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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Hight
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:32 AM
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor John Neal

Absent: Councillor Bath-Hadden was absent on municipal business
Councillor Ryan, Chair, was absent due to illness

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
A. Caruso, Senior Planner
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
T. Lavery, Manager, Corporate Communications
A. Luqman, Project Planner
G. Muller, Director of Planning
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism
K. Ryan, Senior Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
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

Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Ryan, Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(14) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on February 4, 2020;
- Special Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on February 26, 2020; and
- Closed Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on February 26, 2020.

CARRIED

Councillor John Neal referenced the second last paragraph on page 4 of the February 4, 2020 Planning & Economic Development Committee minutes and he asked staff to clarify who has jurisdiction for well water testing and the Region's well interference policy. B. Bridgeman clarified that the lower-tier municipalities have jurisdiction related to site alteration by-laws, and the Ministry of the Environment and Regional Health Department have jurisdiction related to testing of wells depending on the circumstances. This item was also discussed later in the meeting, refer to page 8 of these minutes.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

4.1 Zac Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, re: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-5)

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC), appeared before the Committee with respect to the DAAC 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan. He highlighted the various activities of DAAC in 2019.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(15) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to permit Mr. Cohoon to finish his delegation.

CARRIED on a 2/3rds Vote

Z. Cohoon also outlined some of the proposed activities in the 2020 Workplan, including:

- policy development and implementation by providing advice on the formulation and implementation of land use planning policies;
- communication, outreach and education, including the 2020 DAAC Farm Tour;
- economic development and tourism to assist Durham's agricultural sector; and
- issues of interest that are significant to DAAC and may require future consideration.

Z. Cohoon advised that the 2020 DAAC Farm Tour will be held on September 17, 2020 at Goodyear Farms in the Township of Brock.

Z. Cohoon responded to questions from the Committee.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2020-P-5 at this time.

6.2 Reports

C) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-5)

Report #2020-P-5 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Councillor Joe Neal advised that an amendment is required to the wording in section 9.1 of the proposed terms of reference to leave in the words "Regional Planning and Economic Development Department" and to remove the second reference to the word "speak".

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

- A) That Report #2020-P-5 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2019 Annual Report;
- B) That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2020 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-P-5;
- C) That the changes to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference be approved, as outlined in Attachment #2 to Report #2020-P-5 and as amended in the following Part D);

- D) That the proposed Terms of Reference for the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee be amended in section 9.1 by removing the strike through from the words “Regional Planning and Economic Development Department” and by deleting the second reference to the word “speak” at the end of the first sentence; and
- E) That a copy of Report #2020-P-5 be forwarded to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and the Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

4.2 Geoff Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee, re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-3)

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC), appeared before the Committee with respect to the DEAC 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan. He highlighted the various activities DEAC was involved with during 2019.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(17) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to permit Mr. Carpentier to finish his delegation.

CARRIED on a 2/3rds Vote

G. Carpentier also outlined some of the proposed activities in the 2020 Workplan, including:

- providing input and advice on proposed amendments to the Regional Official Plan, and advice on the municipal comprehensive review through Envision Durham;
- supporting community environmental awareness by continuing development on a residents' guide to climate change, and refreshing the Environmental Achievement Awards Program to hold an awards program in the fall of 2020; and
- continuing to provide representation on public and stakeholder advisory groups.

G. Carpentier responded to questions from the Committee.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2020-P-3 at this time.

6.2 Reports

A) Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-3)

Report #2020-P-3 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Councillor Joe Neal advised that an amendment is required to the wording in section 9.1 of the proposed terms of reference to leave in the words “Regional Planning and Economic Development Department” and to remove the second reference to the word “speak”.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(18) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2020-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee’s 2019 Annual Report;
- B) That the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee’s 2020 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-P-3;
- C) That the changes to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee’s Terms of Reference be approved, as outlined in Attachment #2 to Report #2020-P-3 and as amended in the following Part D);
- D) That the proposed Terms of Reference for the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee be amended in section 9.1 by removing the strike through from the words “Regional Planning and Economic Development Department” and by deleting the second reference to the word “speak” at the end of the first sentence; and
- E) That a copy of Report #2020-P-3 be forwarded to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee and the Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

4. **Delegations**

4.3 Ron Lalonde, Chair, Durham Active Transportation Committee, re: Durham Active Transportation Committee 2019 Annual Report and DATC 2020 Workplan (2020-P-4)

R. Lalonde, Chair, Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC), appeared before the Committee with respect to the DATC 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan. He provided highlights from the DATC’s activities in 2019 and he outlined some of the proposed activities in the 2020 Workplan, including:

- continuing to advance the Regional Trail Network as a key transportation and tourism component of the active transportation network;
- work to advance multi-modal transportation options in the Region with a focus on providing input on the Regional Cycling Plan;
- provide advice on the Region's work to advance active and safe school travel, including cycling safety and education programs; and
- continue to engage with and provide support to the Region's Vision Zero initiative as well as Envision Durham.

R. Lalonde responded to questions from the Committee.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2020-P-4 at this time.

6.2 Reports

B) Durham Active Transportation Committee 2019 Annual Report and DATC 2020 Workplan (2020-P-4)

Report #2020-P-4 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(19) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2020-P-4 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2019 Annual Report;
- B) That the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2020 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-P-4; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2020-P-4 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, Conservation Authorities and the Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

5. **Presentations**

There were no presentations.

6. **Planning**

6.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from Mitch Morawetz, President, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, re: Bill 156 – Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(20) That the correspondence from Mitch Morawetz, President, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, re: Bill 156 – Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019, be referred to staff for a report.
CARRIED

6.2 Reports

- A) Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-3)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 5 of these minutes.

- B) Durham Active Transportation Committee 2019 Annual Report and DATC 2020 Workplan (2020-P-4)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 6 of these minutes.

- C) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan (2020-P-5)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to pages 3 and 4 of these minutes.

7. **Economic Development**

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Economic Development reports to consider.

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 Well Water Testing and the Regional Well Interference Policy

Councillor John Neal inquired about the Region's processes related to well water testing and the Regional well interference policy.

B. Bridgeman advised in terms of well water testing, if a homeowner on a well has a concern or a complaint the Planning and Economic Development Department has been instructed to direct them to call the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. He also advised that the Regional well interference policy deals with Regional construction projects and is administered by the Regional Works Department.

Questions were also raised with respect to whether the area municipalities have a well interference policy; and whether the Regional well interference policy applies to plans of subdivision.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(21) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Neal, Vice-Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk