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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:45 PM

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
B. Smith, Uxbridge
G. Taylor, Pickering
B. Winter, Ajax

Also
Present: Regional Chair Henry

Absent: I. Bacon, Member at Large
D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor
E. Bowman, Clarington
J. Henderson, Oshawa
B. Howsam, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
H. Schillings, Whitby
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

Staff
Present: D. Hoge, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, Office of the CAO
B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development

At 7:45 PM there was no quorum. It was the consensus of the committee that they proceed with the presentations and defer all other items to the next meeting should quorum not be obtained by 7:45 PM.

1. Adoption of Minutes

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Presentations

A) Brian Kelly and Doran Hoge, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer,
Durham Community Energy Plan Update

B. Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP). He stated that the DCEP seeks to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy in Durham, while simultaneously achieving multiple economic, environmental and social benefits.

B. Kelly stated that the DCEP was approved for funding in the amount of \$90,000 by the Ministry of Energy MEP program in May 2016 and approved by Regional Council in June 2016. He stated that the 3 stages of the DCEP are as follows: Stakeholder Engagement; Baseline Data Study, and Plan Development. He reviewed the scope of the DCEP, Project Partners and the DCEP Process. He stated that stakeholder engagement sessions were held and key messages were identified:

B. Kelly stated that the following three Energy Scenarios were examined: Business as Usual; Business and Planned; and Low Carbon Pathway and reviewed descriptions, energy consumptions, GHG emissions, household energy expenditures and total energy expenditures of each Energy Scenario.

B. Kelly advised that the following 6 programs will be proposed to the Durham Region Climate Change Committee, the Finance and Administration Committee and subsequently to Regional Council:

1. Durham Green Standard: Enhanced energy performance for new buildings;
2. Durham Deep Retrofit Program: Transforming existing buildings;
3. Renewable Energy Co-operative: Stimulating local renewable energy projects;
4. Electric Vehicle Joint Venture Program: Happy motoring;
5. Education and Outreach Program: Engaging in the community; and
6. Coordinating Land-use Policies: Sustainable Growth

B. Kelly responded to questions of the Committee.

B) Heather Brooks, Chair of the Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative (NECCC), Overview of NECCC Projects

H. Brooks, Chair of the Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative (NECCC), provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of climate change impacts and the NECCC projects.

H. Brooks stated that NECCC is an implementer of the Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan (DCCAP) Natural Environment Program and is comprised of staff from area municipalities, the Region of Durham and Conservation Authorities. H. Brooks provided an overview of the NECCC projects including:

- How climate change is incorporated into key strategic plans, documents, and policies in the Region and identified best practices for incorporating climate change considerations into the documents;
- Updating the Regional climate change modelling to adopt an ensemble model with Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation funding including consideration of agricultural parameters;
- Provided comments on the draft Agricultural Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy; and
- A recently hosted summit in the Town of Ajax

Discussion ensued with regards to areas of overlap including valuation of agricultural ecosystem goods and services and carbon sequestration.

C) Kristy Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Draft Durham Agricultural Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of Durham's Agricultural Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

K. Kilbourne provided a review of the input that was received from the agricultural advisory committees and advised that the strategy is scheduled to be presented to the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee in April 2019 and to Finance and Administration Committee and Regional Council in May 2019.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2018 Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Study
- Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan, 2016
- Strategy Development Milestones and Timeline
- Identified Risks to agricultural sector
- Resilience Factors
- Recommended Theme Areas
 - Theme 1: Building community capacity and research capacity;
 - Theme 2: Enhancing policy support for agriculture and climate change adaptation;
 - Theme 3: Increasing local education and awareness on agriculture and climate change adaptation; and
 - Theme 4: Addressing agricultural sector climate change adaptation through cross-sectoral programs and community partnerships
- Recommended Action Plan

4. Discussion Items

A) DAAC 2019-2022 Term Membership Update – K. Kilbourne

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

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

N. Rutherford provided a brief update with regards to the following:

- The Envision Durham Survey link will be sent out and is only available until the beginning of April.
- The Revitalization Through Urban Agriculture Symposium is taking place on March 30, 2019.
- Agricultural Strategy Update Consultation Sessions to be held on March 21, 2019.
- Durham Farm Connections will be hosting their annual Grade 3 Event on April 2 to 4, 2019 at the Luther Vipond Memorial Arena in Brooklin.
- N. Rutherford provided a tour of the businesses in Durham's rural area including agricultural businesses to the Chief Administrative Officer and Regional Chair.

C) 2019 DAAC Farm Tour

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

D) Feedback on Municipal Fire Regulations

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

5. Information Items

A) 2019-P-3 Proposed Durham Region Broadband Strategy – Connecting our Communities: A Broadband Strategy for Durham Region

A copy of Report #2019-P-3, Proposed Durham Region Broadband Strategy, "Connecting our Communities: A Broadband Strategy for Durham Region", was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

B) 2019-P-4 Envision Durham – Public Engagement Launch

A copy of Report #2019-P-4, Envision Durham – Public Engagement Launch, was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

C) 2019-P-5 Region of Durham Draft Woodland Conservation and Management By-law

A copy of Report #2019-P-5, Region of Durham Draft Woodland Conservation and Management By-law, was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda.

- D) Notice of Adoption, Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 173, Mike Kennedy

A copy of the Notice of Adoption with Respect to Amendment 173 to the Durham Regional Official Plan Section 17(23) of the Planning Act, was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda.

- E) 2019-P-12 Envision Durham Agriculture and Rural System Discussion Paper

A copy of Report #2019-P-12, Envision Durham – Agriculture and Rural System Discussion Paper, was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda.

- F) Correspondence to the Minister of MMAH re: Durham's response to Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan and 2019-P-6

A copy of the correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Report #2019-P-6 regarding Durham Region's response to Proposed Amendment #1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, Regulatory Proposals under the Planning Act and Places to Grow Act, and a Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones, was provided as Attachments #7 and #8 to the Agenda.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 starting at 7:30 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner