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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McLean  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:52 AM  
Regional Chair Henry

**\* all members of Council, except the Regional Chair, participated electronically**

Councillor Schummer appeared on behalf of Councillor Bath-Hadden as the alternate for the Township of Brock

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 1 PM due to municipal business

Councillors Smith and Schummer left the meeting at 2:25 PM due to municipal business

Councillor Drew left the meeting at 2:57 PM due to municipal business

#### Staff

Present: S. Austin\*, C. Bandel\*, E. Baxter-Trahair, D. Beaton\*, B. Bridgeman\*, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou\*, J. Demanuele\*, S. Gill\*, D. Holmes\*, J. Hunt\*, R. Inacio, J. Kilgour\*, R.J. Kyle\*, R. Razvi\*, K. Ryan\*, S. Salomone\*, S. Siopis\*, N. Taylor\*, C. Tennisco\*, S. Glover\*, N. Prasad and R. Walton  
\*denotes staff participating electronically

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. **Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

## 4. **Delegations**

### 4.1 Stephen Lund, CEO, and Daniel Hengeveld, Vice-President of Investment Attraction, Toronto Global, re: Toronto Global Annual Update (2021-COW-1) [Item 7.A]

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Stephen Lund, CEO, Daniel Hengeveld, Vice-President of Investment Attraction and Janet Ecker, Board Vice-Chair appeared on behalf of Toronto Global and provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Toronto Global Annual Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2020-21 Business Plan Highlights
- Effects of the Global Pandemic
- Collaboration with Durham Region
- Key Initiatives

S. Lund stated that the 2020-21 Business Plan sets out a strategy for the organization to meet the challenges of the pandemic, prioritize the 905, and ensure the Toronto Region remains top of mind globally. He provided an overview of the initiatives.

D. Hengeveld stated that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a profound impact on the economy and provided an overview of some of the effects. He stated that Toronto Global continues to engage Durham Region by assisting with research needs, leveraging marketing and communications capabilities to promote Durham Region's assets, and continuing communication between staff around investment leads.

D. Hengeveld also stated that some of Toronto Global's key initiatives are as follows: focusing on key sectors and areas; targeted campaign for Durham's advantages; and increasing Durham's profile on the international stage.

S. Lund, D. Hengeveld and J. Ecker responded to questions of the committee.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(1) That the Committee recess for 1 hour.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:32 AM and reconvened at 12:30 PM.

Following the recess, the Clerk conducted a roll call and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Kerr and Lee.

## **5. Presentations**

### **5.1 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health re: Verbal Update on COVID-19**

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Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to a verbal update on COVID-19.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Current Status
- Outbreaks
- Outbreaks – Workplaces & Group Homes
- Exposure Source of COVID-19
- Overview of the Health Department's response activities as of December 31, 2020
- COVID-19 Response Framework Indicators
- COVID-19 Vaccines for Ontario
- COVID-19 Vaccines in Durham Region
- Health Department Resources

R.J. Kyle responded to questions with regards to the number of Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Homes in Durham; timelines for all residents and staff of LTC and Retirement Homes to be vaccinated; whether Durham Region staff will be administering vaccines during the later vaccination stage; reasons behind why restrictions have not been more effective; what changes are to be expected with the current state of emergency announced by the province and whether there will be enforcement of the new restrictions.

R.J. Kyle also responded to questions with regards to whether more information will be provided on the data tracker with regards to outbreaks in workplaces; reasons why first responders are not given priority with regards to vaccinations; the type of facilities that will be required to facilitate mass vaccinations; the focus on total cases as opposed to active cases on the tracker; update on the outbreak at the Sunnycrest Nursing Home; details regarding discussions between Lakeridge Health and the COVID-19 Long Term Care Commission; and the number of COVID-19 deaths not related to those in LTC Homes.

Councillor Yamada questioned Dr. Kyle regarding the discrepancy in numbers reported on the Durham Region tracker (29) and the tracker on the provincial webpage (34) with regards to the deaths related to COVID-19 at the Sunnycrest Nursing Home. Dr. Kyle advised he would look into this and provide the information to Councillor Yamada directly.

5.2 Riaz Razvi, Broadband Specialist, re: Regional Broadband Network, Applications for Provincial and Federal Funding (2021-COW-2) [Item 7.B)]

Riaz Razvi, Broadband Specialist, Ivano Labricciosa, Scott Barker, and Catrina Hughes Matchett, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Regional Broadband Network and Applications for Provincial and Federal Funding.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Broadband Concepts
  - Analogy to Road Network
  - Common Terms
  - Typical Access Methods
  - Emerging Technologies
  - Fibre Optic Technology
  - Fibre Installation Methods
- Project Partner Introduction
  - OPUC Services Overview
  - Uniquely Positioned to Support Durham
- Report Overview: 2021-COW-2
  - Committee of the Whole Report: Summary
  - Report Purpose

- Background
- Regional Broadband Network: Conceptual Design
- Current Funding Opportunities
- ICON Project Summary
- ICON Project Financials
- Municipal Services Corporation
- Project Risks
- Next Steps

R. Razvi provided an explanation of what broadband technology is and an explanation of common terms used. He provided an overview of the following typical access methods: DSL; cable; fibre; fixed wireless; mobile wireless; and satellite, as well as the following emerging technologies: 5G; low earth orbit satellites. He noted that fibre optic technology has been used for a long time and can be installed using any of the following methods: aerial, trenching, discretionary drilling and plowing.

I. Labricciosa, Oshawa PUC, provided an overview of the Oshawa PUC and identified the various ways they are positioned to support Durham.

R. Razvi stated that the Region's broadband strategy highlights the need to pursue broadband funding programs offered by other levels of government. He stated that the vision is premised on a high speed fibreoptic backbone which, when complete, will enable all of Durham's hamlets to be connected. He stated that the two current funding opportunities are a provincial grant program (ICON) and a federal grant program (UBF) and advised that staff is preparing a single project proposal to apply for both. He provided an overview of the ICON Project summary, financials and risks.

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether there will be restrictions to working with other companies; and the possibility of having to invest more money in the future.

## **6. Correspondence**

There were no communication items to be considered.

## **7. Reports**

### **A) Toronto Global Update and Annual Report 2019/2020 (2021-COW-1)**

Report #2021-COW-1 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether there were investments from companies outside of Toronto Global in 2020; the cost to market Durham Region without Toronto Global; whether there are other agencies that can be used with regards to services related to investment opportunities; whether the fee paid to Toronto Global is proportionate to size; pros and cons to the renewal and/or cancellation of the agreement with Toronto Global.; the amount of handoffs received from Toronto Global in 2020; and the relationship between Toronto Global and Invest Toronto.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Smit,  
(2) That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2021-COW-1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, be received for information.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED  
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McLean  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Collier  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor Schummer

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

B) Regional Broadband Network, Applications for Provincial and Federal Funding (2021-COW-2)

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Report #2021-COW-2 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

(3) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That staff be directed to take the necessary steps to finalize and submit the Region's final application for broadband funding under the Province's Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program;
- B) That staff be directed to take the necessary steps to submit an application for broadband funding under the Federal Government's Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) program, and to the extent possible given eligibility criteria, seek stacked funding for a proposed project scope detailed in the ICON application;
- C) That the Director of Legal Services be directed to examine the implications of creating a Municipal Services Corporation for Durham Region with a mandate of addressing the digital divide in Durham Region through the delivery of a ubiquitous, affordable and inclusive broadband network, supported by the procurement of professional legal, debenture, tax and financial advisory services at a value not to exceed \$175,000; and that 2021 prebudget approval for the \$175,000 be granted, and report back prior to the 2021 summer Council recess;
- D) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into a Definitive Agreement between the Region and its broadband funding co-applicant Oshawa Power & Utilities Corporation (OPUC), to proceed with the proposed Regional Broadband Network projects identified in the ICON and UBF applications, subject to government funding being received and subject to Regional Council committing the necessary funds to proceed with the project(s);
- E) That the Regional Chair be authorized to share a summary of the submitted applications in a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments highlighting the importance of broadband connectivity with Durham's unserved and underserved communities and advocating for program funding to ensure project advancement;
- F) That a copy of Report #2021-COW-2 be provided to the Area Municipalities and all of Durham Region's MPPs and MPs; and

- G) That staff be directed to report back to Council once the broadband funding applications have been approved together with recommendations to approve the project along with the financial contributions required of the Region and OPUC to advance the Regional Broadband Network.

CARRIED

**8. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
(4) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Henry, Regional Chair

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Committee Clerk