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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**September 16, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, September 16, 2022, in the LL-C, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:00 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member, Chair  
P. Cohen, Youth Citizen Member  
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee  
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member  
Regional Chair Henry  
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee  
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member  
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member  
C. Mee, Citizen Member  
R. Plaza, Citizen Member attended the meeting at 10:06 AM  
K. Senyk, Citizen Member  
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member  
J. Taylor, Citizen Member attended the meeting at 10:06 AM  
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 10:06 AM  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, CAO  
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee  
T. Hall, Citizen Member  
Councillor Leahy, Finance and Administration Committee

#### **Staff**

Present: S. Austin, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the CAO  
N. Halim, Policy Advisory, Sustainability, Office of the CAO  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
M. Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator, Office of the CAO  
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by P. Cohen,  
That the minutes of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change  
meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted.  
CARRIED

### **4. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

### **5. Presentations**

#### **A) Proposed Evolution of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change - Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region**

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Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed evolution of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC).

I. McVey introduced Nayel Halim, Policy Advisory, Sustainability, Office of the CAO. He advised that N. Halim will be developing a Building Energy Benchmarking program that will involve developing an energy benchmarking program for commercial, institutional, and multi-unit residential buildings across the Region.

I. McVey advised that the recruitment process has begun for advisory committees for the next term of Council and that if any DRRCC members are interested in returning they should submit their application to both the DEAC and DRRCC.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Governance Model Overview
- DRRCC Leadership Committee
  - Membership
  - Roles & Responsibilities
- DRRCC Annual Report and Forum
  - Report
  - Forum
- Inter-Organizational Working Groups
- DRRCC Implementation Management Committee
- Annual DRRCC Implementation and Reporting Cycle
- Next Steps

I. McVey responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether it would be beneficial to incorporate a portion of the new climate commission as a not-for-

profit to help secure larger amounts of grant funding; and the type of reporting that is planned for the climate commission.

**6. Items for Information and Discussion**

A) Pickering Integrated Sustainable Design Standards

A link to the Pickering Integrated Sustainable Design Standards was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting for information.

I. McVey advised that the Pickering Integrated Sustainable Design Standards were endorsed by the City of Pickering earlier this month and will be presented to Council later this month for final approval.

B) Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan

A link to the Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting for information.

C) Final Draft of the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan: Phase 1 – Resilience Executive Summary and Implementation Plan

A link to the final draft of the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan: Phase 1 – Resilience Executive Summary and Implementation Plan was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting for information.

**7. Correspondence**

There were no communication items to be considered.

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business considered.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be determined once appointments are made by Regional Council.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Hoornweg, Chair, Durham Region Roundtable on  
Climate Change

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk