



## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:30 PM

Meeting Room 1B  
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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**1. Roll Call**

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

- A) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on April 9, 2024  
([Attachment 1](#))

**4. Presentations**

- A) Mark Tranter, Director & Chris Finlay, CFO, CANUX - Independent Private Schools and the Township of Uxbridge
- B) Mary Anne Martin, Durham Food Policy Council – Durham Food System Report Card
- C) Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability - Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Durham – Agriculture and Sustainability

**5. Discussion Items**

- A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – L. Talling & A. De Vos
- B) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update – T. Barrie

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2548.

- C) Durham Farm Fresh Update – J. McKay
- D) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update – M. Scott & A. De Vos
- E) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update – M. Shiers
- F) Provincial Planning & Regional Official Plan Update – M. Scott
- G) [ROPA 2024-001](#) - Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Lafarge Canada Inc. to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #30 in the Township of Uxbridge – M. Scott ([Attachment 2](#))
- H) 2024 Farm Tour – D. Risebrough

## **6. Information Items**

- A) OMFRA Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy ([Attachment 3](#))
- B) Durham Food Policy Council - The Durham Food System Report Card 2024 ([Attachment 4](#))
- C) Correspondence - Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Stormwater Management Fees ([Attachment 5](#))
- D) OFA Memo – Stormwater Management Fees ([Attachment 6](#))
- E) Regional Official Plan Amendment #197 - Notice That Decision of Regional Council is Final ([Attachment 7](#))
- F) Notice of Adoption Regional Official Plan Amendment #198 ([Attachment 8](#))
- G) Review of Proposed Policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to Form a New Provincial Planning Policy Instrument ([Attachment 9](#))
- H) Review of Proposed Policies for a New Provincial Planning Policy Instrument ([Attachment 10](#))
- I) Proposed Provincial Planning Statement ([Attachment 11](#))
- J) Bill 185, the Proposed Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 – Housing Initiatives ([Attachment 12](#))
- K) Correspondence – Township of Brock - DAAC Resolution – Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas ([Attachment 13](#))

## **7. Other Business**

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

June 11, 2024

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

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

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington  
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair  
R. Death, Whitby  
N. Guthrie, Ajax  
B. Hulshof\*, Uxbridge  
J. McKay\*, Durham Farm Fresh  
G. O'Connor, Member at Large  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair  
H. Schillings, Member at Large  
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture  
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair  
M. Somerville, Member at Large  
D. Stevenson, Oshawa  
N. Swain, Scugog  
W. Wotten\*, Regional Councillor attended the meeting at 7:33 PM and left the meeting at 8:34 PM

**\* denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: G. Taylor, Pickering  
T. Watpool, Brock

#### **Staff**

Present: A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by T. Barrie,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

A) Michael Longarini & Ryan Cullen, The Horticultural Food and Farming Company –  
Four Farms Market Garden Training Program Overview

Ryan Cullen and Anastasia Tsagrinis, The Horticultural Food and Farming Company, presented to the Committee with regards to an overview of the Four Farms Market Garden Training Program.

R. Cullen introduced the owners of the four market garden farms that have come together to develop the Four Farms Market Garden Training Program, being the City of Greens Farm, the Acre Farm, the Foragers Farm, and the Second Season Farm. He stated that the program was developed to teach others how to get started and successfully run a market garden, and provides hands on experience at each of the four farms. R. Cullen advised that the program is 6 weeks in length and is designed for aspiring growers, property owners and experienced gardeners looking to scale up. R. Cullen stated that the curriculum includes modules on holistic context development, farm planning and design, crop production and planning, soil science and field preparation, tools and equipment, and direct seeding and transplanting.

R. Cullen further stated that in addition to the course content and hands on training portion of the program, a digital resource base is also provided to students that includes spreadsheets, templates, information and resources, and access to a community platform to further support gardeners.

R. Cullen and A. Tsagrinis responded to questions from the Committee regarding how many of the farm operations have an off-farm supplementary income; the development of the training program and course framework; whether the market gardens are organic; and whether there are zoning requirements for market gardens.

**5. Discussion Items**

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- The Agricultural Working Group Tour took place in Uxbridge and was attended by municipal staff, planners, economic developers and building development services staff, and consisted of a tour of 3 different agriculture related businesses in Uxbridge. Due to the success of the tour, a future session is being considered in a workshop format.
- The Precision Ag Field Day is continuing preparations for the event with resources currently being compiled for teachers. Discussions continue to take place regarding careers in agriculture to encourage more connections with high school students into the field of agriculture.

L. Talling provided the following update:

- The North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) project has now selected a consultant for the program and is formalizing a services agreement and workplan. Details of the agreement and workplan will be shared with the Committee once finalized.

L. Talling responded to a question from the Committee regarding the intended outcomes of the OFDU project workplan.

B) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

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T. Barrie advised that due to a lack of agenda items and change in meeting schedule due to March break, there is no update from the Clarington Agricultural Advisory Committee.

C) Durham Farm Fresh Update

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J. McKay provided the following update:

- Brochures and radio advertisements for Durham Farm Fresh will be available soon.
- Maple syrup season has now concluded.
- Asparagus and rhubarb will become visible by early May if the warm weather persists.

D) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

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M. Scott stated that there is no update to report as the group will not meet until later this week, and will consider stormwater management fees as a topic on the agenda.

E) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

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M. Shiers advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting but received a report from Junior Farmers of Durham that stated a majority of its members will be aging out this year and new members are required to prevent the organization from discontinuing. He further stated that some events are being planned for this year to promote the organization and welcomed members of the Committee to refer any junior farmers to join.

M. Shiers further stated that the report also contained correspondence from Brock with respect to the Township's position on backyard chickens and advised that Durham Region Federation of Agriculture (DRFA) will be issuing a response letter.

M. Shiers responded to a question from the Committee regarding the age range of a junior farmer.

F) Stormwater Management Fees

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M. Scott provided the following update:

- The stormwater management fees motion went before the Planning & Economic Development Committee on April 2, 2024, and was passed with an amendment to add that the resolution be sent to the local area municipalities.
- There was discussion among the Committee Members around carbon capture on farms and carbon credits on agricultural properties, with a direction to staff to investigate same and report back to the Committee.
- The amended motion will go before Council for consideration on April 24, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding stormwater management fees being abandoned in the City of Toronto as directed by Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow.

G) 2024 Farm Tour

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Z. Cohoon stated that farm preparations for the 2024 Farm Tour are underway and advised that the next step is to review and update the invitation list and set up a site visit for late May with Regional staff. He further stated that he has engaged in discussions with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the farm staff to organize presentations as part of the event.

Discussion ensued with regards to holding a sub-committee meeting to discuss the invitation list and other preparatory matters for the tour.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether the date for the Farm Tour has been added to the Regional calendar; and the maximum number of guests for the event.

## **6. Information Items**

### **A) Proposed Amendments to Ontario Regulation 123/04: Apples – Plan, and Ontario Regulation 125/04: Apples Marketing under the Farm Products Marketing Act**

Proposed Amendments to Ontario Regulation 123/04: Apples – Plan, and Ontario Regulation 125/04: Apples Marketing under the Farm Products Marketing Act was provided as a link to the agenda and received for information.

### **B) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Update to the Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document**

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) released an update to the Draft Agriculture Impact Assessment Guidance Document and was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

M. Scott stated OMAFRA will be updating the Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document to align with impending updates to current planning legislation and advised that further updates will be announced as they become available.

### **C) #2024-EDT-6 Gather at the Farm 2023 Agri-Food Marketing Campaign**

Report #2024-EDT-6 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Gather at the Farm 2023 Agri-Food Marketing Campaign was provided as a link to the agenda and received for information.

## **7. Other Business**

### **A) Climate Change Education Session**

M. Scott stated that a Climate Change Education session is being presented at the April 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting and welcomed members to attend.

### **B) Municipal Official Plan Reviews**

M. Scott stated that the area municipalities are undergoing Official Plan reviews following the Region's adoption of its new Official Plan.

M. Scott responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether municipalities will still have to conform to the Regional Official Plan; who will be responsible for land division applications; and whether infrastructure for services such as water will remain a Regional responsibility.

Discussion ensued regarding the evolution of responsibility and authority allotted to the different levels of government as it relates to planning; the potential implications of Bill 23; the formation of land division committees; and the role of committees of adjustment.

C) Warehouse Farm Zoning Issues

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D. Stevenson stated that a warehouse farm he operates in Oshawa recently received a by-law violation relating to the zoning classification and was instructed to cease operations. He further stated that the warehouse does not fit into the agriculture classification and following an inspection earlier in the year with City staff, it was determined they could register as a food processing business. D. Stevenson advised that the issue has been resolved and raised the topic for awareness purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding zoning regulations.

D) Agriculture 101 at Local Municipal Councils

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Z. Cohoon stated that the Agriculture 101 deputation has been well received by all of the councils of the local municipalities and suggested appearing again before each council in the winter and registering as a presentation to allow for more speech time.

E) Durham Soil and Crop Spring Meeting in Blackstock

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B. Smith stated that the Durham Soil and Crop Spring Meeting is taking place on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Spring Grove Agri in Blackstock. He further stated that equipment will be on display, and that there will be information on planters and sprayers.

F) Tractor Rally from Lindsay to Oshawa

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Z. Cohoon stated that a tractor rally took place on April 9, 2024 in protest of carbon taxes. The rally included approximately 100 vehicles following a route starting in Lindsay and travelling down Highway 12 to Whitby and Oshawa to visit the MPs' offices, which were closed. He further stated that Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) were present to manage safe traffic flow and there was news coverage of the event.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 starting at 7:30 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by M. Somerville,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Z. Cohoon, Chair

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk

SENT VIA EMAIL



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Durham**

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**Alexander Harras  
M.P.A.  
Director of  
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& Regional Clerk**

April 25, 2024

Mr. Zac Cohoon, Chair  
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee  
c/o Region of Durham Planning Division  
605 Rossland Road East, Level 4  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mr. Cohoon:

**RE: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re:  
Stormwater Management Fees, Our File: C00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 24, 2024, adopted the following recommendations of the Planning & Economic Development Committee:

“Whereas Stormwater Management fees are intended for urban infrastructure needs and flood prevention, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) believes that bona fide farmers on agricultural properties should be exempt from paying Stormwater Management fees in the Region of Durham; and, that this resolution be circulated to Durham’s area municipalities for their information.”

*Alexander Harras*

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
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c: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic  
Development

## MEMORANDUM

**Attention:** Federations of Agriculture  
Commodity Association Members  
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**From:** Drew Spoelstra, OFA President

**cc:** OFA Board of Directors  
Cathy Lennon, OFA General Manager

**Date:** April 23, 2024

**Subject:** Stormwater Management Fees

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The issue of Municipal Stormwater Fees has been an important topic of discussion recently. Municipalities have been introducing Stormwater Management Fee bylaws to assist with the costs of their water management systems. However, without any provincial guidance on how to calculate these fees, municipalities are adopting their own approaches to these assessments. The fees faced by farmers who have been assessed these charges, are often substantial.

OFA has recently adopted the following policy regarding these fees:

OFA believes that Stormwater Management Fees should not be applied to agricultural properties. Our agricultural lands provide many water / environmental benefits to municipalities that must be taken into account. These include, but are not limited to, absorption of stormwater through infiltration – replenishing aquifers, creeks, streams, lakes and wetlands; slowing peak flows thereby decreasing in stream erosion, and filtering contaminants.

Furthermore, we believe that Municipal Stormwater Management fees may constitute an unfair tax on farms. Municipalities must be able to clearly articulate and quantify how the fee being charged to agricultural properties correlates with a service being provided to the landowner / property. We further believe that this quantification must take into account the water/environmental benefits agricultural properties provide, as previously mentioned.

Municipal drains under the Drainage Act must be omitted from additional stormwater management fees as the landowners of the drainage watersheds are already paying for this service.

We are pleased to say that Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, has written a letter to Mayor's across the Province, urging them to consider the potential impact of these fees on agriculture when considering these charges. A copy of the Minister's letter is attached.

OFA board members and other industry stakeholders have had many conversations about stormwater management with provincial representatives, MPP's and ministers and will continue to advocate our position and look to be proactive in stormwater discussions going forward. We will look to partner and support our federations and other agricultural partners in advocating for exemptions from fees for urban stormwater management systems and we urge you to continue monitoring discussions and maintain communication with your local councils.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, your local MSR or Tina Schankula in our Policy department, if you would like to discuss this further.

Attachment (1)

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Affairs

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l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales

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April 16, 2024

His Worship Justin Towndale  
City of Cornwall  
jtowndale@cornwall.ca

Dear Mayor Towndale:

It has been brought to my attention that some municipalities in the province have implemented new stormwater fee structures, and others are exploring doing so.

As Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I am writing to ask that your municipality considers the needs and potential impacts on agriculture in your community when evaluating proposed changes to stormwater or other fees and to offer any support that my ministry can provide as you fully consider the impacts.

As you know, Ontario farms contribute significantly to local economies while supporting access to high-quality food both domestically and globally. The agri-food sector employs over 836,000 people and contributed \$48.8 billion to our provincial economy. Our government is committed to supporting the growth of the agriculture and food industry, which is why we released [Grow Ontario: a provincial agri-food strategy](#) to strengthen the agri-food sector, support economic growth, and ensure an efficient, reliable and responsive food supply for Ontarians.

To ensure that our food supply system continues to be responsible, trusted, and competitive on the world stage as well as a driver for economic growth in Ontario, it is important that all levels of government work closely with the agricultural community when evaluating new policies.

There is a need for special consideration for agricultural properties to ensure there are no unintended consequences that disproportionately impact farmers or greenhouse operators, as demonstrated in several of the new stormwater utility programs, including Brant County's proposed Stormwater Utility Program, which will exempt agricultural properties from the new proposed fee.

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Good things grow in Ontario  
À bonne terre, bons produits

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It is also worth noting that many farmers have already invested in water management measures and may not utilize municipal waterways in the same manner as other businesses.

Staff at my ministry are available to provide guidance on supporting the growth of the agricultural community while balancing broader municipal needs. Please feel free to contact Scott Duff with any questions you may have at (519) 820-3331 or by email at [scott.duff@ontario.ca](mailto:scott.duff@ontario.ca).

I hope that your municipality will consider engaging more directly with farmers and greenhouse operators to mitigate any unintended impacts new charges may have. It is imperative that municipalities and the agricultural industry work together to ensure the economic prosperity of our rural communities now and well into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

c: Scott Duff, Director, Policy Division

**Did you know about the Farmers' Wellness Initiative?**

- Your mental health is important! If you're a farmer or a member of a farm family and in need of mental health support, please call 1-866-267-6255 and arrange to speak with a professional today.
- For additional resources visit: <https://farmerwellnessinitiative.ca/>.

**Notice That Decision of Regional Council is Final**  
**With Respect to**  
**Amendment #197**  
**To The Durham Regional Official Plan**

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**File #:** OPA 2023-001

**Related File(s):** N/A

Further to Regional Council's decision to adopt Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, by By-law #2024-008 on March 27, 2024, this is to advise that no notices of appeal were received within the specified appeal period.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 17(27) of the Planning Act, the decision is final and in full force and effect as of April 23, 2024.

Regional Clerk

## **Amendment #197 to the Regional Official Plan**

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**Purpose and Effect:** The purpose of this Amendment is to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels on lands designated as “Prime Agricultural Areas.”

**Location:** The subject site is located at the northeast corner of Concession Road 6 and Clemens Road, approximately 870 metres south of the Hamlet of Tyrone and approximately 600 metres north of Highway 407. The property is municipally known as 2774 Concession Road 6 and is located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 6, former Township of Darlington, in the Municipality of Clarington.

**Basis:** The subject farm property has been consolidated with the other non-abutting farm parcels owned by the applicant. The residential dwelling on the subject site is not required by, and is surplus to, the farm operation. This amendment conforms with the Durham Regional Official Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

**Amendment (current Regional Official Plan – 2020 Consolidation):**

The Durham Regional Official Plan is hereby amended by adding the following policy exception to Section 9A.3.2:

*“9A.3.2 hhh) A surplus farm dwelling rendered surplus from the parcel identified as Assessment No.18-17-010-110-06100 located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 6, former Township of Darlington, in the Municipality of Clarington, subject to the inclusion of the provisions in the zoning by-law to prohibit the construction of any new dwelling on the retained parcel; and the use of the existing barn for housing livestock. In accordance with Provincial and Regional policies, no further severances of the property are permitted.”*

Implementation: The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of the Plan shall apply in regards to this Amendment.

Interpretation: The provision set forth in the Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of this Plan shall apply in regards to this Amendment.

**File #:** OPA 2023-002

**Date of Decision:** April 24, 2024

**Related File(s):** N/A

**Date of Notice:** April 25, 2024

**Subject Lands:** 4854 Concession Road 5  
Part Lot 1, Concession 5,  
Municipality of Clarington

**Last Date of Appeal:** May 15, 2024

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

## **Notice of Adoption**

With Respect to Amendment #198 to the Durham Regional Official Plan  
Section 17(23) of the Planning Act

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### **Purpose and Effect of the Requested Official Plan Amendment**

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels on lands designated as "Prime Agricultural Areas".

The Amendment and background materials are available for inspection at the Regional Planning and Economic Development Department, Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 623, Whitby, Ontario, Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Related Planning Act Files**

N/A

### **Written and Oral Submissions**

Public consultation on the application was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The Region received no inquiry on the application. Further details regarding how the public input was considered is available in Commissioner's Report #2024-P-8 and in the Planning and Economic Committee minutes dated April 4, 2023.

### **Decision of Regional Council**

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham adopted Amendment #198 to the Durham Regional Official Plan by By-law #2024-018, on April 24, 2024.

## When and How to File a Notice of Appeal

The last day for filing a notice of appeal is **May 15, 2024** (20 days after the day notice is given). Notice to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal must:

- 1) be filed with the Regional Clerk at the following address:

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Corporate Services Department - Legislative Services Division  
605 Rossland Road East, Level 1  
P.O. Box 623  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

- 2) set out the reasons for the appeal, and the specific part of the proposed official plan or plan amendment to which the appeal applies; and
- 3) be accompanied by the fee of \$1,100 in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance, as required by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

This proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the municipality to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.



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Regional Clerk

## **Amendment #198 to the Regional Official Plan**

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**Purpose and Effect:** The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation on non-abutting farm parcels on lands designated as “Prime Agricultural Areas”.

**Location:** The subject site is located on the north side of Concession Road 5, west side of East Townline Road. The property is municipally known as 4854 Concession Road 5 and is part of Lot 1, Concession 5 in the Municipality of Clarington.

**Basis:** The residential dwelling on the subject site is not required by and is surplus to the farm operation. The amendment conforms with the Durham Regional Official Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

**Amendment (current Regional Official Plan – 2020 Consolidation):**

The Durham Regional Official Plan is hereby amended by adding the following policy exception to section 9A.3.2:

“9A.3.2 (iii) A surplus farm dwelling rendered surplus from the parcel identified as Assessment No. 18-17-030-080-13500 located in Part of Lot 1, Concession 5 in the Municipality of Clarington, subject to the inclusion of the provisions in the zoning by-law to prohibit the construction of any new dwelling on the retained parcel; and the use of the existing barn for housing livestock. In accordance with Provincial and Regional policies, no further severances of the property are permitted.”

**Implementation:** The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of the Plan shall apply in regards to this Amendment.

**Interpretation:** The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the interpretation of the Plan shall apply in regards to this Amendment.



The Corporation of  
The Township of Brock  
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May 1, 2024

Alexander Harras, Director, Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
605 Rossland Rd. E., PO Box 623  
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Sent via email: [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca)

Re: DAAC Resolution – Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated February 29, 2024 which was considered by Council at their meeting held on April 29, 2024. Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution:

**C-2024-083**

“Be it Resolved that communication number 146/24 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas be received; and

That Council partially support the resolution from the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee of not permitting backyard chickens within Urban Areas; and

That Council direct staff to report back with options on backyard chickens permitted within Rural Residential and Hamlet Settlement Areas, as well as to include the results of the survey.”

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact [Clerks@Brock.ca](mailto:Clerks@Brock.ca).  
Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fernando', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Fernando Lamanna  
Clerk/Deputy CAO

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