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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Ryan, Chair  
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Bath-Hadden  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr attended the meeting at 9:38 AM  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Dies  
Councillor Wotten

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services  
V. Chanthavong, Planner  
H. Finlay, Senior Planner  
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism  
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
J. Kelly, Principal Planner  
K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner  
G. Muller, Director of Planning  
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning  
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism  
R. Razvi, Broadband Specialist  
N. Rutherford, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
S. Salomone, Manager, Economic Development, Business Development and Investment  
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development  
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Bath-Hadden,  
(70) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development  
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

**3. Statutory Public Meetings**

- 3.1 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2019-003 (2019-P-32)
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The Chair advised that this portion of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting constitutes the Statutory Public Information meeting under the Planning Act for a proposed amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan. He noted that notice of the public meeting has been provided and the purpose of the meeting is to provide information and hear any submissions.

A) Presentation

Heather Finlay, Senior Planner, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-32 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. She advised that an application has been submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farms in the Municipality of Clarington. The subject site is municipally known as 8800 Middle Road in the Municipality of Clarington and is located on the south side of Regional Road 20, west of Middle Road. She provided an overview of the application and she advised that since the report was written, the applicant has clarified that they presently own seven farm properties, with three properties containing six dwellings. H. Finlay outlined the land use policy considerations and agency consultation. She also advised that to date one email requesting a copy of the public meeting report has been received from the public.

H. Finlay responded to questions with respect to the existing dwellings; and whether any of the farm properties have been the subject of past applications.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who wished to make a submission or ask any questions.

B) Delegations

There were no persons in attendance who requested to make a submission.

C) Report

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(71) A) That Report #2019-P-32 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and

B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

CARRIED

**4. Delegations**

4.1 Johanna Downey, Chair, and Janet Horner, Executive Director, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, re: Update on the activities of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

J. Downey appeared before the Committee to provide an update on the activities of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance. Highlights of her presentation included:

- A Regional Approach to Collaboration
- Food & Farming: An Action Plan 2021
  - 2012 – Action Plan launched
  - 2019 – 90% of actions complete or in progress
- Serving Up Local
- ConnectON
- Ontario Food Terminal study

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Bath-Hadden,

(72) That Ms. Downey be granted a 2-minute extension in order to finish her delegation.

CARRIED

- Together we do more than one of us can

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2019-EDT-14 at this time.

## 7.2 Reports

### B) Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Funding Renewal Request (2019-EDT-14)

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Report #2019-EDT-14 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

N. Rutherford responded to questions with respect to the number of local food groups in Durham; and the reporting structure to the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

N. Rutherford and J. Downey responded to questions with respect to how the Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Alliance helps local farmers; advocacy efforts; and employment figures.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry, (73) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That contributions of \$30,000 to the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance be included in the Business Plans and Budget submissions for the years 2020 to 2021, for consideration by Council through the annual Business Plans and Budgets process, and subject to approval of funding from the other six municipal partners; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-EDT-14 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be circulated to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York, Niagara; Cities of Hamilton and Toronto; and the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

CARRIED

## 5. **Presentations**

### 5.1 Jonah Kelly, Principal Planner, re: Envision Durham – Engagement and Outreach – Public Opinion Survey Summary (2019-P-35)

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J. Kelly, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-35 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Introduction
- Engagement - by the numbers
- Public Opinion Survey
  - Tell us about yourself
  - What's important to you?
  - Where are your preferred planning priorities?

- Additional Comments
- Next Steps

J. Kelly responded to questions with respect to the number of visitors to the project web page; the definition of interested parties; if the feedback stage has concluded; the 60-day survey period; if the area municipalities are promoting Envision Durham; and the breakdown of results.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2019-P-35 at this time.

## 6.2 Reports

### C) Envision Durham – Engagement and Outreach – Public Opinion Survey Summary (2019-P-35)

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Report #2019-P-35 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Highet,  
(74) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2019-P-35 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-P-35 be forwarded to Durham's area municipalities; conservation authorities; and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information.

CARRIED

## 5. **Presentations**

### 5.2 Kristy Kilbourne, Senior Planner, re: Envision Durham – Environment and Greenlands System Discussion Paper (2019-P-36)

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K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-36 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of her presentation included:

- Provincial Planning Policy Context
- Durham's Environment
- Durham's Greenlands System
- Trends and influencing factors
- Policy considerations
- Mapping considerations
- Consultation and engagement

Staff responded to questions with respect to the process for mapping changes; whether economic impact will be considered; the Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan; whether the review considers the impact of hard surfaces and the use of stormwater management ponds; requirements for new commercial and industrial developments; the difference between Figure 3: Provincial Plan Areas in Durham Region, Figure 5: Durham Region's existing Greenlands System, and Figure 26: Region of Durham's existing Schedule 'B' – Map 'B1'; Provincial policy requirements; whether impacted landowners will be notified of changes; zoning by-law requirements; the Provincial Policy Statement Review; the process if changes are made in a local Official Plan; Figure 31: Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest in the Region of Durham; and the definition of life science and earth science values.

Staff agreed to provide Councillor Joe Neal with an electronic copy of Figure 26: Region of Durham's existing Schedule 'B' – Map 'B1'.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2019-P-36 at this time.

## 6.2 Reports

### D) Envision Durham – Environment and Greenlands System Discussion Paper (2019-P-36)

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Report #2019-P-36 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(75) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2019-P-36 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-P-36 be forwarded to Durham's area municipalities; conservation authorities; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee for review and comment.

CARRIED

## 5. **Presentations**

### 5.3 Simon Gill, Director, Economic Development & Tourism, re: Durham Region Economic Development & Tourism Update

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S. Gill, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Region Economic Development & Tourism. Highlights of his presentation included:

- The Vision for Economic Development
- Sections & Priority Areas
  - Business Development and Investment
  - Marketing
    - Digital
    - Strategy for Marketing Success
  - Agriculture, Rural Affairs, Broadband
  - Tourism
- Recent Achievements and Highlights
- Organizational Structure
- The Vision for the Future
- Grow and Modernize Programming in Alignment with DEDP
- Cluster Development
  - Strategy Opportunities
  - Strategy Opportunities: Priority Clusters

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(76) That S. Gill be granted an extension in order to finish his presentation.  
CARRIED on a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s Vote

- Strategy Opportunities
  - STEM Graduate Retention/Attraction
  - Local Culinary and Agri-Tourism
  - Enabling Innovation
  - Film Office
- Organization Structure to Capitalize on all Strategy Opportunities

Staff responded to questions with respect to the source that identified the 17 delegations hosted; the possibility of establishing an Agri-tech hub; the status of the GO East extension; business attraction activities; and the proposed Tourism North.

It was requested that a copy of the presentation be circulated to the area municipalities.

## **6. Planning**

### **6.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Beverley Turf Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2019-002 ([2019-P-33](#))
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Report #2019-P-33 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Highet,  
(77) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #174 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2019-P-33 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other persons or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.

CARRIED

- B) Durham Regional Official Plan Amendment #175 to permit water and sewer service connections in certain circumstances for properties abutting municipal services outside of the Urban Area, File: OPA 2019-001 ([2019-P-34](#))
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Report #2019-P-34 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(78) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #175 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit water and sanitary sewer service connections in prescribed circumstances for properties abutting municipal services outside of the Urban Area, be adopted as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2019-P-34 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the area municipalities, and all other persons or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.

CARRIED

- C) Envision Durham – Engagement and Outreach – Public Opinion Survey Summary (2019-P-35)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 5 of these minutes.

- D) Envision Durham – Environment and Greenlands System Discussion Paper (2019-P-36)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 6 of these minutes.

- E) Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) Membership Appointments (2019-P-37)
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Report #2019-P-37 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(79) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Matt Thompson be appointed as the Town of Ajax's Area Municipal Representative to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee;
- B) That Brian Shipp be appointed as an "at large" member to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee;
- C) That the above-named citizen volunteers be advised of their appointment to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2019-P-37 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be forwarded to the area municipalities.

CARRIED

## **7. Economic Development**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **7.2 Reports**

- A) North Durham Tourism Pilot Project Outcome and New Tourism Program Coordinator (2019-EDT-13)
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Report #2019-EDT-13 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether this position was part of the 2019 budget; the municipalities to be supported by this position; the metrics for the pilot project; if the new Tourism Program Coordinator will be a permanent position; and the possibility of partnership funding from Central Counties Tourism.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Highet,  
(80) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That a new full-time permanent Tourism Program Coordinator position be approved within the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Division, to deliver Regional tourism programming focused on the three northern Area Municipalities, and to support northern Area Municipal tourism projects; and
- B) That Report #2019-EDT-13 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be circulated to the Township of Brock, Township of Scugog, and Township of Uxbridge.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Bath-Hadden  
Regional Chair Henry  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Yamada  
Councillor Ryan, Chair

No

Councillor Joe Neal

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

- B) Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Funding Renewal Request (2019-EDT-14)

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 4 of these minutes.

- C) Employment Lands Servicing Project Status (2019-EDT-15)

Report #2019-EDT-15 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

B. Bridgeman responded to a question with respect to why a consultant would be required.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Bath-Hadden,  
(81) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the preliminary criteria as outlined in Report #2019-EDT-15 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development for the prioritization of pre-servicing of Employment Lands projects be endorsed; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-EDT-15 be circulated to Durham Local Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

## **8. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

## **9. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

## **10. Other Business**

### **10.1 Update from Toronto Global**

Councillor Lee inquired about the status of his request for an update from Toronto Global at a future Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting.

S. Gill advised that he intends to invite Toronto Global to appear at the November or December 2019 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

## **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(82) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Ryan, Chair

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T. Fraser, Committee Clerk