

Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

March 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, March 9, 2018 in Boardroom LL-C, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM.

Present: R. Gauder, Citizen Member, Chair
Councillor Ashe, Finance & Administration Committee
Councillor Ballinger, Works Committee
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Alternate
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
Councillor Gleed, Health and Social Services Committee
D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
H. Manns, Citizen Member
Councillor Mitchell, Planning & Economic Development Committee, attended the meeting at 1:23 PM
B. Neil, Citizen Member
R. Plaza, Citizen Member
J. Solly, Citizen Member
Z. Vonkalckreuth, Citizen Member
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair

Absent: G.H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Hall, Citizen Member
C. Mee, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
Regional Chair Anderson

Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Project Planner, Strategic Planning, Planning and Economic Development
R. Bockhop, Communications Co-ordinator, Corporate Communications, Office of the CAO attended the meeting at 1:04 PM
A. Gibson, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the CAO
D. Hoge, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, Office of the CAO
B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
T. Lavery, Communications Manager, Corporate Communications, Office of the CAO attended the meeting at 1:04 PM
C. Slaughter, Works Technician, Waste Management, Works
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ballinger, Seconded by D. Hoornweg,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on February 9, 2018, be adopted.
CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. The Upcoming Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Region Official Plan

A) Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development,
Region of Durham re: The Upcoming Municipal Comprehensive Review of
the Durham Region Official Plan

B. Bridgeman provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "The Upcoming Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Region Official Plan". A copy of the presentation was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting as Attachment 2 to the agenda. [A revised copy of the PowerPoint was provided to committee members subsequent to the meeting].

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview
- Regional vs. Local Responsibilities
- Planning Framework
- The Regional Official Plan
- Regional Structure
- The Municipal Comprehensive Review
- Scope of Work - Growth Management
- Scope of Work - Transportation Master Plan Implementation
- Scope of Work - Housing Strategy
- Scope of Work - Agricultural, Rural and Environment
- Scope of Work - Sustainability
- Community Consultation

B. Bridgeman advised that the Durham Regional Official Plan guides Regional growth and development and works towards building better communities in a sustainable way. He provided an overview of regional and local responsibilities; as well as the planning framework.

B. Bridgeman stated that the Official Plan functions as the basis for all land use and infrastructure decisions by Regional Council; establishes growth management policies, a land use structure and an integrated transportation network; gives consideration to the natural environment and the conservation

of resources; and provides policies regarding the preparation of area municipal official plans and various development proposals.

B. Bridgeman stated that the *Planning Act* requires that the Region prepare and maintain an official plan and review it every 5 years to achieve conformity with the updated Provincial Plans by mid-2022. He stated that the Municipal Comprehensive Review establishes a progressive and forward looking planning vision for the Region to 2041.

B. Bridgeman responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Ontario Municipal Board reform; differences between the old and new Greenbelt Plan and whether the boundaries of the Greenbelt Plan have been affected; rural lot creation; clarification regarding provincial requirements of greenhouse gas reduction by 2041; servicing of employment lands; clarification of healthy communities; the impact on infrastructure; importance of increasing capabilities of infrastructure to accommodate density; whether there is a mechanism in place to show what Durham would look like with double the population; and the engagement of stakeholders in providing substantive input.

4. Other Business

A) Ministry of Energy Meeting on Climate Adaptation in the Energy Sector Event

D. Hoornweg advised that he attended with T. Hall on March 2, 2018, a Ministry of Energy event looking at climate resilience in the energy sector in Ontario.

B) St. Mary's Cement

R. Plaza advised that St Mary's Cement has been involved in ongoing discussions with Durham Region and General Motors related to low-carbon fuels for possible use at the Bowmanville facility.

C) Ontario Good Roads Association Conference

Councillor Ballinger advised that he attended the 2018 Ontario Good Roads Association Conference on February 25, 2018. He advised that one of the speakers was Janette Sadik-Khan who is one of the world's foremost authorities on transportation and urban transformation who has worked with mayors around the world to reimagine and redesign their cities. He stated that it was inspiring to hear her discussion and views on traffic.

D) Green Ontario Fund

M. Vroegh advised that GreenON Industries Program will provide up to \$200 million in matching funding for eligible projects that reduce greenhouse gas pollution in the production of goods by large emitters and other industrial, commercial and institutional facilities. He advised that there are a number of applicants and a significant amount of projects.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 starting at 1:00 PM in Room LL-C, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

6. Adjournment

Moved by J. Solly, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

R. Gauder, Chair, Durham Region
Roundtable on Climate Change

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk