

## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 23, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

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

Present: S. Clearwater, Whitby  
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair  
R. Dickinson, Brock  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:28 PM  
K. Lui, Member at Large  
K. Murray, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:10 PM  
S. Panchal, Youth Member  
Councillor Shahid  
B. Shipp, Member at Large  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large  
M. Nasir, Ajax  
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Also  
Present: Councillor Wotten (alternate)

Staff  
Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Committee Chair, J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by B. Shipp, Seconded by K. Lui,  
That the agenda for the March 23, 2023 Durham Environment and  
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.  
CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

In follow-up to the February 16, 2023, DECAC meeting minutes with respect to concerns raised by S. Clearwater regarding the number of significant drinking water threats (SDWTS) identified in the 2022 Source Water Protection Annual Report, she advised that she followed up with staff who clarified the process, and advised that many homes that were estimated to be on a well, turned out to be on gas/septic so they were eliminated that way and the number was eventually brought down to 0.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by R. Dickinson,  
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee  
meeting held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**5. Presentation**

A) Envision Durham – Draft Regional Official Plan, Aneesah Lugman, Senior Planner

Aneesah Lugman, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Envision Durham – Draft Regional Official Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Policy and Legislative Context
- Timeline and Progress
- Policy Areas
- Regional Structure
- Healthy Communities – Chapter 3
- Protected Greenlands System – Chapter 7
- Special Study Areas – Chapter 9
- Next Steps
- Map Links

Concerns were raised regarding the difficulty in identifying Kettle Lake from the other evaluated wetlands on Map 2C because of the similarity in colours; and on

Map 2G, what the reason is for the highly vulnerable aquifers being found mostly on the Oak Ridges Moraine, and whether other areas would also be vulnerable.

A. Luqman responded to questions from the Committee regarding the definitions of “Natural Core Areas” (referenced on Map 2B), “Complex Landform and Moderately Complex Landform” (referenced on Map 2H). She advised that she would look into the definitions of Natural Core Areas, Complex Landform, and Moderately Complex Landform for the Committee. She also reminded the Committee to submit any additional comments on the final Draft Official Plan by April 3, 2023.

## **6. Items for Discussion**

- A) 2023-P-6: Envision Durham – Release of the Draft New Regional Official Plan – Draft Plan and Map Viewer
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This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 2 and 3 of these minutes.

## **7. For Information**

- A) Information Report #2023-INFO-15: 2022 Leader in Sustainability Award
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A copy of Report #2023-INFO-15 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

- B) Information Report #2023-INFO-16: 2022 Annual Water Quality Report
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A copy of Report #2023-INFO-16 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

S. Clearwater raised concerns regarding the use of pesticides being absent from Report #2023-INFO-16 of the Commissioner of Works, but that pesticides are referenced in Report #2023-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development. She stated that Report #2023-INFO-16 only references the use of herbicides and insecticides, but dimethoate is mentioned in the testing sheet and that it should be identified as a pesticide to make it more accurate. S. Clearwater asked if the other 7 neonicotinoids are being used in the Region because they only test for dimethoate. A. Luqman asked that S. Clearwater forward her the list of all neonicotinoids so that she could follow-up with the appropriate staff and report back to her directly.

- C) Commissioner's Report #2023-WR-1: Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington
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A copy of Report #2023-WR-1 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

- D) Commissioner's Report #2023-WR-3: Organics Management Plan – Next Steps
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A copy of Report #2023-WR-3 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

Concerns were raised regarding the launch of an Enhanced Green Bin that adds diapers, personal sanitary products, adult incontinence products, pet waste, pet litter, and any other material deemed processible by the Regional Municipality of Durham to the list of acceptable materials in the Regional Municipality of Durham's Green Bin program.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear a presentation from the Works department regarding the Organics Management Plan at a future DECAC meeting.

E) Commissioner's Report #2023-W-10: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2022 Summary

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A copy of Report #2023-W-10 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

F) Minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

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A copy of the February 14, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by K. Murray,  
That Information Items 7. A) to F) inclusive, be received for information.  
CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, 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 B. Shipp,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

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J. Cuthbertson, First-Chair, Durham  
Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk