

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 30, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 in Boardroom LLC, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 8:10 PM.

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Member at Large
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
C. Junop, Youth Member
G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
H. Manns, Chair, Clarington
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large
C. Pettingill, Second Vice-Chair, Brock
E. Porter, Youth Member
K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax, Member at Large

Absent: J. Henry, Regional Councillor, City of Oshawa
K. McDonald, Uxbridge

Staff

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by M. Thompson,
That the agenda for the May 30, 2018 DEAC meeting, as
presented, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
April 19, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

5. Items for Action

A) DEAC Awards De-brief

The Committee reviewed the overall format for the Durham Environmental Achievements Awards event and noted the success of the evening.

Discussion ensued regarding having a DEAC Committee picture taken after the awards; the increase in nominations for this year; and if there is a video submission deadline.

B) Update on DEAC “info-hub” Project

A. Bathe informed the Committee that she proposed this idea internally and that there was interest in utilizing Twitter to send tweets on the various presentations given at the DEAC meetings. A. Bathe noted that she will speak to Corporate Communications regarding next steps and report back in June with further details.

C) Information for June Meeting

A. Bathe reminded the Committee that the June 21, 2018 DEAC meeting will be held at the Durham College Centre for Food, 1610 Champlain Ave, Whitby beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be a tour of the facility prior to the start of the DEAC meeting.

6. Items for Information

A) Commissioner’s Report #2018-COW-44 – Proposed Methodology for Land Needs Assessment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

A copy of Report #2018-COW-44 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

S. Clearwater referenced Section 2.3 of Report #2018-COW-44 and raised a concern regarding the high density development targets within the delineated built-up areas.

Discussion ensued regarding receiving reports after comments have been submitted to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry; the Growth Plan being based on an “intensification first” approach; and the requirement for municipalities to complete land needs assessments to demonstrate how future growth will be allocated.

The Committee expressed their interest in re-visiting this topic at a future meeting.

B) Commissioner’s Report #2018-INFO-53 – 2016 Census of Population

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-53 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

C) Commissioner’s Report #2018-INFO-54 – Carruther’s Creek Watershed Plan Update

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-54 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner’s Report #2018-INFO-56 – Monitoring of LDC Decisions of the March 19, 2018

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-56 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

E) Commissioner’s Report #2018-INFO-57 – Provincial Decisions on the Regional Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-57 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

In response to a concern from S. Clearwater, A. Bathe clarified that the term “Candidate Areas” refers to rural areas of land that that will be protected and would help to create a wider Agricultural System.

H. Manns encouraged the Committee to look at the online map viewer that can be accessed through the link on page 2 of Report #2018-INFO-57, under Section 2.2. A. Bathe noted the Provinces’ interest in moving towards more visualization to help stakeholders and the public understand the more technical terms.

F) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-60 – Annual Subdivision/Condominium Activity Report for 2017

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-60 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

G) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-64 – Monitoring for Growth Trends

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-64 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

H) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-68 – Durham Region's Response to the Province's Draft Watershed Planning Guidance Document

A copy of Report #2018-COW-68 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.

I) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-70 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the April 23, 2018 Meeting

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-70 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #10 to the agenda.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That Information Items A) to I) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) Ontario Envirothon

K. Sellers noted that the Ontario Envirothon was live-streamed today (May 30, 2018) from the University of Waterloo.

B) Futures Forum on Energy and the Environment – University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)

S. Clearwater attended the Futures Forum on Energy and the Environment at UOIT on May 2, 2018 and noted the success of the event.

S. Clearwater highlighted Gina McCarthy's, Former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator presentation where she focused on the importance of moving away from fossil fuels, as well as a presentation from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) that discussed the need to transition into other energies such as nuclear.

C) Planning Process for Construction Projects

Discussion ensued regarding the planning process for construction projects, and whether breeding seasons for various animal species are considered during the planning process and before the implementation/construction phase of a project.

A. Bathe advised that she would look into whether the breeding seasons are considered within the planning process.

D) Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) Comments re: Soil Regulation

G. Carpentier advised the Committee that SEAC had sent in comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the excess soil management regulatory proposal. The comment period closes June 15, 2018.

G. Carpentier noted he would send SEAC's comments to A. Bathe who will forward them to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the low level radioactive soil in Port Hope; what the levels of the contaminated soil are; what depth of soil they remove; and what is used to fill the holes. The Committee noted their interest on having a speaker on this topic.

E) Great Canadian Birdathon 2018

G. Carpentier stated the success of this event and noted that 168 species were identified with numerous nest and bird sightings.

F) Christopher Junop – Resignation

C. Junop announced that the June 21, 2018 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting would be his last as he starts University in the Fall.

Chair Manns thanked C. Junop for all his work on the Committee and the Committee wished him the best in his future endeavours.

G) Organics Management Presentation

H. Manns advised that Report #2018-COW-146: Request for Information #RFI-1158-2017 for Mixed Waste Transfer and Pre-sorting, Organics Processing , and Beneficial Use of By-Products/End Products, is available to the public and that there is interest in having Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management come to DEAC to present on Organics Management.

H) Natural Channels Conference

H. Manns informed the Committee that she viewed the Natural Channels - Sustaining Connectivity: Exploring the Importance of Connectivity in Systems, Knowledge, Practice and Policy Conference online. She highlighted one presentation that focused on solar panels and their relationship with hydrology.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 starting at 7:00 PM at the Durham College Centre for Food, 1610 Champlain Ave, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by K. Murray,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

H. Manns, Chair, Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk