



Addendum to the Planning & Economic Development Committee Agenda

Council Chambers
Regional Headquarters Building
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

9:30 AM

Note: Additional agenda items are shown in bold

1. Roll Call
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Adoption of Minutes
 - A) Special Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting – January 13, 2022
4. Statutory Public Meetings

There are no statutory public meetings
5. Delegations
 - 5.1 Eileen Higdon, Pickering resident, re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) resolution regarding Inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt [Item 9.1]**
 - 5.2 Michael May, Delta Urban, on behalf of North East Pickering Landowners Group, re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) resolution regarding Inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt [Item 9.1]**
6. Presentations
 - 6.1 Gary Muller, Director of Planning, Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, and Lorraine Huinink, Director of Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development, re: 2022 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budgets (2022-P-6) [Item 7.2 A]

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097

6.2 Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, re:
Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan:
Update (2022-EDT-1) [Item 8.2 A)]

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

- New** A) **Correspondence from Pat Valentine, Claremont resident, re: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) resolution regarding Inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt** 5 - 6
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7.2 Reports

- A) 2022 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budgets (2022-P-6)

Link to the 2022 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget

8. Economic Development

8.1 Correspondence

8.2 Reports

- A) Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan: Update (2022-EDT-1)
- B) Evaluating the Feasibility of Establishing a Durham Region Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre (2022-EDT-2)
- C) Investment Attraction Metrics – Annual Activity Report 2021 (2022-EDT-3)

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

- A) Inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt
Recommendation: Refer to staff for a report

10. Confidential Matters

There are no confidential matters to be considered

11. Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:30 AM

13. Adjournment

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From: Pat Valentine
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:22 PM
To: delegations
Cc: Brian Bridgeman
Subject: Delegation re DEAC resolution on Carruthers Creek Headwaters

I see that the resolution recently passed by the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC), regarding the future of the Carruthers Creek headwaters, is to go before the Planning and Development Committee on Tuesday morning. I am submitting this e-mail as a written delegation to the Committee and have also copied Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development.

The resolution passed by DEAC requested that **Regional Council support the inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt Plan and inform Minister Phillips of their position.** Logical and right.

This land belongs in the Greenbelt. I find it hard to believe that, in these perilous times, the protection of vital headwaters and Class 1 farmland still has to be fought for. Even worse, begged for.

It is no exaggeration to say that the timely safeguarding of such resources will be vital to the quality of life in Durham Region in the decades to come. Any assumption that climate change mitigation down the road will be all that's required as our planet heats is not just foolhardy but an outright denial of the glaring facts. As matters currently stand, greenhouse gas emissions are still rising worldwide despite all the hand-on-heart pledges and climate emergency declarations. Within some 15 years, we will blow right past the 1.5°C marker and into uncharted territory. In the very near future (in fact, it has already started), many areas of the planet will be too hot to live in, let alone grow crops in. Here, in Durham Region, our freshwater sources and Class 1 farmland will be crucial to our own health and survival.

Climate scientists have been warning of this danger since 1988. Their chief error was in their miscalculation of the timeframe; they thought the crisis would unfurl far more slowly than it has. Today, the theoretical is already real. The destructive life-threatening impacts are being felt in every corner of the planet, and the message is clear. We must rapidly, drastically reduce emissions and we must act *NOW* to protect our vital fresh water sources and the land that feeds us. Both resources are in limited and dwindling supply. Both are irreplaceable. Both are essential components of our life-support system.

On Tuesday, February 1, 2022, you have an opportunity – and a duty – to protect these vital resources for our future needs. The decision should be, as they say, a no-brainer. Yet the Agenda recommends referring DEAC's resolution to staff for a report?! The studies and homework have already been done. A deferral will leave the area and its vital resources at ever greater risk of destruction by unnecessary urban sprawl.

The delaying tactics must stop because the consequences are too grave. I urge the Committee to approve this resolution *NOW*, and send it on to Regional Council for rapid approval and implementation. For. All. Our. Sakes.

Thank you.

Pat Valentine
5041 Wixson Street
Claremont ON

From Mr. David Steele.

To; Region of Durham Planning and Development Committee.

Date; 30th January 2022.

Subject; Carruthers Creek Headwaters.

Good day,

To all members of the Region of Durham Planning and Development Committee. I am writing this letter to you today to ask you to read the 40 letters that were sent to the Region of Durham Environment Committee. To look at the 19,500 plus signatures in support of the headwaters in northeast, Pickering in support of the Carruthers Creek headwaters being put into Greenbelt.

To refer the item to staff is to hide the item till a later date. As you are aware the land in question was Pickering Mayor, Mr. Dave Ryan submission for the future Hospital site for the Region of Durham in Pickering. It was not selected for many reasons in which other sites in Pickering would have met the R.F.P Terms of condition. Now we have the latest attempt to have the land developed for housing. This was the trojan horse when it was submitted for the new Durham Hospital Site.

Do the correct thing and move the Durham Environmental Committee recommendation that requested that Regional Council support the inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt to the Regional Council. Include all the letters and petitions be sent to the Region of Durham Council for enactment.

My apologies as I cannot be a delegation on Tuesday morning as my responsibility is being a home care worker at my home.

David Steele, 966, Timmins Garden, Pickering, On.

Recipient, Pickering Healthy Community Award.

Recipient, Queen Elizabeth golden jubilee award.

Recipient, Ontario Hydro Environmental Award

Recipient, City of Pickering environmental award.

From: Linda Gasser

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 9:30 AM

To: Clerks; Dave Ryan; Steve Yamada; 'Joe Neal'; Sterling Lee; John.Grant@Brock.ca; Gordon Hight; Rick Kerr; John Henry

Cc: Brian Bridgeman; Coe-co, Lorne

Subject: Corres. to Planning Cttee Feb 1 agenda Item 9.1 DEAC motion/advice re Carruthers Creek

Attention: Chair and Members of Durham Planning Committee c/o Clerks Dept.

Re: Item 9.1 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee A) Inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt 138 Recommendation: Refer to staff for a report

It was unfortunate that the headwaters lands of Carruthers Creek (CC) were not included in the Greenbelt from its inception as they should have been due to their high ecological value as well as existing and potential threats to that watershed.

Planning Committee has the opportunity now, to support inclusion of these lands in the Greenbelt and to get on record that it supports including these lands in the Greenbelt for permanent protection.

Durham contributed to the funding of the recent CC Watershed study and Planning Committee members would be well aware of the study findings.

From Page 2 of the Executive Summary of the recently approved Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan found at: <https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2021/10/01101913/Carruthers-Creek-Watershed-Plan-2021-2031-10-1-2021.pdf>

Key issues with Carruthers Creek were identified to be:

- **The aquatic ecosystem is sensitive and near the level of land use development it can sustain long-term (without additional and improved mitigation).**
- **There is not enough natural cover, or good quality habitat, needed to maintain ecosystem resilience (i.e. capacity to respond to change) due to changing land use patterns and climate change.**
- **Water quality is impaired (i.e. degraded), requiring improvements to storm water management.**
- **The flow of water through the watershed is out of balance from natural conditions resulting in flooding and erosion issues.**

You may also be aware of a petition with **19,638** signatures (as of 9:00 a.m. Jan. 30.22). Many of the signatories, myself included, are Durham residents - i.e. YOUR constituents, who support permanent protection for the Carruthers Creek headwaters lands.

See petition at: https://www.change.org/p/save-the-carruthers-creek-headwaters-in-pickering-on-from-development?recruiter=1184161461&recruited_by_id=7b35c3a0-7d0d-11eb-a895-6b23621d5351&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=petition_dashboard

I urge you to defeat the recommendation asking for a staff report. You already know why these lands should be protected.

I respectfully request that Planning Committee support/endorse the DEAC motion and forward it to Regional Council for their consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your attention.

Linda Gasser

Whitby

From: Mike Borie

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:49 AM

To: Clerks; mayor@pickering.ca; Steve Yamada; jneal@clarington.net; Sterling Lee; John Grant; Gordon Hight; Rick Kerr; John Henry

Cc: Brian Bridgeman; peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Subject: Re: Carruthers Creek Headwaters

To all members of, Durham Council Planning and Development Committee,

Please find below a copy of the letter that I wrote to DEAC members that pertain to the Carruthers Creek Headwaters that basically states that these lands should and must be placed into the Greenbelt for further protection from urban sprawl. It is now up to each member of the Planning and Development Committee to ensure that the motion is passed and moved onto the entire Durham Council for approval. There is no need to send DEAC motion onto Staff for further discussions or another possible study as to do so would only be a waste of time and \$Money as a study and discussion has already been done. **From Page 2 of the Executive Summary** of the recently approved Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan found at: <https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2021/10/01101913/Carruthers-Creek-Watershed-Plan-2021-2031-10-1-2021.pdf> I have updated the current signature count to the petition still being circulated.

Hello all members of Planning and Development Committee,

Thank you for your time, wisdom, and knowledge that you all give in making sure that the environment in the Durham Region, Ontario, Canada and ultimately the world is properly taken into consideration when dealing with the business of the Durham Region. DEAC's input and contributions have never been more important than they are today with the man-made causes and effects to the possible ravages to our world caused through negative climate changes. It is my understanding that this Thursday, January 20, the [Durham Environmental Advisory Committee](#) (DEAC) will be discussing a resolution stating: ***The Durham Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Regional Council support the inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt Plan and inform Minister Phillips of their position.***

I'm writing today to urge you to support the Carruthers Creek Headwaters resolution and ask for it to be advanced to Durham Regional Council as soon as possible for further discussion.

The points made by DEAC are extremely important and very relevant. To further back and endorse DEAC proposed position of including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt Plan I am happy to supply to DEAC for your use a petition through Change.org which was started and is still currently active by the environmental group EANAP (Environmental Action Now Ajax/Pickering). The petition asks the Ontario government to place the Carruthers Creek Headwaters into the Greenbelt. I have copied the wording of the petition below along with a link to the petition for your convenience and perusal. As of the writing of this letter **19,639 residents** are of the same view as DEAC's resolution.

Here is the link for the petition: <https://chnq.it/SNxHYQV8>

Save the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in Pickering, ON from development!

These headwaters account for majority of drainage in the watershed, **reducing flooding** in Ajax by **77%**

1. Headwaters are home to several **rare native** plant, animal, insect, and fish species, providing upstream breeding and feeding grounds that are **essential to their survival**
2. Headwaters provide nutrients, sediments, and important organic matter to **ensure health** and **biodiversity** of downstream ecosystems
3. Headwaters naturally **filter contaminants** prior to flowing into other rivers and eventually, Lake Ontario, which provides drinking water for millions
4. Protects surrounding Greenbelt and prime farmland from urbanization

The Carruthers Creek headwaters saves the Region of Durham billions of dollars that would otherwise be spent on flood reduction, habitat restoration, rebuilding infrastructure, and erosion control.

This catastrophe can be avoided by adding the Carruthers Creek Headwaters to the Greenbelt. Doing so will help meet carbon reduction targets and mitigate the effects of climate change. The province is in the midst of a Greenbelt review, so now is the time to act.

Sign this petition now to tell the Province of Ontario that these **lands must be added to the Greenbelt**, and a new location must be found for this much needed hospital!

I urge DEAC to consider what has been stated by EANAP, numerous environmental organizations, and thousands of residents and vote in favour of passing your resolution onto the Durham Region Council.

Mike Borie

From: Kathi Bracken
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 2:45 PM
To: Clerks; mayor@pickering.ca; Steve Yamada; jneal@clarington.net; Sterling Lee; John.Grant@Brock.ca; ghighet@town.uxbridge.on.ca; Rick Kerr; John Henry
Cc: Brian Bridgeman; JFrench-OP@ndp.on.ca
Subject: DEAC motion

To the Chair and Members of the Durham Planning Committee c/o Clerks Dept.,

I am writing to ask you to defeat the recommendation asking for a staff report on the motion by DEAC regarding the protection of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters. A staff report is not needed when you already know why it is imperative that these lands be protected.

I am also urging you to endorse the DEAC motion and recommend its adoption by Durham Council.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Bracken

From: Louis Bertrand
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 8:31 AM
To: Clerks; Dave Ryan; Steve Yamada; Joe Neal; Sterling Lee; John Grant Brock;
Gordon Highet; Rick Kerr; John Henry
Cc: Brian Bridgeman; Lorne Coe; Lindsey Park
Subject: Carruthers Creek in Greenbelt

To the chair and members of the planning committee, Please approve the recommendation to permanently protect the Carruthers Creek headwaters watershed by including it in the Greenbelt.

Thank you for your consideration.

Louis Bertrand
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Note: Durham Clerks, please include in correspondence.