

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 12, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair  
E. Bowman, Clarington  
B. Howsam, Member at Large  
J. Henderson, Oshawa  
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large  
H. Schillings, Whitby  
B. Smith, Uxbridge  
G. Taylor, Pickering  
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair  
B. Winter, Ajax

Absent: G. O'Connor, Regional Chair  
I. Bacon, Member at Large  
K. Kemp, Scugog  
K. Kennedy, Member at Large

**Staff**

Present: K. Kilbourne, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by J. Henderson,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee  
meeting held on May 8, 2018 be adopted.  
CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Presentations**

A) **Gary Bowen, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority – Carruther's Creek Watershed Plan Update**

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G. Bowen provided a PowerPoint Presentation titled: "Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update."

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Context
- Wet Year: 2015, Dry Year: 2016
- Path to Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan
- Phase 1 Technical Reports
- Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan: Phase 2
  - 2018: Q1 and Q2
  - 2018: Q3 and Q4
  - 2019: Q1 and Q2
  - 2019: Q3 and Q4
- Phase 2 Peer Review
- Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan
- 2003 Carruthers Creek Vision
- 2003 Carruthers Creek Management Philosophy

G. Bowen stated that they will be considering through the process, the upcoming Durham Municipal Comprehensive Review; potential for Greenbelt expansion; the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) next generation of watershed plans; and the Provincial Watershed Planning Guidance document. He noted the concerns in Ajax regarding downstream flooding.

G. Bowen advised that the Carruther's Creek Watershed Plan is a 4-year study. He advised that Phase 1 of the study consisted of sending 7 reports to technical experts for peer review and ensuring Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance. He also advised that Phase 2 work to date has consisted of launching the project website; and presenting to stakeholders and committees.

G. Bowen stated that in 2018 land use scenarios were completed to analyze what the watershed was like in the past, what it's currently like, and what it may look like in the future. In 2019, management targets, goals and objectives will be finalized; and review of the draft Management Recommendations with Ajax and Pickering municipal staff will take place.

G. Bowen advised that they have an external consultant, John Kinkead, and that he is currently in the process of reviewing the proposed work plan

components; advising on proposed scenario criteria; and reviewing work components to determine appropriate peer reviewers.

G. Bowen highlighted the 2003 Carruthers Creek Vision and the 2003 Carruthers Creek Management Philosophy and stated that those original goals will be a good starting point to ensure the protection, restoration, and enhancements to the future of the watershed.

G. Bowen responded to questions regarding what the Greenbelt boundary includes; the current health of the watershed; potential changes to be made through the urban areas; and future opportunities to improve the process.

B) Dan Ruby, Ontario Centres of Excellence – GreenON Program

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D. Ruby provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Ontario Centres of Excellence – GreenON Program.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- About Ontario Centre for Excellence (OCE)
- Our Business Development Model
- Connector
- Office Locations
- Programs & Strategic Initiatives
- GreenON Industries
- GreenON Food Manufacturing Program – June 2018
  - Objectives
  - Overview
  - Projects
- GreenON Agriculture Program

D. Ruby advised the Committee that the Ontario Centre for Excellence (OCE) is a not-for-profit organization that was created to bridge the gap of technological developments and create partnerships between the Ontario provincial Ministries, college and university research departments, hospitals, and private industry. He advised that OCE is fully funded by the Province and has \$33 million of core funding from the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science.

D. Ruby advised that OCE consults with companies and helps determine what their research needs are as well funding. OCE has an office in Oshawa that is co-located with the Spark Centre. D. Ruby discussed the Industry-Academic Research & Development Collaboration sector and the Strategic Initiatives sector of OCE.

D. Ruby informed the Committee of the GreenON Food Manufacturing Program aimed at helping food and beverage processors reduce greenhouse

gas emissions; and the GreenON Agriculture Program that supports eligible upgrades to production facilities and conducts commercial-scale pilots. He noted that the GreenON Agriculture Program is administered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA).

D. Ruby responded to questions regarding the relationship between greenhouse gas emissions and agriculture; the competition process for acquiring funding; what happens to any funding money leftover; and where the additional \$370 million of funding came from that they received this year.

Discussion ensued regarding the GreenON Agriculture Program and the potential discrepancies between the OCE and OSCIA's programs regarding the definition of retrofitting.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

##### **A) 2018 DAAC Farm Tour**

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Discussion ensued regarding the final details of the Farm Tour being held September 13, 2018. D. Risebrough noted that Bruce Vandenberg from Mariposa Dairy will be the keynote speaker and that some help will be needed to move picnic tables to the location on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. B. Smith will be arranging to have machinery on display. D. Risebrough also noted that Mary Evans was recommended as the preferred caterer. The sub-committee will meet again in July.

##### **B) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – N. Rutherford**

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K. Kilbourne provided the following update on behalf of N. Rutherford, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Affairs:

- The Region of Durham Spring Farmers Market was held June 8, 2018. The market hosted 12 vendors as well as representatives from Durham Farm Fresh and Durham Farm Connections. Staff received a lot of great feedback and are now planning for the Fall market.
- This July, Leading Livestock Genetics (LLG) is co-hosting the 2018 Motor Rally alongside the Russian online publisher DairyNews. The Motor Rally will travel to Durham Region on July 18, 2018.
- The Canadian Plowing Match will be held from September 30, 2018 to October 4, 2018 in Sunderland, and the Durham Region Plowing Match will be held September 1, 2018 at Brooks Farms. Both matches will be sponsored by Durham Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

- The Nourish and Develop Foundation is developing a new program, called Project Gleaning which will benefit local farmers and the planet. Gleaning is a process that allows the collection and use of produce that would otherwise waste in the fields after harvest. Through this initiative the registered farm will receive a charitable tax receipt of the value of the produce collected.

**5. Information Items**

A) Quarter Horse Racing Industry in Durham Region (2018-COW-89)

A copy of Report #2018-COW-89 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Quarter Horse Racing Industry in Durham Region was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

B) Letter of Support for Quarter Horse Racing Industry

A copy of the letter of support for Quarter Horse Racing Industry from Regional Chair O'Connor on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Durham was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

C) Ontario's Natural Gas Program – Bringing Natural Gas to Scugog Island (2018-INFO-71)

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-71 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Ontario's Natural Gas Program – Bringing Natural Gas to Scugog Island was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda and received.

D) Early Release Report – Transportation ROPA (2018-COW-XX)

A copy of Early Release Report #2018-COW-XX of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Decision Meeting Report – Transportation ROPA was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda and received.

E) DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards (2018-COW-75)

A copy of Report #2018-COW-75 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards was provided as Attachment #6 to the Agenda and received.

K. Kilbourne noted that Durham Farm Connections won the Irene Kock Education/Communication Award for its work to enhance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the agri-food industry within Durham Region.

F) Durham Region's Response to Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance (2018-COW-126)

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A copy of Report #2018-COW-126 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Durham Region's Response to Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance was provided as Attachment #7 to the Agenda and received.

**7. Other Business**

A) Surplus Farm Dwelling – Uxbridge

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D. Risebrough raised a concern with respect to a surplus farm dwelling completed in the Township of Uxbridge last year.

Discussion ensued regarding an additional home being built on the property and whether the new build will become a replacement and not a second dwelling.

K. Kilbourne advised she would investigate this and report back to the Committee.

B) DAAC and Durham Active Transportation Committee Partnership - Share the Road – Road Safety Initiatives

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K. Kilbourne provided an update on the DAAC and DATC partnership around Share the Road and other road safety initiatives. She noted that a meeting with Transportation and Works staff was held today and that DAAC will be provided the opportunity to comment on the Vision Zero Road Safety Action Plan as well as be involved in the upcoming Cycle Durham Plan. The Durham Active Transportation Committee is also looking into a small project that would provide lights to cyclists, in particular migrant farm workers, and DAAC may have the opportunity to assist with the distribution or getting the word out.

K. Kilbourne advised that there will be a Share the Road Workshop in the Fall.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 starting at 7:30 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by B. Smith,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

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Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham  
Agricultural Advisory Committee

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S. Penak, Committee Clerk