result in reduced staffing due to protracted absenteeism, illness, or injury; increased costs due to additional workplace safety and insurance board claims; as well as potential impacts to providing effective patient care. A [2020 study](#) conducted by the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada found that 88% of surveyed frontline paramedics across Canada had experienced workplace violence in the last 12 months. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has added pressures on individuals and communities which has increased the potential for violence directed at paramedics in their interactions with the public.

A clearer understanding of the circumstances behind violence is needed. However, under-reporting and/or lack of reporting is a significant challenge common to the profession. Violence has become so commonplace that paramedics may accept it as an unavoidable work hazard or brush it off and make light of the situation. A [2019 study](#) completed by Peel Region Paramedic Services found that lack of reporting is because paramedics may not believe there is any recourse available to them or consequences for the perpetrator, who is often the patient they are trying to help.

4. Analysis

In York Region, cases of violence against paramedics are under-reported

In 2020, York Region's complement of paramedics was 605. Paramedics reported 18 cases of violence during the course of their duties, though it is believed the true number of incidents are under-reported. Creating dedicated space for staff to speak about violence is new; however, early discussions reveal there is a sense that paramedics are experiencing violence and there is a collective tolerance that it is part of the job. These incidents include paramedics being

physically assaulted, sexually harassed, and verbally abused with threats of violence as well as racist and sexist comments.

The lack of awareness of the increasing prevalence of violence experienced by York Region paramedics is a contributing factor to it becoming a more common occurrence. Greater attention and understanding of this issue are needed as a first step in making positive change.

Paramedic Services surveyed staff on the 15 Psychosocial Factors of Health and Safety in the Workplace to identify sources of stress on the job

In January 2020, Paramedic Services surveyed staff members to identify sources of stress on the job. Four hundred and eight York Region Paramedic Services staff members participated (response rate of 67%) in a voluntary, confidential survey that gathered feedback on the 15 Psychosocial Factors identified in the [National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace](#). The Standard addresses workplace risk factors that impact mental health including critical incident response management, suicide awareness and prevention, providing mental health and wellness resources and prevention of violence in the workplace.

York Region Paramedic Services was the first paramedic service in Canada to complete this survey. At this time, no benchmarks have been established. The data collected from this survey will serve as a baseline for future surveys.

Survey results indicate that violence against paramedics or the threat of harm is a source of on-the-job stress

Survey respondents were asked questions to identify sources of stress and psychological hazards on the job. Of the 408 staff survey responses, results show that:

- Less than 65% either strongly or somewhat agreed the frequency and severity of exposure to critical events are monitored to determine the cumulative impact and mitigate associated risks
- Less than 60% either strongly or somewhat agreed that all staff are respectful and considerate in their interactions with one another, as well as with patients, family members and the public
- 50% either strongly or somewhat agreed that psychological risk and the impact on health and wellbeing are assessed and addressed in job design and organizational change
- Less than 40% either strongly or somewhat agreed that exposure to stressful situations is monitored and mitigated

Respondents also identified the following key areas of opportunity to prevent sources of stress on the job impacting staff well-being:

- Monitor compassion fatigue, burnout and demonstrating support for work-life balance

- Learn about and limit the impact of chronic stressors
- Explore effective ways of addressing inappropriate behaviour by coworkers, patients, patients' family members or the public

The survey results provide an understanding of chronic stressors paramedics experience and are being used to plan how to better support the psychological health and safety of paramedics. As a next step, Paramedic Services is undertaking a series of actions, including staff led focus groups, to support measures to address on the job violence.

Paramedic Services is taking a multi-step approach to address violence against paramedics on the job

Paramedic Services is taking steps to create awareness and support system-level changes that can reduce external violence against paramedics on the job by collaborating with allied partners and making improvements within the organization. The following actions are currently underway:

- **Collaborating with York Region Police through an Interoperability Committee:** Paramedic Services is working with York Region Police to develop a framework to support a structured, collaborative approach to improve communication, and familiarity of operational protocols between both organizations to foster a better understanding of responsibilities and safer working conditions.

Priorities for this collaboration include raising awareness of operational issues impacting paramedic safety, improving emergent response communications between police and paramedics and implementing operational process improvements involving high risk interactions with the public.
- **Enhanced paramedic professional development:** Paramedics do not receive the same level of training or equipment as police do for preventing or responding to violent occurrences. To address this, the Region is working with York Regional Police and York Region Employee Health to develop an educational plan that identifies gaps in training to support paramedics. The education will focus on paramedic safety improvements such as de-escalation techniques, self-defence, staging and safe approach to calls, non-physical crisis intervention approaches, and clinically focused management of persons in crisis.
- **Hosting staff-led focus groups:** Focus groups have been established to seek input and empower frontline paramedics to share their experiences, lessons learned and recommended strategies for improvement to support development of the actions.
- **Improving incident reporting for staff:** Paramedic Services is working to continue to improve the process for paramedics to report violent incidents to help better track incidents and provide a greater understanding of situations leading to violence. This includes consulting the Region of Peel and working with York Region's Employee Health, and Health and Safety Units to evaluate the current reporting system and find ways to enhance reporting criteria. All reported incidents of violence are investigated to mitigate future events through implementing lessons learned from call reviews.

- **Wellness and resilience building resources to support paramedics:** Paramedic Services is supporting staff through the following methods:
 - Peer Support Team – trained frontline paramedics with lived experience of mental health illness are available to conduct check-ins and follow-ups with their peers
 - Critical Incident Stress Management Team – frontline workers and mental health professionals are available to assist paramedics who encounter critical or traumatic events
 - Regular townhalls for paramedics to bring forward issues and engage directly with leadership
 - Wellness activities delivered in partnership with Wounded Warriors Canada and Corporate Wellness where staff are provided various resources and strategies to prevent, manage and recover from the impacts of workplace violence
 - As a result of [amendments](#) to the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* regarding posttraumatic stress disorder, paramedics have improved access to workplace safety and insurance board benefits and mental health supports. In addition, York Region’s Employee Health Unit has supported paramedics by providing tools and resources to navigate the benefit process.

Paramedic Services is collaborating with sector partners in our approach to addressing violence on the job

There is growing research and advocacy for change in the paramedic community to prevent external violence against paramedics. Most recently, the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada released a [position statement](#) that supports a zero tolerance position on physical and verbal attacks on paramedics and support staff. In addition, they are developing a National Paramedic Workplace Violence Prevention Framework to empower organizations to make workplace violence prevention a priority, develop pathways to improve interdisciplinary awareness and collaboration, and develop education models that are paramedic specific with particular focus on mental wellness strategies, de-escalation, and trauma informed care.

Paramedic Services will use the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada’s research to inform our actions and will continue to collaborate with and monitor research addressing systemic improvements from other sector partners, including Peel Region, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, York Region Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Hub - Access, Referrals and Transitions Table and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The Chief of York Region Paramedic Services is a participating member of these organizations and will leverage these partnerships in the paramedic community to build upon practical measures to support paramedics.

York Region does not tolerate harassment and violence in the workplace and is committed to supporting and protecting its staff

While maintaining a high-level of customer service is important, York Region has a zero-tolerance stand on violence in the workplace as set out in the Region's *Preventing and Managing Violence in the Workplace* Policy. In addition, the health and well-being of our staff remains a top priority and any form of violence or harassment will not be tolerated. York Region is supporting staff by providing them with new tools to help them more effectively interact with difficult individuals and strategies to disengage from disrespectful interactions in a professional manner.

Council is requested to support a communication to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada requesting enhanced protection for paramedics

Building public awareness of issues of violence against paramedics and the impact on their overall well-being, job motivation and ability to focus on patient care is important to promoting change. Council support is needed to increase this awareness and to advocate to the federal government for system level change. Regional advocacy will focus on the following two areas:

- **Greater public awareness of the impacts of violence on paramedics.** This is needed to change public perception that violence is a normal part of a paramedic's job and to send a clear message that violence against paramedics is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Council advocacy would help to gain public support and inform the public that the Service is taking a zero-tolerance approach towards violence against staff.
- **Legislative changes through amendments to the Criminal Code.** Changes to the criminal code are needed so that violence against paramedics is treated as an indictable criminal offence and carries appropriate sentencing for offenders. The Criminal Code already contains provisions to treat acts of violence against peace officers as an indictable offence. Advocating for changes to the Criminal Code to protect other types of workers encountering violence on the job has been successful as well. For example, transit worker representatives and transit organizations successfully advocated for a [2015](#) amendment to the Criminal Code that now requires courts to consider aggravating circumstances for the purposes of sentencing, such as the fact that the victim of an assault is a public transit operator.

Similar to public transit workers, changes to the Criminal Code should include requirements for courts to consider at sentencing the fact that the victim of violence is a paramedic performing an essential public service. [Bill C-211, An Act to amend the Criminal Code \(assaults against health care professionals and first responders\)](#), underscores the physical and psychological impact of assaults against paramedics and that they should be protected from harm on the job. With the support of Regional Council, staff request the Regional Chair submit a letter to the federal Minister of Justice to request amendments to the Criminal Code through Bill C-211 to provide protections for paramedics. This approach is supported by Peel Region and national paramedic leadership.

5. Financial

There is no financial impact associated with this report. Paramedic Services has an annual training budget of \$280,000 to provide all front-line paramedics with continuing medical education, professional development, peer support and wellness supports.

6. Local Impact

The wellbeing of paramedics is vital to the overall wellbeing of the York Region community. It is important that the residents of York Region understand the impact of acts of violence against paramedics and support a zero-tolerance approach. Paramedic Services will continue to work collaboratively with key partners in paramedic leadership and the local community to support the safety of paramedics.

7. Conclusion

York Region Paramedic Services is committed to creating and maintaining a psychologically healthy workplace for all paramedic staff so that they can continue to provide a high level of service to the community. Paramedics are an invaluable asset, and this has been demonstrated through their integral role in the Region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even under the strain of the pandemic, it is important that this topic remains an area of focus for us all.

With the support of Regional Council, Paramedic Services will continue to advocate and raise public awareness on issues of external workplace violence to educate the public and advance efforts to support change and improve working conditions for paramedics.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, General Manager at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



Recommended by:

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Commissioner of Community and Health Services



Approved for Submission:


Bruce Macgregor
Chief Administrative Officer

August 13, 2021
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Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts
 CSC-C 25-2021

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 23, 2021, passed the following Corporate Services Committee:

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 25-2021, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated September 15, 2021, respecting Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management - Niagara Courts meeting held on August 19, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to send a letter to request the Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - a) halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act* included in Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*; and instead take action to review, streamline and modernize the Early Resolution provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*;
 - b) enact changes to the *Provincial Offences Act* to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding commenced under Part I, to a resolution in writing and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a Justice of the Peace; and
 - c) support the proclamation of the remainder of the Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act* reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act*; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, and copied to other municipalities that administer Provincial Offences Courts, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support.

A copy of CSC-C 25-2021 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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cc:

M. Vink, Manager, Court Services

T. Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer

K. Beach, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer

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The Ministry of the Attorney General

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MEMORANDUM

CSC-C 25-2021

Subject: Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on August 19, 2021

Date: September 15, 2021

To: Corporate Services Committee

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

The Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts, at its meeting held on August 19, 2021, passed the following motion for consideration by the Corporate Services Committee:

1. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to send a letter to request the Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - a) halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act* included in Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*; and instead take action to review, streamline and modernize the Early Resolution provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*;
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2. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, and copied to other municipalities that administer Provincial Offences Courts, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support.

A copy of the minutes of the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on August 19, 2021, and the associated report are attached to this memorandum.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - NIAGARA COURTS
OPEN SESSION**

**JBM 2-2021
Thursday, April 8, 2021
Meeting held by Video Conference**

Committee Members Present: D. Gibbs (Niagara Region), H. Salter (St. Catharines), J. Simpson (Thorold), M. Tardiff (Board Vice-Chair, Wainfleet), J. Tosta (Board Chair, Welland), B. Treble (West Lincoln)

Absents/Regrets: E. Lustig (Niagara Falls)

Staff Members Present: B. Brens, Manager, Program Financial Support, B. Hutchings, Program Financial Specialist, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, S. Mota, Corporate Reporting Supervisor, M. Vink, Manager, Court Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Tosta, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 JBM-C 6-2021

Approval of Court Services 2020 Audited Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Funds Available for Distribution

Moved by D. Gibbs
Seconded by M. Tardiff

That Report JBM-C 6-2021, dated April 8, 2021, respecting Approval of Court Services 2020 Audited Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Funds Available for Distribution, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenue, expenses and funds available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2020, for The Regional Municipality of Niagara Court Services (“Court Services”) (Appendix 1 to Report JBM-C 6-2021) **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That Report JBM-C 6-2021 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region’s Audit Committee and to The Ministry of the Attorney General as per the Memorandum of Understanding, for information as required.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by B. Treble
Seconded by D. Gibbs

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

JBM-C 4-2021
2020 Year-End Report for Provincial Offences Court

JBM-C 5-2021
Court Services COVID-19 Update

JBM 1-2021
Joint Board of Management - Niagara Courts Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2021

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Jack Tosta
Board Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

Subject: Court Services Update Report on Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial Offences Act related to Early Resolution

Report to: Joint Board of Management, Niagara Courts

Report date: Thursday, August 19, 2021

Recommendations

1. That the Joint Board of Management recommends that Regional Council **DIRECTS** the Regional Chair to send a letter to request the Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - a) halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act* included in Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*; and instead take action to review, streamline and modernize the Early Resolution provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*;
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Key Facts

- Legislative amendments to modernize the *Provincial Offences Act* (“POA”) were passed by the Ontario Legislature in December 2017 under Schedule 35 of Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act* (“Bill 177”). These amendments include changes to reform the Early Resolution (“ER”) process, improve the collection of default fines, and expand the powers of the clerk of the court. In December 2019, the Ministry of the Attorney General advised that it intends to implement Bill 177 amendments through a phased approach.
- While many of the proposed reforms would significantly assist Provincial Offences Courts, the proposed amendments to the ER process would replace the existing

simplified process with a cumbersome and lengthy process, including complicated rules and time periods that will not be easily understood by the public, thereby impeding access to justice.

- ER is an optional program Provincial Offences Courts can offer allowing defendants who opt to dispute their charges to request a meeting with a prosecutor to resolve charges prior to trial.
- On May 6, 2021, the Municipal Court Managers' Association (MCMA) of Ontario sent a letter to all association members requesting support to halt the proclamation of the ER reforms to the POA included in Bill 177 and advocate for further Provincial reforms to streamline and modernize this section of the legislation. As a result, a number of other municipalities, including York, Caledon and Mississauga, have already advocated for this POA reform.
- Niagara Region Provincial Offences Court is among only 15 courts in Ontario offering ER, and it has been an essential process to support the administration of justice in Niagara Region.
- Staff recommend seeking the support of Regional Council to advocate to the Province for further reform to the ER process to make it easier for members of the public, and the Provincial Offences Court, to access and implement this option.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

Analysis

Legislative amendments to the POA were passed by the Ontario Legislature in December 2017 under Bill 177. These amendments include reforming the ER process, improving collection of default fines, and expanding the powers of the Clerk of the Court.

In December 2019, the Ministry of the Attorney General indicated its intention to implement a phased-in approach to the Bill 177. To date the Ministry has only proclaimed and implemented sections allowing for use of certified evidence. Based on information received from the Ministry on May 11, 2021, further Bill 177 amendments are scheduled to be proclaimed over the next several months as follows:

- November 2021 –
 - Court Clerk Reforms (Part 1): authorizing municipal court clerks, rather than Justices of the Peace, to enter convictions where the defendant fails

to respond to a ticket and approve applications for extensions of time to pay fines.

- Q1 2022 –
 - Court Clerk Reforms (Part 2): authorizing municipal court clerks, rather than Justices of the Peace, to approve applications for reopening convictions.
 - Fine Enforcement Reforms: requiring the payment of oldest defaulted fines first and replacing the default “fee” with an administrative monetary penalty, which would be payable each time a fine is not paid by the due date); and,
 - ER reforms.

The Bill 177 reforms related to expansion of the role of the court clerk support ease of access by the public and would be very beneficial administratively, particularly in assisting the Court to manage the impacts of the pandemic and the challenge presented by limited judicial resources. Staff support the Province proclaiming those reforms as soon as possible.

However, the proposed ER reforms will replace a simplified process currently in place, with a process that is complex and less efficient, substantially increasing administrative burdens. In addition, the proposed complexity of the changes will make it more difficult for the public to understand what is expected of them and will accordingly hinder, rather than facilitate, access to justice.

ER is an optional program offered by Provincial Offences Courts to allow defendants an opportunity to request a meeting with a prosecutor to resolve the charges prior to a trial. In July 2020, ER matters were the first POA proceedings to resume in the Region during the pandemic. The current resolution rate for ER in Niagara is approximately 84% of charges for which this option is selected. Prior to the pandemic, ER accounted for the resolution of approximately 92% of all Part I charges filed. The high rate of participation by the public in the ER process is an indication that the existing process provides an easy-to-understand and effective way to resolve minor offences.

The amendments proposed in Bill 177 will create a more complicated legislative framework with additional rules, appearances by the defendant, and time periods to navigate. The proposed new ER process involves different processes that are dependent on the nature of the resolution reached with the prosecutor. In some cases, the defendant has to appear before a Justice of the Peace to register the conviction and there are potential additional appearances required by the defendant and the

prosecutor. In other cases, an appearance before a Justice of the Peace is not required; however, there is a new abandonment period before an outcome is registered. The inclusion of this abandonment period is not necessary, as there are existing remedies in the POA, including a right of appeal.

A modern, efficient and effective justice system requires convenience and ease of access for the public, and simplified, efficient processes that provide proportionate options to the public for minor offences under Part I of the POA. To ensure a simplified and efficient ER process, Staff recommend that the POA be amended to provide that any resolution meeting between the defendant and the prosecutor can be held in writing and that all written agreements reached between the prosecutor and defendant can be filed with the Clerk of the Court, without need for an appearance before a Justice of the Peace. In addition to supporting a more efficient process that expedites dispositions for defendants; this would also conserve court time and judicial resources for contested matters.

Alternatives Reviewed

The Joint Board of Management and Regional Council could decline to pursue the opportunity to advocate for further ER reforms to the POA.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Court Services aims to continually support Regional Council's Healthy and Vibrant Community priority, as it pertains to the administration of the Provincial Offences Court program and the overall goals of community safety across Niagara.

Other Pertinent Reports

JBM-C 2-2020 [Bill 177 Update](#)

Prepared by:

Miranda Vink
Manager, Court Services
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Recommended by:

Todd Harrison
Commissioner
Corporate Services

Appendices

None



ANISHINABEK NATION

MEMORANDUM


To: Municipalities, Public Health Units, Chambers of Commerce

From: Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe
Travis Boissoneau, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Mel Hardy, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
James Marsden, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Joe Miskokomon, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Tim Ominika, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Representative

CC: Anishinabek Nation's First Nation Chiefs, Band Administrators/Directors of Operations, and Health Directors
Province of Ontario
Minister Greg Rickford, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario
Deputy Minister Shawn Batise, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario

Date: September 22, 2021

Re: Proof of Identification for Vaccination Passports & COVaxON

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Effective today, September 22, 2021, proof of vaccination status is required to access certain businesses and settings in the province of Ontario. This memo is intended to advise and inform organizations and businesses that the Province of Ontario has assured Anishinabek Nation that ***First Nation Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted widely and without interference or refusal***, provided the name on the card corresponds with the name on the proof of vaccination.

We, in turn, have assured the Anishinabek Nation communities of the following:

- Indian Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted as a valid form of Identification.
- The only information required is a proof of photo identification, and documentation receipt (2 doses plus 14 days from the date of the second dose). This proof can be obtained either from the provincial COVaxON system or from the First Nation organization that administered the vaccinations.
- Paper or downloaded proof of vaccination on a mobile device are both acceptable.
- No community member will be denied medical attention or service at any institution regardless of their vaccination status.

We trust that this information will be shared widely to avoid any confusion or disruption to your processes.



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September 27, 2021.

Chair Henry and Councillors
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby ON

Dear Chair Henry and Councillors:

Re: Video re Landfill Mining at Works Committee September 8, 2021 Agenda -Item 6.1

I watched the staff video which your Waste Director indicated would be used to educate high school students as well as eventually the public, who would see a revised version of the video.

Attached please find an excerpt of an article in Durham’s Spring 2019 Works Dept. newsletter which reported on the tonnage and final destinations for materials excavated at the Blackstock Landfill. These newsletters should be archived online for historical purposes and easy reference.

Note that almost 40% of the reported tonnage excavated from Blackstock was sent to Twin Creeks Landfill, meaning that Durham essentially offloaded their waste onto another community

Tonnages Reported by Staff	Destination
4796 (total staff # provided)	
257.88	Recyled
1947 non-combustible	Twin Creeks Landfill
2847 combustible	DY incinerator

Recall that Durham’s bottom and fly ash are sent outside of Durham to other communities. Tonnage reported as burned in 2020 was 144,798. Reported ash tonnages were 27,209 tonnes of bottom ash and 14,045 of fly ash. (Total ash equals approx. 28.5% of waste burned) . See pages 15-21 of 2020 ECA Annual Report: https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/operations-documents/resources/2020/20210330_RPT_2020_DYEC_ECA_Annual_ACC.pdf

Since staff stated that this video is intended to educate students and eventually the public, Durham Council should insist that education materials provide an **accurate** overview of landfill mining outcomes and DY Incinerator operations. Specifically, neither should be trumpeted as a “Made in Durham” solution since Durham offloads significant tonnages of waste onto communities outside its borders.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

Linda Gasser
Whitby

Enclosure: Excerpt Spring 2019 Works Newsletter re Landfill Mining at Blackstock

Page 5 Spring 2019

Durham Works

Recycling garbage from the past

Durham completes Blackstock landfill mining project

Landfill mining is an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and leachate impacts on groundwater quality, divert material not previously separated for recycling, recover energy from reclaimed waste, and eliminate the need for long-term groundwater monitoring.

Durham began landfill mining activity in October 2018 at the closed Blackstock landfill site in the Township of Scugog.

Waste was excavated and placed into a rotating trommel screen to mechanically separate waste from soil. Landfilled scrap metal and concrete was sorted and set aside for recycling. Combustible waste was transported to the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) for energy recovery.

A total of 4,796 tonnes of waste was excavated from the site: 2,849 tonnes of combustible waste was processed at the DYEC and 1,947 tonnes of non-combustible waste was sent to the Twin Creeks Landfill in Ontario for disposal.

Concrete and scrap metal picked from the excavated recyclables and from the demolition of the old transfer station building at the site totaled 257.88 tonnes: 160 tonnes of concrete and 97.88 tonnes of scrap metal was recycled. Final grading will be completed this year, to bring the site back to original condition. This innovative project will serve as a pilot for future remediation plans at the Region's six other closed landfill sites. Visit durham.ca/waste to learn more.

Innovation Works!

4,796 tonnes of waste excavated

1,947 tonnes sent to landfill

2,849 tonnes processed at DYEC

DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES

Location Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby
Meeting Room – Regional Council Chambers

Meeting In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was a virtual meeting so that the Presenters and Members could present and participate without meeting together in the Regional Council Chambers.

Date September 17, 2021

Time 1:00 PM

Members that Participated

Dr. Robert Kyle, DRHD, Chair
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, DRHD
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) (Presenter)
Loc Nguyen, OPG
Phil Dunn, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University
Janice Dusek, Public Member
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member
Veena Lalman, Public Member
Susan Ebata, Public Member
Dr. Barry Neil, Public Member
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Alternate Public Member
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member

Presenters & Assistants

Brian Devitt (Secretary)
Carrie-Anne Atkins, OPG (Presenter)
Margo Curtis, OPG (Presenter)
Ali Esmaeily, OPG (Presenter)
Raphael McCalla, OPG (Presenter)
Lindsay Park, OPG
Helen Tanevski, DRHD
James Kilgour, Durham Emergency Management

Regrets

Dr. David Gorman, Public Member
Hardev Bains, Public Member

Jane Snyder, Public Member
Lisa Fortuna, DRHD

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Dr. Robert Kyle mentioned that Observers who have questions concerning the presentations today, should email or discuss their request with James Kilgour, Director, Emergency Management, at james.kilgour@durham.ca or 905-668-7711 extension 6260.

James will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the Observers' questions or comments off-line to prevent any duplication of emails and responses. James will report back to Dr. Robert Kyle the outcomes of questions he received.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Revised Agenda was adopted as written.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 18, 2021 were adopted as written.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Dr. Robert Kyle received a report from James Kilgour, Director, Durham Emergency Management, concerning Observers' questions received after the June 18 meeting for his follow-up with each presenter related to their presentations. James reported on June 18 and on July 21 that he did not receive any questions from Observers related to the June 18 DNHC meeting.

3.2 Dr. Robert Kyle's office received the *Port Granby Project Newsletter* from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office. The **newsletter** provided a detailed progress report related to the Port Granby Project as it reaches its final stages of construction, dated Summer 2021.

3.3 Dr. Robert Kyle's office received the *Neighbours Newsletter* from OPG concerning several community issues related to the Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generating Stations (NGSs), dated Summer 2021.

3.4 Dr. Robert Kyle's office received an invitation, to be directed to the DNHC from Caitlin Rochon, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), concerning participating in *Durham's Community Engagement on its First Nuclear Strategy*. DNHC Members and Observers were provided with a link to complete a survey about nuclear emergency preparedness, dated July 30, 2021.

Dr. Robert Kyle mentioned that at the November 19 DNHC meeting, staff from the Office of the CAO will provide a progress report on the development of *Durham's first Nuclear Strategy*.

4. Presentations

4.1 Progress report by OPG concerning the Results of the 2020 Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) for Darlington and Pickering NGSS

Margo Curtis, Environmental Advisor, Environmental Monitoring Program, OPG, provided a detailed presentation of the 2020 EMP results for Darlington and Pickering NGSSs.

Margo explained the Key Objectives of EMP are to:

- Demonstrate, independent of effluent monitoring, the effectiveness of containment and effluent control.
- Demonstrate compliance with limits on the concentration/intensity of contaminants/physical stressors in the environment.
- Provide data to assess the level of risk on human health and the environment and/or to confirm predictions made by environmental risk assessments.

The highlights of the 2020 EMP presentation were:

- Detailed maps and statistics compiled from 2011 to 2020 for Pickering and Darlington were used to show and summarize:
 - Critical Groups and sampling locations
 - Radiation dose examples for comparison of exposures
 - Graphs of public dose compared to the CNSC legal limit
 - 2020 results of Radioactive Emissions Monitoring
 - Emissions to air and at the site boundaries of NGSSs
 - Tritium at water supply plants (WSP) near NGSSs
 - Results of Non-Radiological Emissions Monitoring
- The results of the 6 Radiological Site Emissions to air and 3 Radiological Emissions to water for both Darlington and Pickering were a very small fraction of its Derived Release Limits (DRLs).
- The main contributors to the 2020 public dose were carbon-14, tritium and noble gases for Darlington, and tritium and noble gases for Pickering.
- The 2020 public dose for Darlington was 0.4 μ Sv or less than 0.1% of the annual Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) annual regulatory limit and it was consistent with the 2019 public dose calculations.
- The 2020 public dose for Pickering was 1.2 μ Sv or less than 0.1% of the CNSC annual regulatory limit and it was consistent with the 2019 public dose calculations.
- Laboratory analyses of 916 environmental samples were performed for the 2020 dose calculations.

- The results of 6 Non-Radiological Emissions to air and 2 Non-Radiological Emissions to water for both Darlington and Pickering complied and met all Environmental Compliance Approval limits.
- The estimated annual natural background radiation for both Darlington and Pickering dose is 1,400 µSv.
- The tritium concentrations monitored at WSP near the NGSs remained at a small fraction of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard of 7,000 Bq/L and well below OPG's voluntary commitment of 100 Bq/L.
 - Bowmanville WSP – 4.6 Bq/L
 - Oshawa WSP – 5.9 Bq/L
 - Ajax WSP – 5.0 Bq/L
 - F.J. Horgan WSP – 4.1 Bq/L

To summarize, Margo mentioned:

- Darlington and Pickering NGSs radiological emissions remained at a very small fraction of its DRLs.
- Annual public doses resulting from Darlington and Pickering were both less than 0.1% of the CNSC annual regulatory limit.
- The 2020 public dose calculations and EMP report were reviewed and verified by an independent third party.
- The 2020 EMP report was submitted to the CNSC on April 23, 2021 and it has been available on opg.com since June 28, 2021. The link to the EMP report is opg.com/reporting/regulatory-reporting/.

Margo explained that OPG conducted several other environmental monitoring studies that were referenced in the 2020 EMP report and submitted to the CNSC. The highlights of the studies were:

Thermal Monitoring Programs

- The discharge of warm water through the condenser cooling water (CCW) system has potential to impact spawning success and larvae development of fish species.
- OPG performed a study of the Thermal and Ambient Lake Water Temperature to monitor and to understand the potential impacts from the Pickering and Darlington NGSs discharge of warm water to Lake Ontario.
- The average lake temperature at the Darlington Lake Current Monitor on December 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 was 2.7 degrees C compared to a no effects threshold of less than 6 degrees C.
- In conclusion, there is no indication of a warming trend that would impact spawning success and larvae development in the near term.

Impingement and Entrainment Monitoring Programs

- Pickering Fisheries Act Authorization authorizes the impingement and entrainment of fish resulting from the operations of the CANDU reactors.
- In 2019, the impinged biomass was estimated to be 15,114.5 kilograms or 2.87 kilograms per million cubic metres of station flow.

- The 2020 biomass Impinged Report was submitted to the CNSC on May 25, 2021.

Margo mentioned OPG staff are 'looking ahead' to other studies in 2021:

- A 2019 supplementary study on hydrazine concentrations in lake water at the outlet of the Darlington diffuser was to analyze the results using a lower detection limit. This study was designed to remove uncertainty surrounding human exposure to hydrazine through drinking water and fish ingestion.
- A 2019 supplementary study on the filtered and unfiltered concentrations of aluminum in the Darlington CCW was to clarify the risk to ecological receptors in Lake Ontario.
- The updated data from these 2019 studies have been included in the next iteration of the Darlington Environmental Risk Assessment which will be publicly available in the 4th quarter of 2021.
- In January and September 2020, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, performed audits of the Health Physics Laboratory. There were no non-compliant findings for either audit. Overall, the inspection rating for both audits was 100%.

Margo Curtis or her associates will update the DNHC next year with the 2021 EMP report results. For more information on EMP, Margo can be contacted at margo.curtis@opg.com.

4.2 Progress report by OPG concerning the Results of the 2020 Groundwater Monitoring Program (GWMP) at Pickering and Darlington NGSs

Ali Esmaily, Section Manager, Environment Programs – Nuclear, OPG, provided a detailed presentation of the results of the 2020 GWMP at Pickering and Darlington NGSs.

Ali explained the key objectives of the 2020 GWMP were to:

- Verify groundwater flow direction.
- Monitor changes to on-site groundwater quality to identify new issues in a timely manner and assess historical issues.
- Monitor groundwater quality at the site boundary to confirm there are no adverse off-site impacts.

Pickering NGS highlights of the 2020 GWMP:

- 244 samples were collected from 104 sampling locations to analyse groundwater to characterize groundwater conditions and trends. The key locations/areas monitored were:
 - Upgrading Plant Pickering area
 - Units 1 and 2 and the Vacuum Building areas
 - Units 3 and 4 areas
 - Units 5 and 6 areas
 - Units 7 and 8 areas

- Units 1 to 4 Irradiated Fuel Bay areas
- Units 5 to 8 Irradiation Fuel Bay areas
- Site Boundary

Ali provided overview-maps of these key locations/areas that were monitored along with detailed graphs showing the laboratory results from 2009 to 2020. The results demonstrated the overall trends of tritium in the groundwater for the key locations/areas have trended down or remained constant.

Ali mentioned the 2020 GWMP confirmed:

- The groundwater flow direction has remained consistent with previous interpretations.
- Monitoring of the site boundary groundwater quality results showed no indication of any adverse off-site migration of tritium from the Pickering NGS site.

Darlington NGS highlights of the 2020 GWMP:

- 160 samples were collected from 81 sampling locations to analyse groundwater samples to characterize groundwater conditions and trends. The key locations/areas monitored were:
 - Near Reactor Building areas
 - Site Boundary

Ali provided overview maps of these key locations monitored along with detailed graphs showing the laboratory results from 2009 to 2020 that confirmed:

- The groundwater flow was consistent with previous interpretations.
- The site boundary groundwater quality monitoring indicated that there was no adverse off-site migration of tritium from the Darlington NGS site.

To summarize, Ali mentioned:

- The Pickering and Darlington groundwater flow pattern remained consistent with original interpretations.
- The Pickering and Darlington groundwater data collected from key areas indicated that tritium concentrations remained constant or decreased and that demonstrated stable or improved environmental performance.
- In 2019, the Pickering emerging groundwater issue identified at Unit 8 involved implementing corrective actions including on-going monitoring and the results were stable in 2020.
- At Darlington and Pickering, there was no indication of adverse, off-site migration of tritium from the NGSs in groundwater.
- The 2020 GWMP results for Pickering and Darlington NGSs were submitted to the CNSC for its review and comment.

OPG has developed GIS maps for both Pickering and Darlington NGSs. The GIS maps make it easier for the public to see the trends and help understand the groundwater monitoring results. A GIS map system was initially developed

for Pickering NGS and OPG followed-up with one for Darlington NGS. Both GIS maps are now available for use on the www.opg.com under Regulatory Reporting.

Ali Esmaeily or his associates will update the DNHC next year with the 2021 results of the GWMP for the Pickering and Darlington NGSs. For additional information, Ali can be contacted at ali.esmaeily@opg.com.

4.3 Progress Report by OPG concerning the effect the Tritium Removal Facility (TRF) at the Darlington NGS has in Minimizing Emissions and the effect on the Public Dose

Raphael McCalla, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, OPG, provided a detailed presentation on the TRF and its effect on minimizing emissions from the Darlington NGS.

Raphael provided a list of important tritium facts:

- Tritium is a radioactive form of hydrogen that occurs both naturally and as a by-product of the operation of CANDU nuclear reactors.
- One of the more common uses of tritium involves glow-in-the-dark lighting, airport runways emergency lighting, signs etc.
- Tritium exposure can pose a health risk if it is ingested through drinking water or eating food and if it is inhaled or absorbed through the skin in large quantities.
- The CNSC regulates releases of tritium from nuclear reactors and the TRF to ensure the health and safety of workers, the public, and to protect the environment in case of spills of heavy water.

Raphael provided a description of the TRF:

Upgrader

- Increases the isotopic of heavy water from reactors.
- Unit operations must be within CNSC licensing limits.
- Improves the economic efficiencies of the reactor.

Removal Facility

- Removes the tritium from heavy water.
- Key to maintaining reactors operating within CNSC licensing limits.
- Keeps the public dose ALARA.
- Minimizes tritium emissions to air and water.

Detritiation

- The Darlington TRF is the largest in the world.
- Approximately 100,000 curies of tritium are removed per day of operation.
- The TRF is available to all OPG reactors, Bruce Power and other nuclear facilities in Canada.

Commercial Services

- Tritium removed is stored and OPG is able to sell it for use in exits signs, airport runways, biomedical research etc.
- Tritium is provided to other nuclear facilities in the US, Japan, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Italy and France and used for nuclear fusion research such as the International Experimental Thermonuclear Reactor (ITER).

Annual Monitoring of Radiological Emissions from the Darlington TRF includes calculations for:

- Noble gas
- Carbon-14
- Annual air emissions
- Annual water emissions
- Tritium oxide
- Gross beta/gamma

Raphael summarized the Environmental Benefits of the TRF:

- By reducing the concentration of tritium in the Primary Heat Transport and Moderator Systems, it helps reduce tritium emissions to workers, the public and the public dose calculations.
- In Canada, members of the public receive an annual dose of radiation from tritium of approximately 0.0001 to 0.013 millisieverts (mSv).
- Near nuclear facilities, where tritium levels are slightly higher, the average annual dose to the public is approximately 0.0015 mSv.
- These doses are well below the public dose limit of 1.0 mSv as set in the Radiation Protection Regulations.
- The average annual Canadian dose due to natural background radiation is 1.8 mSv.

Raphael McCalla or his associates will keep the DNHC updated on OPG's EMPs being conducted at Pickering and Darlington NGSs. For more information on the Darlington TRF, Raphael can be contacted at raphael.mccalla@opg.com.

5. Communications

5.1 Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, Pickering Nuclear, provided an update on Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Pickering Units 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are operating at or close to full power.
- Pickering Unit 7 is in a maintenance outage.
- Pickering hosted the COVID-19 modified *Tuesdays on the Trail – PowerON Tuesdays Program* in July and August over four weeks in nearby public parks with its community partners and it was completely sold out.

Together, they provided free educational and environmental-based activity kits for local families.

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Stakeholder and Corporate Affairs, Pickering Nuclear, can be reached at 416-528-7766 or by email at carrie-anne.atkins@opg.com for more information.

5.2 Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Stakeholder and Corporate Affairs, Pickering Nuclear, provided an update on the Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Darlington Units 1, 2 and 4 are operating at close to full power.
- Darlington Unit 3 is undergoing refurbishment.
- Darlington hosted the COVID-19 modified *Tuesdays on the Trail – PowerON Tuesdays Program* in July and August over four weeks in nearby public parks with its community partners and it was completely sold out. Together, they provided free educational and environmental-based activity kits for local families.
- In June 2020, Darlington submitted its application to the CNSC to renew the Darlington New Nuclear Site Application Licence that was granted in 2012.
- In September or October 2021, the CNSC will hold a public hearing to consider the OPG's application of the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) and no date has been set.
- In November 2021, the DNNP team will provide details about the technology selection for the proposed new nuclear site.
- Tours of the DNNP lands have been provided and other tours planned to host indigenous communities to help build relationships and provide meaningful engagement about the proposed project.
- The DNNP team is planning an update to officials of Durham Region and they will provide a presentation at the next DNHC meeting on November 19.

Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Stakeholder and Corporate Affairs, Darlington Nuclear, can be reached at 905-914-2457 or by email at lindsay.hamilton@opg.com for more information.

5.3 Corporate Community Issues at OPG

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Stakeholder and Corporate Affairs, Pickering Nuclear, provided an update on an order issued by the CNSC to OPG on July 27, 2021 related to the operation of the Pickering NGS. The Order was a result of actions the CNSC had taken at Bruce Power recently concerning its safety of the heat transport system and the Commission's Order required OPG to:

- Obtain authorization from the Commission prior to the restart of any its units or following any outage that results in the cool down of Pickering's heat transport system.
- OPG considers this order to be a very conservative action and OPG will continue to maintain the Pickering units fit for service.
- On September 10, 2021, Jon Franke, Senior VP, Pickering Nuclear, Steve Gregoris, Senior VP, Darlington Nuclear, and several senior OPG staff met and presented OPG's perspective on the Order and they made a formal written request of the Commission concerning the Order.
- Copies of the CNSC Order and OPG's formal written request of the CNSC were provided in a covering email with the Draft Minutes.
- The DNHC will be updated as more details and decisions are made available concerning the CNSC Order and any further action.

Carrie-Anne also mentioned:

- The next semi-annual testing of the Durham Region Public Alerting Systems will take place on October 18 and 19, 2021.
- The next edition of the *Neighbours Newsletter* will be mailed in November 2021.

6. Other Business

6.1 Topics Inventory Update

Dr. Robert Kyle indicated the Topics Inventory will be revised to include the presentations made today.

6.2 Future Topics for the DNHC to Consider

Dr. Robert Kyle indicated the next DNHC meeting scheduled for November 19, 2021 will likely include:

- Progress reports by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission concerning the 2020 Safety and Performance Reports for the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Power Plants.
- Progress report by OPG concerning the Darlington New Nuclear Site Preparation Licence that expires in 2022.
- Progress report by the Office of the CAO concerning development of *Durham's first Nuclear Strategy*.
- Progress report by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories concerning the Port Granby Project.

6.2 Scheduled DNHC meetings in 2022

- January 21 (TBC)
- April 22 (TBC)

7. Next Meeting

Location Durham Regional Headquarters

Date November 19, 2021

Time 1:00 PM

8. Adjournment 2:35 PM

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

Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

September 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, September 17, 2021 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. Hoornweg, Citizen Member, Chair
E. Baxter-Trahair, CAO
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member attended the meeting at 10:14 AM
C. Mee, Citizen Member
R. Plaza, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
J. Taylor, Citizen Member attended the meeting at 10:04 AM
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 10:23 AM
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: T. Hall, Citizen Member
J. Koke, Citizen Member

Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the CAO
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator, Office of the CAO
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on June 18, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Presentations

A) Climate and Sustainability Program Update – Ian McVey, Manager of
Sustainability, Durham Region

I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Climate and Sustainability Program Update.

I. McVey provided updates on the following projects:

- Update Items
 - Energy and Emissions
 - Adaptation and Resilience
- Corporate Climate Action Plan
 - Finalizing the 2020 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory
 - Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Durham Home Energy Savings Program and Next Steps
- E-Mission – Plug N Drive
- Green Development – Energy Efficiency Cost Analysis
 - Project Timeline
- Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP) Implementation Governance
- Durham Flood-Related Initiatives
- LEAF Backyard Tree Planting

J. Taylor provided a brief update with respect to additional results found from the E-Mission – Plug N Drive surveys. The following preliminary results were:

- Most respondent's self identified as male
- Most respondents came from the 35-54 year age range
- 85% of the respondents did not currently own an electric vehicle (EV)
- 91% heard about the E-Mission Plug N Drive event and wanted to participate
- 49% advised that they would purchase an EV within the next 6-12 months
- 98.5% would be considering an EV as their next vehicle.

J. Taylor advised that the motivators for respondents of the survey to purchase an EV were to reduce spending on fuel, reduce maintenance costs, and their personal interest in the actual design of an EV. She also advised that what detracted respondents from purchasing an EV was the cost of the vehicle, their willingness or ability to purchase an EV and the range of an EV. I. McVey advised that staff will be developing a more comprehensive report with more details regarding the E-Mission program and the survey results.

I. McVey responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether any electric vehicles are being purchased in the 2021-2022 calendar year for the Region of Durham's fleet; whether residents of Durham can now register for the LEAF program for the Spring and Fall of 2022; and how the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) funding mandate to help with energy retrofits, and Durham's Strategic plan to target older homes will work.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding the electrification of the Region of Durham's fleet, I. McVey advised that staff will report back to the Committee in November with an update.

In response to a question from K. Shadwick regarding whether there would be follow-up emails sent to the individuals that test drove an EV during the E-Mission Plug N Drive event, I. McVey advised that staff will be talking to the event team and will ask the question. I. McVey also advised that he would follow-up with K. Shadwick directly regarding his experiences with the Ride N Drive events.

Councillor Crawford noted her observation that a large amount of cars have been modified in the last year since the emission testing has been removed. She questioned how much the modifications might affect emissions. I. McVey advised that he would look into that.

6. Items for Information and Discussion

A) LEAF Program Year 1 Results - Summary Report

A copy of the LEAF Program Year 1 Results – Summary Report was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting and received.

B) Ajax – Cities Race to Zero Pledge

A copy of the Town of Ajax's Cities Race to Zero Pledge was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting and received.

I. McVey advised that the Race to Zero pledges come in advance of the COP26 Climate Conference being held in Glasgow, Scotland, November 1-12, 2021. He also advised that Ontario Tech University has also signed up. He noted the challenge for the Region of Durham with the Race to Zero

Pledge would be the need to meet the target of a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

C) DRRCC Youth Member Nomination

A copy of Report #2021-A-19: Appointment of a Youth Member to the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda and received.

I. McVey advised that Report #2021-A-19 was adopted by the Finance and Administration Committee on September 14, 2021 and will be presented to Regional Council September 29, 2021 for adoption. If adopted the new youth members first DRRCC meeting will be October 15, 2021.

D) Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure – Durham Region Membership

A copy of the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure – Durham Region Membership brochure was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting and received.

I. McVey advised that the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure is the agency behind the Envision Sustainable Infrastructure Rating Framework that is the lead building standard for civil infrastructure. He advised that the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure offers training and support for professional development in the planning professions, civil engineering professions etc. and can provide the Region with access to subsidized training and development and access to broader North American delivery.

In response to a question regarding whether any municipalities have joined, I. McVey advised that in Ontario, the Town of Innisfil has joined but that membership seems to be more prevalent outside of Ontario.

7. Correspondence

There were no communication items to be considered.

8. Other Business

A) Scotiabank Net Zero Research Fund Application

D. Hoornweg advised that Ontario Tech's Scotiabank Net Zero Research Fund Application for the project titled: Community Progress Toward Net Zero Carbon Emissions was successful with the goal of developing a real-time measuring system to measure greenhouse gas emissions at a community, city, regional, provincial, national, and global scale. He advised that work will begin next year, and he will update the Committee on an ongoing basis.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 starting at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

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

S. Glover, Committee Clerk