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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in 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 Mitchell, Chair
Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair
Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Regional Chair Henry
***all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Dies
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Wotten

Absent: None

Staff
Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
G. Anello, Director of Waste Management
J. Demanuele, Director of Business Services, Works Department
J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services –
Legal Services
R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services
J. Paquette, Manager (Works), Corporate Communications
J. Presta, Director of Environmental Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works
C. Tennesco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(27) That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, February 3, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations.

7. Waste

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. dated February 11, 2021, re:
Leader in Sustainability Award – Durham Region

G. Anello provided remarks regarding the Leader in Sustainability Award that the Region received and stated that 5,566 kilograms of batteries were recycled last year. He recognized Peter Viega, Manager, Waste Management, Angelo Novis, Supervisor, Solid Waste, Stephen Laird, Waste Technician, and Carol Slaughter, Waste Technician, who were involved in the program.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Smith,
(28) That the correspondence from Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. dated February 11, 2021, re: Leader in Sustainability Award – Durham Region be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated February 19, 2021, re:
Correspondence from Wendy Bracken and Linda Gasser Regarding Durham
Region's Plan to Potentially Use Bottom Ash from the Durham/York Incinerator in
a Road Reconstruction Pilot Project in Clarington

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,

- (29) That the correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated February 19, 2021, re: Correspondence from Wendy Bracken and Linda Gasser Regarding Durham Region's Plan to Potentially Use Bottom Ash from the Durham/York Incinerator in a Road Reconstruction Pilot Project in Clarington be referred to staff for a response.

CARRIED

- C) Correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated February 22, 2021, re: Air Quality Monitoring
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Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,

- (30) That the correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated February 22, 2021, re: Air Quality Monitoring be referred to staff for a response.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Municipality of Clarington Resolution #GG-029-21 Regarding Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) Terms of Reference (2021-WR-4)
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Report #2021-WR-4 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

- (31) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the motion (#GG-029-21) from the Municipality of Clarington to amend the Terms of Reference for the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee such that the Committee's recommendations go to Regional Council instead of the Regional Municipality of Durham's Works Committee not be approved; and
- B) That the Municipality of Clarington be notified of Regional Council's decision.

CARRIED

- B) Durham York Energy Centre Operations – Long-Term Sampling System Update (2021-WR-5)
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Report #2021-WR-5 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

G. Anello provided an overview of the operations and reporting of the Long-Term Sampling System at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding different variables that might affect the air quality readings on a daily basis; whether St. Mary's

Cement has made any upgrades on their facility to reduce air pollution, and what standards they are held compared to the standards the DYEC is held to; and when the AMESA tests results will be made available to the public.

In response to a question from the Committee with regards to whether the Municipality of Clarington will be made aware of Report #2021-WR-5 of the Commissioner of Works, staff advised that they would summarize the information and forward it to them directly.

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(32) That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2021-WR-5 of the Commissioner of Works be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Works

8.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from the Town of Ajax dated February 24, 2021, re: Gas-Fired Electricity

Councillor Crawford advised that the following resolution came out of a presentation from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance organization that appeared before the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) Committee on January 15, 2021, and she felt it was important that the Town of Ajax put forward a motion to support it.

Concerns were raised regarding the elimination of gas-fired power plants and the sole reliance on solar and wind power without a full review of those systems as a replacement for gas-fired power plants.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(33) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the correspondence from the Town of Ajax dated February 24, 2021, re: Gas-Fired Electricity be received for information;

And further that:

- B) That the concerns of the Town of Ajax regarding the projected increase in greenhouse gas emissions be endorsed and that the Province be requested to review all options to avoid any increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Councillor Mitchell, Chair

None

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

8.2 Reports

A) The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2020 Summary Report (2021-W-11)

Report #2021-W-11 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff provided clarification regarding the compliance issue noted in the Town of Sunderland; and the staff process after a resident has reported a chemical taste in their drinking water.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(34) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the 2020 Summary Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham Drinking Water Systems be received for information;
- B) That receipt of Report #2021-W-11 of the Commissioner of Works be confirmed by resolution of Regional Council; and
- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' York-Durham District Office to indicate the conditions of Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been fulfilled.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

10.1 Reports

- A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – Litigation or Potential Litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Regional Corporation, with respect to a s. 24 Settlement Agreement under the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26, for Lands Acquired to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Regional Road 2 (Kingston Road), in the City of Pickering (2021-W-12)
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Confidential Report #2021-W-12 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(35) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2021-W-12 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

- 11.1 Memorandum from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services dated February 25, 2021, re: Resolution adopted by Regional Council at its meeting held on February 24, 2021
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Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(36) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the memorandum from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services dated February 25, 2021, re: Resolution adopted by Regional Council at its meeting held on February 24, 2021 be received for information;

And further that:

- B) That notwithstanding the current Durham Region Council position supporting the Lake Simcoe option, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham requests that, if the Lake Ontario solution is selected in lieu of the Lake Simcoe option, that the Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) Order that ALL environmental benefits and conditions proposed for the UYSS related to the Lake Simcoe option, including best management practices and science for the Great Lakes and consultations with First Nations, be required at the Duffin Water Pollution Control Plant (DWPCP) and that the Province lead the research and study to advance best practices related to nutrient management for the Great Lakes; and

That taxpayers and users in Durham must be protected from any financial implications of this decision including the costs of the accelerated expansion

of the Duffin Creek WPCP due to the addition of this unplanned capacity requirement.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A
RECORDED VOTE
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(37) That the main motion (36) of Councillor McLean and Councillor Crawford be amended by adding the words “the Province orders” after the word “if” and before the word “the” in the third line; and by deleting the words “is selected” after the words “Lake Ontario solution”, and replacing the word “that” with the word “then” before the words “the Minister”.

CARRIED

The main motion (36) of Councillor McLean and Councillor Crawford was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Councillor Mitchell, Chair

None

Members Absent: Councillor Marimpietri

Declarations of Interest: None

11.2 Jake Brake Signs

Councillor John Neal requested that staff investigate putting “No Jake Brake” signs on Simcoe Street North in the Hamlet of Columbus, and liaise with staff at the City of Oshawa. S. Siopis advised that staff would review this request.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(38) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mitchell, Chair

S. Glover, Committee Clerk