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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF DURHAM

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Friday, March 1, 2019

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham met in Committee of the Whole at in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 10:19 AM

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

Present: All Committee members were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Foster and Nicholson

Staff

Present: S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, B. Bridgeman, C. Bandel, H. Drouin, S. Hardman, D. Holmes, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R.J. Kyle, T. Laverty, V. Patterson, N. Prasad, J. Santos, S. Siopis, N. Taylor, and, R. Walton

1. Facilitated Discussion

E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced K. Wianecki of Planning Solutions Inc. and advised that K. Wianecki will be facilitating the strategic plan discussions.

K. Wianecki asked members to consider the following points and provide comments with regards to the new Strategic Plan.

- What do you see as the key strategic priorities for this term of Council?
- Are there new or emerging opportunities for action?
- Do you have any additional suggestions for community engagement?
- Is council comfortable with the formal of the current plan?

The following comments were made:

- Highlight housing as a priority
- Strong emphasis on economic development (eg. GO train, Pickering Airport, intensification in downtown Oshawa)
- Clear and forward-thinking plan
- identify successes and barriers to planning approvals
- identify what should be delegated from different levels of government

- identify how the plan connects with lower tiers, partners and their plans
- identify the outreach process
- look at freeing up more development lands
- adapt to changes made by the provincial government
- place more emphasis on retaining and growing existing businesses, and attracting new businesses
- Explore innovation and employment corridors
- Address the disconnect between services provided by lower tiers and the Region
- Focus on keeping employment in Durham Region
- Take a proactive stance to service more employment lands
- Need to be ready for long term employment by addressing the lack of rental accommodations/ensure employees have places to live
- Work with knowledge-based industries and try to grow local economy by supplementing the existing industries
- Investigate having a super hospital, a teaching school, a research and development park built in and around a local university and service the lands for facilities to be located
- Transit ridership for children under the age of 12 to ride for free
- Lead, innovate and achieve
- Partner and advocate as much as possible
- Adapt with emerging technologies
- Investigate smart city initiatives
- Embrace technologies
- Take a strong look at broadband in northern rural municipalities
- Enhance agri-tourism
- Look at a complete highway network inclusive of highways 12, 47 and 48
- Celebrate Durham's successes

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions with regards to whether there has been engagement with other regions; public interest in the strategic plan, consultation with the province; participation and engagement from municipalities; and survey breakdowns of municipality as well as results of individuals spoken to.

2. Reports

A) New Strategic Plan Development ([2019-COW-07](#))

Report #2019-COW-07 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,
(29) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That three members of Council be appointed to participate on the Strategic Plan Development Task Force as outlined in Report #2019-COW-07, to guide the process of developing a new Durham Region Strategic Plan; and
- B) That staff be directed to bring forward the new Durham Region Strategic Plan at the November 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Mitchell, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,
(30) That the following Regional Councillors be nominated to participate on the Strategic Plan Development Task Force:

Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,
(31) That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ryan, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(32) That the main motion (29) of Councillors Marimpietri and Ryan be amended in Part A) to appoint four members instead of three to participate on the Strategic Plan Development Task Force and that those four members be Councillors Marimpietri, Pickles, Roy and Wotten.

CARRIED

The main motion (29) of Councillors Marimpietri and Ryan was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(33) That Council rise from Committee of the Whole and report.

CARRIED

At 11:06 AM Regional Council proceeded with consideration of the Second Report of the Committee of the Whole at the Special Regional Council Meeting of March 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

Committee Clerk