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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 19, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:08 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Member at Large
D. Nguyen, Youth Member
S. Panchal, Youth Member
A. Panday, Post-Secondary Member
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
R. Dickinson, Brock
B. Shipp, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by A. Panday, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the agenda for the May 19, 2022 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

In the absence of the Committee Chair, J Cuthbertson, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

J. Cuthbertson made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 7. H) Independent Electricity System Operator – Taking Steps to Acquire and Enable Resources to Meet Ontario’s Growing Electricity Needs. He indicated that he works in the electrical sector.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by K. Lui,
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. **Items for Discussion**

A) Introduction of new At-Large Member

A. Luqman introduced Azzam Abu-Rayash and advised that he is a resident of Oshawa and brings extensive knowledge and education experience in the energy sustainability field. A. Abu-Rayash introduced himself to the committee.

B) 2022 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Award

The 2022 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Award web page and Nomination Form were provided as links.

A. Luqman advised that the nomination for the Conservation Award can go to anyone who’s done work for the Lake Simcoe Watershed and advised that there are 5 different categories.

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by G. Layton,
That staff look into the nomination criteria for the 2022 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Award and if qualified, that Geoff Carpentier be nominated for a 2022 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Award.

CARRIED

K. Lui volunteered to assist with the nomination form.

C) Spring Pollinator Seed Distribution Project Update

The Standard Newspaper article entitled, “Compost Give-Away Bolstered by Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Pollinator Project” was provided as a link.

A. Luqman advised that the Project has been a success and that DEAC members have already attended 6 out of the 8 events for the month of May. She advised that J. Cuthbertson and S. Panday, together with their families, volunteered to assist with the seed packets which were distributed at the events.

A. Luqman also advised that K. Lui and G. Carpentier attended the Scugog event; A. Luqman attended the Clarington, Ajax and Brock events; G. Layton attended the Oshawa event; S. Panchal attended the Whitby event; and D. Nguyen attended the Ajax event. She thanked everyone and advised that she will be attending the Pickering event on May 28th and G. Layton will be attending the Uxbridge event on the same day.

6. Items for Input

A) Whitby Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review – Phase 2 Consultation

The Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review web page, Strategic Direction and Issue Identification Reports and Survey were provided as links. A. Luqman advised that the Whitby Comprehensive Zoning By-law is in its second phase and comments are due by May 26th.

7. For Information

A) 2011-P-11 Envision Durham – Growth Management Study Land Need Assessment – Staff Recommendation on Land Need Scenarios

A copy of Report #2022-P-11 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Envision Durham – Growth Management Study Land Need Assessment – Staff Recommendation on Land Need Scenarios was provided as a link.

J. Cuthbertson stated that he would be interested in seeing the carbon impact of the different Land Need Scenarios. A. Luqman advised that the Planning and Economic Development Committee, at its May 3rd meeting, endorsed a hybrid Scenario “2A”, proposed by the BILD (Building Industry and Land Development Association); and that the recommendation will be going forth to Council on May 25th. A. Luqman advised that a recording of the discussion that took place at the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting is available to view on the Region’s website.

B) Region of Durham launches the Durham Greener Homes Program

A copy of the News Release entitled “Region of Durham launches the Durham Greener Homes Program” was provided as a link.

J. Cuthbertson extended his congratulations to Durham Region staff for their outstanding work on the Durham Greener Homes Program.

C) 2022-INFO-38: Approval of the Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville

A copy of Information Report #2022-INFO-38 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Approval of the Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville was provided as a link.

- D) ERO 019-4801 Decision summary on regulatory changes for the beneficial reuse of excess soil at pits and quarries in Ontario

A copy of the Environmental Registry of Ontario Notice #019-4801 regarding Proposed regulatory changes for the beneficial reuse of excess soil at pits and quarries in Ontario was provided as a link.

- E) 2021 Annual Report on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario

A copy of the article entitled “2021 Annual Report from the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO)” was provided as a link.

- F) ERO 019-4280 Decision Summary on Amendments to Endangered Species Act related to the Species at Risk in Ontario List

A copy of the Environmental Registry of Ontario Notice #019-4280 regarding Amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08 (General Regulation – Endangered Species Act, 2007) relating to upcoming changes to the Species at Risk in Ontario List was provided as a link.

- G) ERO 019-5391 Proposed Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval for Industrial Sewage Works Serving the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

A copy of the Environmental Registry of Ontario Notice #019-5391 regarding Proposed Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval for Industrial Sewage Works Serving the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station was provided as a link.

- H) Independent Electricity System Operator – Taking Steps to Acquire and Enable Resources to Meet Ontario’s Growing Electricity Needs

The Discussion Session with regards to Independent Electricity System Operator – Taking Steps to Acquire and Enable Resources to Meet Ontario’s Growing Electricity Needs was provided as a link.

- I) 2022-COW-10: Advisory Committee Recruitment and Selection Policy

A copy of Report #2022-COW-10 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding Advisory Committee Recruitment and Selection Policy was provided as a link.

- J) 2022-WR-3: Proposed Pilot of Mandatory Clear Garbage Bag use in the Municipality of Clarington

A copy of Report #2022-WR-3 of the Acting Commissioner of Works regarding Proposed Pilot of Mandatory Clear Garbage Bag Use in the Municipality of Clarington was provided as a link.

K) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes of April 12th Meeting

A copy of the minutes from the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on April 12, 2022 was provided as a link.

Moved by A. Panday, Seconded by G. Layton,
That Information Items 7. A) to K) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) A. Panday – Resignation as Student Member

A. Panday advised that he has finished his University studies and his official graduation ceremony will be held on June 22nd. He advised that after June 22nd he will no longer qualify to be the post secondary member and that he has inquired about being a member at large during the next term.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by D. Stathopolous,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cuthbertson, Vice-Chair
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council