

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:03 PM.

Present: S. Clearwater, Whitby, Member at Large
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
J. Henry, Regional Councillor, City of Oshawa
C. Junop, Youth Member
G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa, Member at Large
C. Pettingill, Second Vice-Chair, Brock
E. Porter, Youth Member
K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Absent: H. Manns, Chair, Clarington
G. Carpentier, Scugog
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
K. McDonald, Uxbridge
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax, Member at Large

Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
S. McEleney, Planner, Planning & Economic Development
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Chair, K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Henry, Seconded by C. Pettingill,
That the agenda for the January 18, 2018, DEAC meeting, as
presented, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Henry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
November 23, 2017 be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

- A) Ian McDougall, Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee (DTCC) Member and Sandra McEleney, Planner, Planning & Economic Development and Staff Liaison to the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee (DTCC), re: Durham Active Transportation Committee Update
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I. McDougall and S. McEleney provided a presentation titled 2018: A Year in Transition, Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- What is active transportation?
- What is a trail?
- What do we have in common?
 - DEAC & DATC
- Fitting into the greater Region
 - Metrolinx, the GTHA's regional transportation authority
 - Recently completed Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- DATC- A brief history of progress
- Trails & Cycling: together at last
- Continued partnerships
- DEAC & DATC discussion
- Closing

I. McDougall advised that the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committees' new mandate reflects the transition to a committee focused on active transportation and being renamed the Durham Active Transportation Committee. He explained active transportation to be all human-powered forms of travel such as: walking, cycling, inline skating, skateboarding, skiing, and canoeing. He stated it also includes manual and power assisted mobility devices.

I. McDougall noted that there needed to be a definition for what a trail is. He stated as per Ontario Trails Council, a trail is defined as a trail route on land or water with protected status and public access for recreation or transportation purposes. Activities that are typically performed along a trail can include: walking; jogging; motorcycling; hiking; bicycling; horseback riding; mountain biking; canoeing; kayaking; snowmobile or ATV driving; bird watching; nature observation; or backpacking.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program available to municipalities. Councillor Henry advised that OMCC funding is supported by the Ontario cap and trade program and that municipalities may receive funding of up to 80% of their costs for the implementation of eligible commuter cycling projects. Further discussion followed on the potential 2018 OMCC funding opportunities still available to the municipalities.

I. McDougall responded to questions from the Committee regarding multi-modal transportation; emerging transit trends when planning future trails; municipalities that have applied for and received cap and trade funding; additional improvements to the Bayly street corridor; and vehicle congestion during drop-off and pick-up at schools and possible solutions.

The Committee was asked to email A. Bathe with any further comments on active transportation initiatives.

5. Items for Action

A) DEAC Introductions for new Student Members

A. Bathe introduced the new Youth and Post-Secondary members to the Committee; Eden Porter and Connor Duffy. At the request of the Chair, the Committee members provided a brief summary of their background and interests.

B) Update on 2018 DEAC Awards Nomination Form

A. Bathe provided an update regarding the 2018 DEAC awards. She informed the Committee that the call for nominations has been issued and the forms are available on the Regional website and can be forwarded on. She noted the Awards Reception will be held May 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

C) Establish Subcommittee to review 2018 DEAC Awards Nominations

A. Bathe advised that an Environmental Achievement Awards sub-committee is required to assess the nominations received and recommend recipients for the 2018 Environmental Achievement Awards categories. A. Bathe clarified that a nomination can be made for a non-Durham resident as long as the project was completed in Durham.

Moved by Councillor Henry, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That K. McDonald, C. Pettingill, C. Duffy, and C. Junop be
appointed to the sub-committee to review the nominations
received for the Environmental Achievement Awards.

CARRIED

D) 2018 Presentations Update

A. Bathe advised the Committee that she has followed up with management staff regarding a presentation on anaerobic digestion at a future DEAC meeting.

A. Bathe noted that the June DEAC meeting is expected to be held off-site at the Centre for Food – Durham College and that more details are to come.

Councillor Henry suggested that staff from the Works Department present to the Committee on the new Recycling Program and rules.

6. Items for Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2017-INFO-140 – Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change 2017 Annual Report

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-140 of the Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiative was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding Forest Ontario's 5 Million Tree Program in Durham; the challenges faced in meeting the 5 million tree goal; and the benefits of using lighter colour roofing materials.

B) Commissioner's Report 2017-INFO-141 – Durham York Energy Centre Compliance Source Test Update

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-141 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

Councillor Henry informed the Committee that at the Regional Council meeting held January 17, 2018, Council adopted the resolution from the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee that their meetings be live streamed.

C) Commissioner's Report #2017-INFO-142 – Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offset Program

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-142 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner's Report #2017-INFO-146 – Monitoring of Land Division
Committee Decisions of the November 6, 2017 meeting

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-146 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the local Committee of Adjustment meetings and the significance of the pre-consultation process.

E) Commissioner's Report #2017-INFO-148 – AgRural Newsletter December
2017

A copy of Report #2017-INFO-148 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

7. Other Business

A) Bee City Canada Application

A. Bathe noted that Whitby recently submitted an application to Bee City Canada to become a Bee City that pledges to protect pollinators and their habitats.

Councillor Henry noted that the City of Oshawa is doing its part to bring back monarch butterflies with the planting of milkweed and complementary native pollinator flowers and shrubs.

B) Durham Climate Change Symposium

A. Bathe updated the Committee about the Durham Climate Change Symposium being held at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre in Port Perry. She advised that they are accepting registrations for interested individuals until February 2, 2018. She noted that they have received 60 registrations to date that include Garry Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer, and numerous Regional Councillors, local Councillors, and provincial staff among others.

C) Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG)

S. Clearwater advised the Committee that she has submitted her application to be a volunteer for the Port Hope Area Initiative, an environmental clean-up project.

D) Forests Ontario Annual Conference

K. Sellers informed the Committee that she will be attending the Forests Ontario Annual Conference on February 9, 2018 at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston, Ontario, and therefore sends her regrets for the Durham Climate Change Symposium on February 9, 2018.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Henry, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

K. Sellers, First Vice Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk