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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 in Room 1-G, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:04 PM.

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
S. Clearwater, Whitby  
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair  
K. Murray, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:21 PM  
D. Sallans, Member at Large  
B. Shipp, Member at Large  
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large  
D. Upadhyay, Youth Member  
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby attended the meeting at 7:35 PM

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock  
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
G. Layton, Oshawa  
M. Thompson, Ajax

#### Staff

Present: A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by D. Sallans, Seconded by S. Clearwater,  
That the agenda for the March 12, 2020 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by B. Shipp,  
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,  
February 20, 2020, be adopted.  
CARRIED

In response to a question from the February 20, 2020 DEAC meeting regarding potential funding that the Town of Whitby received for declaring a climate change emergency, Councillor Yamada confirmed that the Town of Whitby did not receive any funding.

### 4. Presentations

#### A) Transportation Demand Management: The Climate Connection – Victor Copetti & Alia Tulloch, Durham Transportation Planning

Victor Copetti and Alia Tulloch, Durham Transportation Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Transportation Demand Management: The Climate Connection.

Highlights from their presentation included:

- What is Transportation Demand Management (TDM)?
- What Would it Take to Get You to Drive Less Often?
- Why Manage Transportation Demand?
- Benefits of Managing Transportation Demand
- Topics
  - Smart Commute
  - Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST)
  - TDM and New Development
  - Freight and Goods Movement
- Smart Commute (Durham Region's TDM Program for Employers and Commuters)
  - What is Smart Commute?
  - Smart Commute Durham
  - What Do Smart Commute Members Do?
  - How Does Durham Region Support Smart Commute Members?
  - Case Study: Elexicon Energy
  - Smart Commute and the Climate Connection
- Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST)
  - ASST Overview
  - What Does the Region Do?
  - Case Study #1 – R.H. Cornish P.S. (Scugog)
  - Case Study #2 – Beaverton P.S. (Beaverton)
  - Beyond Durham – Kingston High School Transit Pilot
  - ASST – The Climate Connection

- Opportunities
- TDM and New Development
  - Potential Benefits of Integrating TDM into New Developments
  - Example: Waterloo Region TDM Checklist
  - The Climate Connection
- Freight and Goods Movement
  - Freight and Goods Movement Overview
  - What Does the Region Do?
  - Beyond Durham – The Region of Peel
  - The Pembina Institute on Freight/Goods Movement
  - Freight/Good Movement – The Climate Connection
  - Opportunities
- Why Manage Transportation Demand?

V. Copetti responded to questions from the Committee regarding areas in Durham Region that are not cycle friendly; whether the snow removal schedules (particularly sidewalks) are considered during the ASST review, and whether shifting the sidewalk snow removal requirement back to the local municipalities instead of the homeowners would result in the sidewalks being cleared earlier; and what Durham Region's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are.

A. Luqman advised that she would look into the formula that is used to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

A. Tulloch responded to questions from the Committee regarding how businesses would get involved in the Smart Commute program; whether Durham staff are approaching the larger employers to get involved in the Smart Commute program, or whether it is a self-generating initiative; and whether developers would be penalized for not meeting all of the criteria of the TDM Checklist.

## **5. Items for Discussion/Input**

### **A) Update from Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee**

J. Cuthbertson provided an update on the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee and advised they will be moving to the editing stage shortly. He also advised that the Committee is aiming to have the guide complete by September 2020.

### **B) Update from Environmental Awards Subcommittee**

K. Lui provided an update on the Environmental Awards and advised that the award winners do not have to be approved through the Planning & Economic Development Committee and Regional Council which helps with the timelines. She advised that the ads can go out April 1, 2020, requesting that nominations be returned by June 15, 2020. These timelines would give the

subcommittee the summer to review the nominations. The subcommittee will then present the nominees to the DEAC in September, with the ceremony being held in the Fall (October).

C) Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution

D. Upadhyay advised that Works Department staff will hand out the seed packets at the Annual Compost Giveaway Days in May. He advised that the Ontario Seed Company offered the best price. He also advised that it may be a good idea to have a DEAC representative at each compost giveaway event. A. Luqman advised that she will look into packaging for the seeds and whether t-shirts would be available for the DEAC members to wear at the events.

Moved by D. Upadhyay, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,  
That the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) move forward with any remaining steps needed to complete the Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution project, in order to have the seed packets ready to be distributed at the Annual Compost Giveaway Days in May.

CARRIED

**6. For Information**

A) Commissioner's Report #2020-P-3 – Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Workplan

A copy of Report #2020-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

G. Carpentier advised that his presentation to the Planning & Economic Development Committee on March 3, 2020 went very well and was followed by numerous questions from the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

B) Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, re: Municipality Notification Regarding Proposed Regulatory Changes Under the *Aggregate Resources Act*

A copy of the correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding municipality notification regarding proposed regulatory changes under the *Aggregate Resources Act* was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

C) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-9 – Blackstock Landfill Mining Pilot Project

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-9 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-10 – 2019 Source Water Protection Annual Report

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-10 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

S. Clearwater raised concerns with how pesticide use is reported in Durham Region. S. Clearwater advised that she would follow-up with Works staff regarding her concerns and report back to the Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by K. Murray,  
That Information Items 7A) to 7D) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Other Business**

A) 2019 KPMG Aviation Sector Analysis

In response to a question, A. Luqman advised that the 2019 KPMG Aviation Sector Analysis is available to the public and she will email it to the Committee.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**9. Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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S. Penak, Committee Clerk