

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Centre for Food – Durham College, Whitby at 7:00 PM.

Present: O. Chaudhry, Pickering
C. Junop, Youth Member
K. McDonald, Uxbridge
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa
C. Pettingill, Second Vice-Chair, Brock left the meeting at 8:00 PM
E. Porter, Youth Member
K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog
S. Clearwater, Member at Large
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
J. Henry, Regional Councillor, City of Oshawa
G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
H. Manns, Chair, Clarington
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax, Member at Large

Staff

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

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

The Committee was given a tour of the Durham Centre for Food from 7:00-8:00 PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

This item was not considered due to a lack of quorum.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

This item was not considered due to a lack of quorum.

4. Presentations

A) Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update – Maryam Nassar, Senior Project Manager, Duffins Carruthers Watershed Services, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

M. Nassar provided a 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 Peer Reviewed 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
- Goals, Objectives, Actions
- 2003 Carruthers Creek Vision
- 2003 Carruthers Creek Management Philosophy

M. Nassar 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. She noted the concerns in Ajax regarding downstream flooding

M. Nassar advised that the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan is a 4-year study. She advised that Phase 1 of the study consisted of sending 7 reports to technical experts for peer review. She also advised that Phase 2 consisted of launching the project website; and presenting to stakeholders and committees.

M. Nassar 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.

M. Nassar 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.

M. Nassar encouraged the Committee to review the 2003 Carruthers Creek Vision and the 2003 Carruthers Creek Management Philosophy, then complete the online survey that can be found on the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan website. The survey closes the end of September.

M. Nassar responded to questions regarding any additional field work to be completed; water chemistry being completed in the streams; a potential partnership with EcoSpark; the total size of the Carruthers Creek Watershed; how many staff are assigned to this project; and the impact the change in Government may have on this project.

5. Items for Action

There were no Items for Action to be discussed.

6. Items for Information

- A) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-93 – Summary of Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority and Summary of Planning Activity in First Quarter of 2018

A copy of Report #2018-COW-93 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

- B) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-94 – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Regulations related to Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-94 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

- C) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-99 – 2017 Annual Building Activity Review

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-99 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

- D) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-79 – Smart Commute Durham 2017-2018 Progress Report, 2018-2019 Workplan, and Service Delivery Agreement

A copy of Report #2018-COW-79 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

- E) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-93 – "Envision Durham". The Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan

A copy of Report #2018-COW-93 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

- F) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-126 – Durham Region's Response to the Province's Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document

A copy of Report #2018-COW-126 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

Due to a lack of quorum, Items 6. A) to 6. F) inclusive were deferred to the September 20, 2018 DEAC meeting.

7. Other Business

This item was not considered due to a lack of quorum.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

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

S. Penak, Committee Clerk