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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, December 1, 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 Ryan, Chair  
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:34 AM  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\* all members of Committee, except Regional Chair Henry, participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Wotten

Absent: Councillor Bath-Hadden, was absent due to illness

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
B. Anderson, Principal Planner  
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism  
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies  
L. Huinink, Director, Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
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  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(67) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development  
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 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 Gary Muller, Director of Planning, and Colleen Goodchild, Manager, Policy  
Planning and Special Studies, re: Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Policy  
Directions (2020-P-27) [Item 7.2 A)]

G. Muller and C. Goodchild provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the  
details of Report #2020-P-27 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic  
Development. Highlights of their presentation included:

- Background
- What is an MTSA?
- Policy Context
- Vision and General Policies
- MTSA Overview – Existing and Proposed MTSA's in Durham Region
- Delineation Considerations
- Policy Directions – Overview
- Implementation
- Next Steps and Conclusions

G. Muller responded to a question with respect to the rationale for not permitting  
service stations within proximity of Major Transit Station Areas.

## 7. Planning

### 7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

### 7.2 Reports

#### A) Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Policy Directions (2020-P-27)

Report #2020-P-27 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(68) That Report #2020-P-27 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

#### B) Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update, Public Consultation Process (2020-P-28)

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Report #2020-P-28 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received. A revised recommendation was displayed for members of the Committee.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the possibility of staff reporting back to Committee if there is limited public participation at the virtual public open houses; and the process for requesting Council to rescind its previous decision.

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

- A) That, subject to a two-thirds majority vote, Council be requested to rescind its previous decision to pause the public comment period for the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update until the COVID-19 emergency state is lifted by all levels of government and to hold an in-person Public Open House once the emergency state is lifted by all levels of government;
- B) That the public consultation and comment period for the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan be resumed, starting on January 4, 2021 and concluding on March 19, 2021;
- C) That the proposed dates and format for two virtual Public Open Houses as described in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-P-28 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be endorsed; and

- D) That a copy of Report #2020-P-28 be forwarded to the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, and to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for further distribution to the Carruthers Creek Watershed Update interested parties list.

CARRIED

C) Re-Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (2020-P-29)

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Report #2020-P-29 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

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

- A) That Mr. Johan van 't Hof be re-nominated to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board of Directors as Durham Region's municipal representative for a three-year term; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2020-P-29 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be forwarded to the GTAA.

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 Agreement with the Owner of the Durham Live Lands

Councillor Joe Neal inquired about the status of the agreement with the Owner of the Durham Live lands. Councillor Ryan advised that there is an agreement in place between the developer of the Durham Live lands and the Toronto and

Region Conservation Authority. He also advised that they are currently looking at alternative sites and there is ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

B. Bridgeman responded to questions with respect to whether the Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) overrides the jurisdiction of the Conservation Authority. He also responded to questions with respect to whether the proposed development of a Home Hardware in Bowmanville would require a permit from the Conservation Authority if an MZO is issued.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 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 Lee,  
(71) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Ryan, Chair

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T. Fraser, Committee Clerk