

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 20, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby 7:01 PM.

Present: H. Manns, Chair, Clarington, attended the meeting at 7:04 PM
G. Carpentier, Scugog
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Member at Large
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
J. Henry, Regional Councillor, City of Oshawa, left the meeting at 7:43 PM
G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large, attended the meeting at 7:30 PM
M. Thompson, Ajax, Member at Large

Absent: K. McDonald, Uxbridge
C. Pettingill, Second Vice-Chair, Brock
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large

Staff

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

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to add the May
30, 2018 DEAC Minutes to the agenda.

CARRIED

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the agenda for the September 20, 2018 DEAC meeting, as
presented and as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
May 30, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by K.Sellers, Seconded by M. Thompson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
June 21, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) PickWaste – Sam Demma, Co-Founder

S. Demma provided a Presentation titled: "PickWaste". He informed the Committee that PickWaste began July 1, 2017 with fellow Co-Founder Dillon Mendes, at West Shore Beach in Pickering, Ontario.

S. Demma explained the following three core tasks:

- Voluntary litter clean-ups (64 community clean-ups to date that total 700 bags of litter and 6,000 cigarette butts collected);
- Presentations/speaking engagements (35 presentations to date); and
- Corporate Social Responsibility events.

S. Demma advised that their goal is to educate, inspire and provide people with small consistent actions that they can implement in their personal lives to make a real, lasting change. He explained that pollution is a global issue and a systemic change is required; and that the clean-ups are to help raise awareness of this issue. He also explained that participating in corporate social responsibility events allows their information to be spread quicker and across a wider audience.

S. Demma responded to questions of the Committee regarding litter thrown from cars, and blowing out of recycling boxes; what is being taught in the high schools on this matter; whether waste collected is sorted and if waste pick-ups are an option; branding bags and gloves with the PickWaste logo to

distribute at events; the type of organization PickWaste is; and how many volunteers are involved in this initiative.

At the request of S. Demma, A. Bathe advised that she would gather comments from the Committee and email them to him directly.

5. Items for Action

A) Youth Membership Update

A. Bathe advised that there are currently no youth members sitting on the Committee as they have graduated high school. She advised that letters have been sent to high schools in Durham Region through the principals in order to solicit applications for youth members. She noted that applications are due October 26, 2018. She also noted that Committee members could send any names to her and that they would be required to submit a letter of interest/experience, a letter of support from their school, and a letter from their parents. A. Bathe advised she would email the Committee a summary of what the requirements for a youth member are to be eligible to apply.

B) Membership after the Municipal Election

A. Bathe advised that she will be forwarding letters to the area municipalities in December regarding individuals interested in serving on DEAC for the next term of Council. She requested that members interested in remaining on the Committee send her an up to date resume or summary of qualifications. She added that she will send out a follow-up email to the Committee on this matter, and she noted that advertisements will also be put in the local papers.

6. Items for Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-102 – Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-102 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

B) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-105 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the June 11, 2018 Meeting

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-105 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

C) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-106 – Status Update: Provincial Cap and Trade Emissions Trading Program

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-106 of the Acting Commissioner of Finance was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

Detailed discussion from the Committee ensued regarding Bill 4: *Cap and Trade Cancellation Act*, 2018; the perceived consequences and benefits that came from the Cap and Trade Emissions Trading Program; Bill 34: *Green Energy Repeal Act*, 2018; and alternatives to the Cap and Trade Program.

A. Bathe advised that once any information is received from the Province associated with the Provincial Cap and Trade Emissions Trading Program, it would be brought to the Committee.

D) Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-126 – Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program – Status Update

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-126 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

E) Commissioner's Report #2018-COW-159 – Proposed Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Durham Active Transportation Committee, and Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

A copy of Report #2018-COW-159 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

A. Bathe advised that minor revisions were made to the DEAC Terms of Reference in order to reflect the change back to the standing committee structure.

The Committee discussed the three-meeting rule and its purpose; and the possibility of touring a facility in July or August in 2019.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That Information Items A) to E) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) Ganaraska Wind Farm – Community Liaison Committee Meeting

H. Manns advised the Committee that the next Ganaraska Wind Farm – Community Liaison Committee Meeting will be held November 7, 2018 at the Orono Arena and Community Centre.

B) Phragmites - Scugog

G. Carpentier advised the Committee that hired another student was hired to try to set up control programs for Phragmites in Scugog. He also advised

that they are doing a lot of community outreach that is starting to draw media attention.

The Committee noted their interest on having a speaker on phragmites and a clean equipment protocol/policy at a future meeting.

C) University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Co-op Model

D. Stathopoulos informed the Committee that as of 2020 UOIT will be instituting a co-op model, where an organization will receive 30% back if they hire a student.

D) Southeast Collector (SEC) Trunk Sewer Project

H. Manns advised the Committee that the SEC Trunk Sewer Project that began in 2010 has formally closed.

E) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) Watershed Planning Update

A. Bathe informed the Committee that she received an email from CLOCA regarding the provincially mandated watershed planning. She advised that the watershed plans are to be updated every 5 years and to begin that process, CLOCA will be hosting several public information sessions. The public information sessions will be held Thursday, October 25, 2018 and Saturday, October 27, 2018 to discuss the Lynde and Oshawa Creek watershed plans; and Thursday, November 8, 2018 and Saturday, November 10, 2018 to discuss the Bowmanville/Soper and Black/Farewell/Harmony Creek watershed plans.

A. Bathe advised that she will email the public information session dates and the links to the current watershed plans to the Committee. She also advised that she has invited a speaker from CLOCA to attend the October DEAC meeting to discuss how DEAC can be involved in this process in 2019.

F) Regional Coordinator – Envirothon

K. Sellers informed the Committee that due to the cancellation of the Cap and Trade Emissions Program, the Ecobusiness Network (formerly Durham Sustainability) is no longer the regional coordinator for the Durham Region

Envirothon. There is now a need for a new regional coordinator for Envirothon.

K. Sellers asked the Committee if they knew of an organization or individual who would be interested and to forward their names to her or A. Bathe.

G) Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG)

S. Clearwater advised the Committee that the next meeting for the Port Granby Project CLG will be held September 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM to discuss the end uses for the area.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by G. Layton, Seconded by K. Sellers,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

H. Manns, Chair, Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk