

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Member at Large
D. Nguyen, Youth Member
S. Panchal, Youth Member
A. Panday, Post-Secondary Member
B. Shipp, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:14 PM
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby attended the meeting at 7:16 PM

***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Ashe left the meeting at 7:50 PM
Councillor Dies

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair
M. Thompson, Ajax

Staff

Present: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
G. Muller, Director of Planning, Planning & Economic Development Department
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Samuel, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst, Planning & Economic
Development Department

Chair Carpentier announced the resignation of C. Doody-Hamilton and congratulated her on her appointment as a Council member at the City of Pickering.

2. Election of Officers for 2022

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That G. Carpentier be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by K. Lui,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Subsequent to the meeting, G. Carpentier advised that he would stand.

G. Carpentier was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

Election of the DEAC First and Second Vice-Chairs

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, called for nominations for the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That J. Cuthbertson be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of
the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That G. Layton be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Subsequent to the meeting, J. Cuthbertson and G. Layton advised that they would stand.

J. Cuthbertson and G. Layton were acclaimed to the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair, respectively.

G. Carpentier assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the revised agenda for the January 20, 2022 DEAC meeting,
as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
November 18, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

A) Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, regarding DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, provided a delegation with regards to the proposed DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt.

H. Brenner stated that she has followed the work that was done by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) that culminated in the TRCA Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan 2021-2031. She stated that the study concluded the watershed to be already stressed with issues of land erosion, flooding, and poor water quality, which makes it a critical environmental issue. She stated that she feels that failure to protect this land would be a flagrant disregard of the challenges the land has already experienced.

H. Brenner also stated that there is the crisis of accelerating climate change and wildlife loss that if left unchecked, will lead to catastrophic consequences of both humans and wildlife. She stated that in 2010, Canada and 200 other countries entered into the Global Diversity Treaty with the United Nations to protect 17 percent of the planet's land and inland waters by 2020 with the goal of achieving 30 percent by 2030 as recommended by scientists. She stated that Ontario is lagging behind with less than 11 percent of land being protected. She feels that the Region must seize this opportunity to expand protected areas and add Carruthers Creek Headwaters to the Greenbelt.

H. Brenner stated that failing to be good stewards will compound the growing challenges and requested that the committee support the resolution to have the Carruthers Creek Headwaters added to the Greenbelt.

7. Presentations

A) Update on the Durham Meadoway, Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst

Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to an Update on the Durham Meadoway.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Meadoway – DEAC Project Update
- Project Description
- Study Area
- Context
- Precedent
- Inspiration
- The Gatineau Hydro Corridor
- Work To-Date
- Durham Meadoway Plan RFP

A. Tulloch stated that the Durham Meadoway will be a 27-kilometre trail stretching from Rouge National Urban Park to Simcoe Street, and across communities in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa. She stated that in addition to being an active transportation facility, it will create community spaces; help with environmental restoration and education; and will provide placemaking opportunities.

A. Tulloch provided an illustration of a map of the Corridor Study Area as well as the Greater Study Area. She stated that the Durham Meadoway represents the opportunity to address the needs of the swiftly growing community and helps the Region achieve strategic goals such as encouraging healthy lifestyles; addressing climate change and traffic congestion; and enhancing economic prosperity. She advised that the project was inspired by a similar TRCA project in Toronto and that currently 10 kilometres of the Meadoway Trail has been constructed and 4 hectares of native meadow habitat has been restored.

A. Tulloch also stated that the Region is currently seeking the services of a qualified consultant to develop a plan to guide the development of the Durham Meadoway through a competitive RFP process. The RFP closes on January 27, 2022 and she stated that it is anticipated that the project will commence in 2022.

A. Tulloch responded to questions with regards to whether any studies have been done regarding static electricity in different weather conditions; whether the Meadoway will be restricted to meadow or whether there will be allowances for other plants (bushes, saskatoons); how much area is covered; and the maintenance of the Meadoway once established.

8. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Collaboration Opportunity re: TD Park People Grants Program, Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst

A. Tulloch advised that there is an opportunity for DEAC and the Durham Meadoway project team to collaborate on or cross-promote community engagement activities this summer. She advised that there may be external funding for projects related to parks or environmental education that could support joint community engagement activities such as the TD Park People Grants Program 2022, which is a grant program that provides up to \$2,000 for projects that promote environmental education, sustainability and stewardship in Canada's parks and green spaces. She advised that applications are due February 28, 2022 and are open to community groups.

A. Luqman advised that one idea that aligns with the TD Park People Grants Program 2022 is the bee pollinator program and requested that the committee advise her of their interest.

B) DEAC Resolution re: Including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the proposed resolution and background information on the Importance of the Carruthers Creek Watershed resolution was attached as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudry,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Regional Council support the inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt Plan and that the Ministers of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and Municipal Affairs and Housing be notified.

CARRIED

C) Agents of Change Project – Call for Applications

A. Luqman advised that the Agents of Change Grants Program is geared towards volunteer engagement. She inquired whether the committee would be interested to collaborate and whether there are any projects that would require a volunteer program.

D) Durham Environmental Achievement Awards – Next Steps

A. Luqman inquired what the committee's thoughts were with regards to the frequency of the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards.

Discussion ensued with regards the advantages and disadvantages of the Awards being held annually or every two years and it was the consensus of the committee to have the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards held every 2 years with the next one being held in 2023.

E) Brock Environmental Advisory Committee – Collaboration Opportunities

A. Luqman inquired whether the Committee had any ideas as to how they could engage with the Brock Environmental Advisory Committee and requested that committee members advise her by email.

9. For Information

A) Report #2022-P-3: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan

A copy of Report #2022-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

B) Notice of Completion – DYEC Throughput Increase from 140,000 to 160,000 Tonnes per year

A copy of the Notice of Completion regarding Durham York Energy Throughput Increase was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

C) Environmental Registry for Ontario (ERO 019-4093) entitled "Amending the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the management of native species"

A copy of the Environmental Registry for Ontario (ERO 019-4093) entitled "Amending the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the management of native species" was provided as a link.

- D) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan
- A copy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan was provided as a link.
- E) Report #2021-P-26: Decision Meeting Report – Durham Regional Official Plan Amendment #186 to establish the policy framework for Protected Major Transit Station Areas
- A copy of Report #2021-P-26 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.
- F) Report #2021-INFO-130: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Fall Webinar Series
- A copy of Report #2021-INFO-130 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.
- G) Report #2021-INFO-121 Consultation Summary for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040
- A copy of Report #2021-INFO-121 of the Commissioner of Works was provided as a link.
- H) Report #2021-INFO-123: Phase 1 Regulations to Implement Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, under Bill 229, the Protect, Support and recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020
- A copy of Report #2021-INFO-123 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.
- I) Sustainable Great Lakes: A Regional Assessment of Sustainability in the Binational Great Lakes Megaregion – Council of the Great Lakes Region
- A copy of the document titled “Sustainable Great Lakes – A Regional Assessment of Sustainability in the Binational Great Lakes Megaregion” was provided as a link.
- J) The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada
- A copy of The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy Brief was provided as a link.

K) The \$2 Trillion Transition: Canada's Road to Net Zero – RBC Thought Leadership

A copy of the document titled "The \$2 Trillion Transition: Canada's Road to Net Zero – RBC Thought Leadership" was provided as a link.

L) Sink or Swim – Transforming Canada's economy for a global low-carbon future – Canadian Institute for Climate Choices

A copy of the document titled "Sink or Swim – Transforming Canada's economy for a global low-carbon future" was provided as a link.

M) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes of December 14th, 2021 meeting

A copy of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

N) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change – Minutes of November 19th meeting

A copy of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change minutes from the November 19, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

O) Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee – Minutes of November 23rd meeting

A copy of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That Information Items 9. A) to 9. O) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

A) David Steele, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Steele was provided as Attachment #4 to the Addendum.

B) Mike Borie, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Borie was provided as Attachment #5 to the Addendum.

- C) Despina Melohe, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Melohe was provided as Attachment #6 to the Addendum.

- D) Rev. Susan Spicer, St. George's Anglican Church, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Rev. S. Spicer was provided as Attachment #7 to the Addendum.

- E) Kathleen Ffolliott, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Ffolliott was provided as Attachment #8 to the Addendum.

- F) Leigh Paulseth, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Paulseth was provided as Attachment #9 to the Addendum.

- G) Kim Macpherson, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Macpherson was provided as Attachment #10 to the Addendum.

- H) Susie Healy, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Healy was provided as Attachment #11 to the Addendum.

- I) Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Gasser was provided as Attachment #12 to the Addendum.

- J) Pat Valentine, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from P. Valentine was provided as Attachment #13 to the Addendum.

- K) Debbie Anderson, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Anderson was provided as Attachment #14 to the Addendum.

- L) Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from H. Brenner was provided as Attachment #15 to the Addendum.

- M) Lynn Laflamme, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Laflamme was provided as Attachment #16 to the Addendum.

- N) Judith Mann, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Mann was provided as Attachment #17 to the Addendum.

- O) Wendy and Gord Duncan, Pickering residents, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from W. Duncan and G. Duncan was provided as Attachment #18 to the Addendum.

- P) Kathi Bracken, Oshawa resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Bracken was provided as Attachment #19 to the Addendum.

- Q) Sally Thurlow, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Thurlow was provided as Attachment #20 to the Addendum.

- R) Tammy Atkinson, Oshawa resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Atkinson was provided as Attachment #21 to the Addendum.

- S) Mayor Shaun Collier, Town of Ajax, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Mayor Shaun Collier was provided as Attachment #22 to the Addendum.

- T) Elizabeth Calvin, Green Durham Association, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from E. Calvin was provided as Attachment #23 to the Addendum.

- U) Paul Woodcroft, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from P. Woodcroft was provided as Attachment #24 to the Addendum.

- V) Ted Bieler, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Bieler was provided as Attachment #25 to the Addendum.

- W) Kashif Baig, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Baig was provided as Attachment #26 to the Addendum.

- X) Councillor Lisa Bower, Town of Ajax, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Councillor Lisa Bower was provided as Attachment #27 to the Addendum.

- Y) Brigitte Sopher, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from B. Sopher was provided as Attachment #28 to the Addendum.

- Z) Ontario Headwaters Institute, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from the Ontario Headwaters Institute was provided as Attachment #29 to the Addendum.

AA) Dennis Sallans, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Sallans was provided as Attachment #30 to the Addendum.

BB) Chris Brown, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from C. Brown was provided as Attachment #31 to the Addendum.

CC) Stephen Marshal, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Marshal was provided as Attachment #32 to the Addendum.

DD) Margaret Channon, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Channon was provided as Attachment #33 to the Addendum.

EE) Donna Pearson, Stouffville resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Pearson was provided as Attachment #34 to the Addendum.

FF) Trevor Cluthe, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Cluthe was provided as Attachment #35 to the Addendum.

GG) Bonnie Thomson, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from B. Thomson was provided as Attachment #36 to the Addendum.

HH) Michael Fearon, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Fearon was provided as Attachment #37 to the Addendum.

- II) Doug McLaughlin, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. McLaughlin was provided as Attachment #38 to the Addendum.

- JJ) Jim Miller, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Miller was provided as Attachment #39 to the Addendum.

- KK) Janet Skiba-Stiles, Goodwood resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Skiba-Stiles was provided as Attachment #40 to the Addendum.

- LL) Sandra Campbell, Toronto resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Campbell was provided as Attachment #41 to the Addendum.

- MM) Laura Falkenberg, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Falkenberg was provided as Attachment #42 to the Addendum.

- NN) Catherine Auler, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from C. Auler was provided as Attachment #43 to the Addendum.

- OO) Erika Thimm, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from E. Thimm was provided as Attachment #44 to the Addendum.

- PP) Tom Derlis, Scugog resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Derlis was provided as Attachment #45 to the Addendum.

- QQ) Susan Reesor, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Reesor was provided as Attachment #46 to the Addendum.

It was the consensus of the committee that the Information Items 10. A) to 10. QQ) inclusive, be received for information.

11. Other Business

- A) Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee – Tree By-law Update

G. Carpentier advised that that he provided a presentation to Scugog Council with regards to their support of the public survey with regards to the proposal for a Tree By-law. He advised that Council accepted the presentation and will provide more guidance with regards to next steps.

- B) S. Clearwater – Phragmites

S. Clearwater advised that she has resigned from Friends of the Second Marsh and that there is now a vacancy for another member of DEAC to be appointed.

S. Clearwater advised that she has various concerns with regards to the use of herbicides to remove phragmites. She advised that she has done research and believes the issue should be looked at with a more holistic approach. It was requested that S. Clearwater provide her research documentation to A. Luqman to be circulated to the committee.

Discussion ensued with regards to phragmites being an invasive species and the various ways to reduce them but also minimizing the impacts. It was discussed that there are different herbicide formulations for phragmite and aquatic control which are different from the formulations used for agriculture. O. Chaudry was requested to provide the names to A. Luqman for distribution to the committee.

- C) G. Carpentier – Attendance at Committee Meetings

G. Carpentier inquired what the committee's Terms of Reference state with regards to non-attendance of meetings. A. Luqman confirmed that the Terms state that non-attendance of three consecutive meetings will be sufficient grounds for replacement.

12. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by O. Chaudry,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council