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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Bath-Hadden
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Highet
Councillor Kerr attended the meeting at 9:31 AM
Councillor Lee
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry
*** all members of Committee, except Councillor Joe Neal and Regional Chair Henry, participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Drew attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Foster attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Mulcahy

Absent: Councillor Ryan, Chair, was absent due to illness

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
C. Bandel, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Cooke, GIS Analyst
L. Fleury, Legislative Officer, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
S. Jones, Manager, Data, Mapping and Graphics
A. Luqman, Project Planner
G. Muller, Director of Planning
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
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
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation
G. Williams, Director, Corporate Communications
A. Yearwood, Project Planner
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(32) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Presentations

6.1 Aneesah Luqman, Project Planner, and Andrew Cooke, GIS Analyst, re: Durham
Region Profile – Demographics and Socio-Economic Data (2020-INFO-44)

G. Muller advised that Report #2020-INFO-44, Durham Region Profile – Demographics and Socio-Economic Data, was included in the May 15, 2020, Council Information Package. He also advised that it includes a comprehensive overview of demographic and socio-economic data concerning Durham's population, social characteristics, households, employment, education, income and agriculture. The 2016 census was the central source of information in the profile, as well as data from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and research conducted by the Planning Division. He outlined some interesting facts and he advised that the Durham Profile is also provided in an online format to allow users to customize queries.

A. Luqman and A. Cooke provided an overview and demonstration of the online dashboard and they advised that it is available on the Regional website at: durham.ca/durhamprofile.

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clara Conforti, to permit a contractor's yard and office uses in the Major Open Space Areas designation at 4560 Thickson Road North in the Town of Whitby, File: OPA 2016-003 (2020-P-12)
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Report #2020-P-12 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

- (33) That the order of the Agenda be altered to consider Report #2020-P-12 at the end of the Other Business section of the Agenda.

CARRIED

- B) Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law) (2020-P-13)
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Report #2020-P-13 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the process for establishing fines; enforcement of the Regional Woodland By-law; area municipal tree by-laws; coordination with area municipalities; when the new by-law would come into force; consultation with area municipal agricultural advisory committees; whether there are any outstanding concerns from the agricultural community; the definition of normal farm practices; whether there is an exemption for agricultural operations; and whether the new by-law would apply to the Durham Regional Official Plan amendment submitted by Clara Conforti, File: OPA 2016-003.

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

- (34) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Woodland By-law, as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-P-13 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, be passed;

- B) That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to submit an application to the Regional Senior Justice of the Province of Ontario seeking Part 1 offences to this By-law for set fines and short form wordings; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2020-P-13 and the By-law be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF); the Region's Conservation Authorities; the Region's Area Municipalities; the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC); the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC); local forest practitioners; and members of the public who have expressed interest.

CARRIED LATER IN THE MEETING (See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

- (35) That the foregoing motion (34) of Councillors Brenner and Lee be tabled to consider Report #2020-P-13 after the consideration of Report #2020-P-12.

DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee

No

Councillor Bath-Hadden
Councillor Brenner
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Hight
Councillor Yamada
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

The foregoing main motion (34) of Councillors Brenner and Lee was then put to a vote and CARRIED.

8. Economic Development

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

There were no Economic Development reports to consider.

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Dorsay Development Corporation Request for a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) for Lands in Northeast Pickering

Councillor Lee asked staff to comment on the City of Pickering's request for a Minister's Zoning Order for lands in northeast Pickering.

B. Bridgeman advised that he will be bringing forward a report at the July 29, 2020 Regional Council meeting regarding the request by Dorsay Development Corporation. He explained that staff have some concerns from a Regional Planning perspective and the request would have an impact on the Municipal Comprehensive Review process.

B. Bridgeman responded to questions with respect to the impact if the Minister's Zoning Order is enacted before the July 29th Regional Council meeting; and the process for approving Minister's Zoning Orders.

Councillor Lee expressed concerns on behalf of the Town of Ajax about a potential Minister's Zoning Order. Councillor Brenner advised that the City of Pickering has given direction to staff to use an interim control by-law to ensure that the Town of Ajax is satisfied with any matters pertaining to the watershed on Carruthers Creek.

11.2 Current State of the Building Industry in Durham Region

Councillor Joe Neal asked if a report about the current state of the building industry in Durham Region will be presented at the July 29, 2020 Regional Council meeting.

B. Bridgeman advised that he has spoken with the Executive Director of the Durham Region Home Builders' Association (DRHBA) regarding the information Council would like about the impact of the pandemic on the building industry. He also advised that the DRHBA is willing to undertake a survey of their members on behalf of the Region. He noted that a report will not be ready for the July 29th Regional Council meeting.

The order of the Agenda was altered earlier in the meeting to consider Report #2020-P-12 at this time. [See motion (33) on page 3 of these minutes.]

7. Planning

7.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clara Conforti, to permit a contractor's yard and office uses in the Major Open Space Areas designation at 4560 Thickson Road North in the Town of Whitby, File: OPA 2016-003 (2020-P-12)
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Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,

- (36) That the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider a matter of litigation or potential litigation, including matters before an administrative tribunal, and to receive advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege relating to an application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan submitted by Clara Conforti, File: OPA 2016-003.

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Highet,

- (37) That Committee recess for 5 minutes.

CARRIED

Committee recessed at 10:21 AM and reconvened at 10:28 AM.

(Refer to the closed Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of July 7, 2020)

Councillor Joe Neal advised that in the closed meeting session staff responded to questions with respect to the appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and the recommendations contained in the confidential memorandum. He further advised that during the closed session, there were no decisions, motions or recommendations made as it relates to Report #2020-P-12.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

- (39) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and the Director of Legal Services or their designates be authorized to attend the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) proceedings of the proponent's appeal of OPA 2016-003 to seek the dismissal of the proponent's appeal; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Director of Legal Services be authorized to resolve matters of Regional interest relating to this application at the LPAT proceedings on behalf of Regional Council.

CARRIED

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(40) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Neal, Vice-Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk