



## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Planning & Economic Development Committee Agenda**

Council Chambers  
Regional Headquarters Building  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

**9:30 AM**

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There are no statutory public meetings

**4. Delegations**

There are no delegations

**5. Presentations**

- 5.1 Dimitri Pagratis, Project Planner, re: Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law) (2019-P-44) [Item 6.2 A]
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There are no advisory committee resolutions to be considered

**9. Confidential Matters**

There are no confidential matters to be considered

**10. Other Business**

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM

**12. Adjournment**

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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 AM

Present: Councillor Ryan, Chair  
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Bath-Hadden attended the meeting at 9:43 AM  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Collier left the meeting at 10:53 AM  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Wotten

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
V. Chanthavong, Planner  
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism  
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
T. Lavery, Manager, Corporate Communications  
C. Leitch, Principal Planner  
G. Muller, Director of Planning  
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning  
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism  
L. Riviere-Doersam, Principal Planner  
K. Ryan, Senior Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services  
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development  
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation  
A. Yearwood, Project Planner  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(83) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development  
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**3. Statutory Public Meetings**

- 3.1 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Jerrann Farms, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2019-004 (2019-P-38)
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The Chair advised that this portion of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting constitutes the Statutory Public Information meeting under the Planning Act for a proposed amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan. He noted that the purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with information about the proposed amendment and to hear any submissions.

A) Presentation

Vannitha Chanthavong, Planner, Planning Division, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-38 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. She advised that an application has been submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Jerrann Farms, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock. The subject site is located on the north side of Thorah Concession Road 1 at the northwest intersection of Thorah Concession Road 1 and Simcoe Street, in the Township of Brock. She provided an overview of the application and land use policy considerations. She also advised that to date no submissions have been received from the public.

V. Chanthavong responded to questions regarding the existing dwellings on the property; Provincial planning policies; Regional Official Plan policy 9A.2.10; and the shape of the proposed severance.

Mr. Hugh Stewart, Planner, Clark Consulting Services, responded to questions on behalf of the applicant with respect to the shape of the proposed severance.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who wished to make a submission or ask any questions.

B) Delegations

There were no persons in attendance who requested to make a submission.

C) Report

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Highet,

(84) A) That Report #2019-P-38 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development be received for information; and

B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

CARRIED

3.2 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Daryl Phoenix to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2019-005 (2019-P-39)

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The Chair advised that this portion of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting constitutes the Statutory Public Information meeting under the Planning Act for a proposed amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan. He noted that the purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with information about the proposed amendment and to hear any submissions.

A) Presentation

Lori Riviere-Doersam, Principal Planner, Planning Division, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-39 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. She advised that an application has been submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Daryl Phoenix, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock. The subject site is located on the north side of Concession 6 and west of Simcoe Street, in the Township of Brock. She provided an overview of the application and land use policy considerations. She also advised that to date no submissions have been received from the public.

L. Riviere-Doersam responded to questions regarding the farming operation; and ownership of the abutting parcel identified on Attachment #2 to Report #2019-P-39.

It was requested that Attachment #2 to Report #2019-P-39 be revised to reflect that the map depicts parcels in the Township of Brock.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who wished to make a submission or ask any questions.

B) Delegations

There were no persons in attendance who requested to make a submission.

C) Report

Staff responded to questions with respect to previous severances from the farm parcel; ownership of other Daryl Phoenix farm parcels; and Regional Official Plan policy 9A.2.10.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

(85) A) That Report #2019-P-39 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development be received for information; and

B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

CARRIED

3.3 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling and associated accessory buildings rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2019-006 (2019-P-40)

The Chair advised that this portion of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting constitutes the Statutory Public Information meeting under the Planning Act for a proposed amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan. He noted that the purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with information about the proposed amendment and to hear any submissions.

A) Presentation

Ashley Yearwood, Project Planner, Planning Division, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-40 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. He advised that an application has been submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Municipality of Clarington. The subject site is located on the east side of Vannest Road, between Concession Roads 6 and 7, in the Municipality of Clarington. He provided an overview of the application and land use policy considerations. He also advised that to date no inquiries have been received from the public.

A. Yearwood responded to questions with respect to previous severances from the farm parcel; ownership of the abutting parcel identified on Attachment #2 to Report #2019-P-40; and Regional Official Plan policy 9A.2.10.

It was requested that future reports indicate the name registered on title for other lands owned by the applicant.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who wished to make a submission or ask any questions.

B) Delegations

There were no persons in attendance who requested to make a submission.

C) Report

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Hight,

(86) A) That Report #2019-P-40 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development be received for information; and

B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

CARRIED

4. **Delegations**

4.1 Sherry Colbourne, President & CEO, Spark Centre, re: Update on the Durham Region Innovation District and Eastern Ontario Innovation Corridor

Ms. Colbourne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Innovation District. She advised that in March 2019 the Spark Centre began preparing a FedDev proposal in the amount of \$10 million for the development of an innovation network in the region. She explained that during this time they have refined the concept, developed marketing materials, and developed programming in order to submit a proposal. She also advised that through the process they have learned that they need to scale back the proposal as the federal government does not provide funding for infrastructure and the proposal must focus specifically on programming. She further advised that in order to submit the proposal they must have letters of commitment. She explained that they have a large number of letters of support, however without specific letters of commitment to provide matching funds, they will not have a successful submission. She also outlined other initiatives receiving funding from FedDev Ontario and the focus of the proposal from Communitech in Waterloo, MaRS in Toronto, and Invest Ottawa in Ottawa.

Ms. Colbourne advised that the revised proposal has been scaled back considerably and is a new roll-out approach, in which phase 1 includes a request of \$4.5 million or \$1.5 million per year for three years. Phase 2 would involve a second FedDev proposal and accelerate and expand to the entire region. She explained that the region includes Durham Region as well as rural partners to the east.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(87) That Ms. Colbourne be granted a 2-minute extension to finish her delegation.

CARRIED

Ms. Colbourne concluded by advising that they are asking for \$4.5 million from FedDev Ontario and match funding of \$4.5 million from Durham Region. She explained that based on their calculations this will generate about \$41 million in direct GDP benefit based on the number of new start-ups they are bringing to the region. She added that this is based on receiving about \$40 million collectively, \$9 million total from FedDev Ontario and Durham Region, and \$31 million in terms of in-kind contributions from industry, investors and the existing innovation assets.

Ms. Colbourne responded to questions with respect to the Spark Centre and the Durham Region Innovation District project.

Staff responded to questions with respect to annual funding provided to the Spark Centre; the submission of financial statements; members of the Spark Centre Board of Directors; and whether staff support the funding request for the Durham Region Innovation District project.

It was requested that staff provide a report related to the delegation request from Sherry Colbourne regarding the Durham Region Innovation District prior to the 2020 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

It was also requested that an electronic copy of the presentation from Ms. Colbourne be provided to members of the Committee. Staff agreed to provide Councillor Joe Neal with a list of Spark Centre Board Members.

4.2 Maurice Brenner, City Councillor, City of Pickering, re: City of Pickering resolution regarding An Age Friendly Affordable Housing Strategy

Mr. Brenner withdrew his request to appear as a delegation.

**5. Presentations**

5.1 Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, re: Envision Durham – Transportation System Discussion Paper (2019-P-41)

C. Leitch, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-41 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Discussion Paper Context
- Transportation Planning Policy Context
- Policy Considerations
  - Land Use and Transportation



- Public Transit
- Active Transportation
- Roads and Corridor Protection
- Travel Choices
- Goods Movement
- Consultation and Engagement

Staff responded to questions with respect to the inclusion of the Port of Oshawa and St. Marys Cement dock; current Regional Official Plan policies related to the Port of Oshawa and St. Marys Cement dock; how input from the various Envision Durham discussion papers will be combined; and the anticipated Envision Durham project timelines.

With the consensus of the Committee, the order of the agenda was altered to consider Report #2019-P-41 at this time.

## 6.2 Reports

### A) Envision Durham – Transportation System Discussion Paper (2019-P-41)

Report #2019-P-41 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Highet,  
(88) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2019-P-41 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-P-41 be forward to Durham's area municipalities, conservation authorities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Transportation, Metrolinx, and the Durham Active Transportation Committee for review and comment.

CARRIED

## 6. **Planning**

### 6.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, dated August 16, 2019, re: requiring Conservation Authorities to re-focus their efforts to the delivery of programs and services related to their core mandate

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether proposed regulations have been released; the definition of natural hazards; and the potential of updating the memorandum of understanding between the Region and Conservation Authorities. It was noted that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has

requested that changes to conservation authority operations be postponed until after the current Regional Government Review.

Moved by Councillor Joe Neal, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(89) That correspondence from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, be received for information.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence from Conservation Ontario, dated August 19, 2019, re: response to the letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks constraining Conservation Authority programs and services
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Moved by Councillor Joe Neal, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(90) That correspondence from Conservation Ontario be received for information.

CARRIED

- C) Correspondence from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering, dated September 24, 2019, re: An Age Friendly Affordable Housing Strategy
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Staff responded to questions with respect to the request of the City of Pickering; the definition of affordable housing; and the recommendation to refer the correspondence to staff for consideration through the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(91) That correspondence from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering, be referred to staff for consideration through the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

CARRIED

## 6.2 Reports

- A) Envision Durham – Transportation System Discussion Paper (2019-P-41)

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 7 of these minutes.

- B) Provincial Policy Statement Review, Proposed Policies (ERO #019-0279) (2019-P-42)
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Report #2019-P-42 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(92) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2019-P-42 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be endorsed as Durham Region's response to the Environmental Registry's posting (ERO #019-0279) for the Provincial Policy Statement Review – Proposed Policies, including the following recommendations:
- i) That, for clarification purposes, the term "Provincial Interest" be defined in the PPS, or that a reference to section 2 of the Planning Act be included;
  - ii) That a policy be included in Policy 1.1.1 that encourages the preparation and implementation of community energy plans as a component of planning for healthy, liveable and safe communities;
  - iii) That the term "market-based" in Policy 1.1.1.(6) be revised to "market informed" to better reflect the provincial policy-led planning system, and the Region's long-term planning objectives that support the provision of affordable and supportive housing, while encouraging a more compact urban form that is sensitive to local conditions;
  - iv) That the Province be requested to either release an updated Land Needs Assessment guidance document, or confirm the existing draft document, to help the Region advance Envision Durham, the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review;
  - v) That the PPS continue to use the word "shall" in policies 1.1.3.6, 1.1.3.7 and 1.6.7.2 to assist with the implementation of orderly and sequential development and complete communities;
  - vi) That the references to Section 2: Wise Use and Management of Resources and Section 3: Protecting Public Health and Safety of the PPS be reinstated in Policy 1.1.3.8 to ensure that the review of Settlement Area boundaries is systematic, well planned and comprehensive;
  - vii) That natural heritage and hydrologic systems be added as criteria for consideration in the adjustment of Settlement Area boundaries to ensure that these reviews are systematic, well-planned and comprehensive and in sync with the Growth Plan;
  - viii) That the proposed wording changes to the land use compatibility policies in Policies 1.2.6.1 and 1.2.6.2 not be supported, as the changes could lead to greater conflict between sensitive uses and industrial/manufacturing uses;

- ix) That the Province be requested to provide additional guidance regarding the appropriate transition area, or distance separation, between industrial and manufacturing uses and non-employment uses, including providing additional clarity regarding Places of Worship that are regarded as sensitive land uses;
- x) That the term “regional economic development corporation” in Policy 1.3.2.5 be changed to “Planning Authority” to be consistent with other policies in the PPS;
- xi) That the Province be requested to confirm whether it intends to release updated population and employment forecasts for the Greater Golden Horseshoe that would allow the Region to use a 25-year planning horizon in its Municipal Comprehensive Review;
- xii) That the Province clarify that the upper-tier planning authority is the level which has responsibility for ensuring residential growth can be accommodated for a minimum of 12 years, and that the three-year supply of residential units is also maintained at the Regional level. In addition, it should be clarified that the upper or single-tier municipality would be responsible for defining the “regional market area”;
- xiii) That the proposed wording changes to Policy 1.6.6.3 be revised to address and safeguard the financial and operational risks to a municipality associated with privately-owned communal services;
- xiv) That proposed Policy 1.6.6.7 of the PPS be deleted related to the integration of stormwater and water/sewer planning, as the responsibilities of municipalities in single-tier and two-tier systems differ;
- xv) That Policy 1.6.7.5 not be deleted as its removal is inconsistent with the PPS overall, as the Province and municipalities are to support the timely planning and implementation of transportation infrastructure improvements, coincident with the scale and pace of development, and the failure to provide this statement does not support the principle of promoting transit supportive development;
- xvi) That, for clarification purposes, the term “wayside” not be deleted from the heading in Policy 2.5.5, as the policy is specific to wayside pits and quarries;
- xvii) That the Province provide guidance regarding how excess fill can be managed by the planning and development approvals process and suggest that excess fill can be managed through engineering approvals for developments following the draft approval stage;

- xviii) That the definition of the term “conserved” remain the same as per the 2014 PPS to recognize that municipalities do not have the authority to “approve” or adopt archaeological and heritage impact assessments; and
- xix) That a reference to climate data be added to the definition of “impacts of a changing climate”; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2019-P-42 be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Durham’s area municipalities and conservation authorities.

CARRIED

C) Recommendation for Award – Regional Cycling Plan Update (2019-P-43)

Report #2019-P-43 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(93) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Request for Proposals RFP-1029-2019 (the "RFP") for a Regional Cycling Plan Update to be completed by September 2020 be awarded to WSP Inc. at an upset limit of \$140,000, plus applicable taxes be funded, as follows:

Prior Financing (Program Number: 23020)	\$90,000
2019 Transportation Master Plan (Program Number: 23020)	<u>\$50,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$140,000</u>

- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the Consulting Services Agreement and any amendments required to complete the work.

CARRIED

**7. Economic Development**

**7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

**7.2 Reports**

There were no Economic Development reports to consider.

**8. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**9. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(94) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Ryan, Chair

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T. Fraser, Committee Clerk



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: [#2019-P-44](#)  
Date: November 5, 2019

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**Subject:**

Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law), File: E01-00

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the Regional Woodland By-law, as contained in Attachment #1 to this Report #2019-P-44, be passed. Regional Woodland By-law would come into effect on the date of passing;
  - B) That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to submit an application to the Regional Senior Justice of the Province of Ontario seeking Part 1 offences to this By-law for set fines and short form wordings; and
  - C) That a copy of this Report #2019-P-44 and the By-law be forwarded to: the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR); the Region's Conservation Authorities; the Region's Area Municipalities including area municipal staff and By-law enforcement officers; the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC); the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC); local forest practitioners; and members of the public who have expressed interest.
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**Report:****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Section 135 of the Municipal Act provides municipalities with the authority to prohibit or regulate the destruction of trees. Upper-tier municipalities may prohibit or regulate the destruction or injury of trees in woodlands one hectare or greater in size designated in a by-law, whereas trees, either individually or in wooded areas under one hectare may be regulated by the Area Municipalities. Municipalities may require a permit to be obtained to destroy or injure trees and may impose conditions to a permit.
- 1.2 The Region's current Tree By-law was last amended on June 27, 2012. Through comprehensive stakeholder and public engagement, this review examined the strengths and weaknesses of the current by-law and identified changes to bring the by-law into conformity with current federal, provincial, and municipal policies and regulations. The review has also identified initiatives for streamlining, harmonization and process improvements.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Region's consultation process and research identified opportunities for enhancements to the current Tree By-law, based on input from a variety of stakeholders including: the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC); the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC); the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR); the Region's Conservation Authorities; area municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers; and local forestry practitioners.
- 2.2 A draft by-law incorporating stakeholder input and research analysis was presented to Planning and Economic Development Committee on February 5, 2019, (refer to [Commissioner's Report #2019-P-5](#)). At that time, Regional Staff were authorized to circulate the draft by-law to stakeholders and report back with a final by-law once formal consultation was completed. Committee also requested that consideration be given to increasing the fines levied in the new by-law.
- 2.3 The draft by-law was discussed at an agency stakeholder meeting held on March 25, 2019, and public open house meetings held on April 1, 2019 in the Township of Scugog, and on April 2, 2019 at Regional Headquarters. The public open house meetings were advertised in local newspapers across Durham Region, as well as on the Regional website.



- 2.4 On May 24, 2019 a meeting was also held with the five Conservation Authorities to explore opportunities for streamlining existing processes and requirements prescribed by the current Tree By-law.
- 2.5 Dominant themes identified by stakeholders included: protection of woodlands; tree replanting and compensation; legislative and policy conformity issues; streamlining; tree cutting permissions for farmers; education and awareness about the by-law; and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

### **3. Responses to Key Issues Raised**

#### **Protection of Woodlands**

- 3.1 The protection of trees in the Region was a paramount issue among all stakeholders. Illegal tree removal, the enforcement of such removals, and their impact on the environment were common concerns. More specifically, cumulative removal of trees (e.g. ongoing tree removal) was identified as a significant issue within both urban and rural areas. This new by-law prohibits the cumulative removal of trees without a Clear Cutting permit; and introduces measures to discourage illegal activity including increased fines for illegal tree clearing activity.

#### **Tree Replanting and Compensation**

- 3.2 Tree replanting and compensation related to tree removal was another theme identified by stakeholders. Through discussion, the Region clarified that the existing by-law affords the ability to impose tree replanting where removal occurs. This provision will be further enhanced by an updated consultation and environmental reporting framework with Area Municipalities and Conservation Authorities, and through a proposed education campaign. Through further discussion with the Area Municipalities and Conservation Authorities, opportunities to promote and require tree replanting, and the possibility of monetary compensation for tree removal, will be explored.

#### **Legislative and Policy Conformity**

- 3.3 The consultation process revealed conformity issues between the current federal, provincial, regional, and area municipal policies and regulations. Updated environmental policies and regulations have been reflected in the proposed by-law. The changes support protection of sensitive natural areas and endangered species, and their habitat.

## **Streamlining**

- 3.4 Opportunities to streamline application processes were also identified, including the municipal and agency circulation process; review timeframes; the information needed to review proposed removals; notification requirements, and the approval process. The by-law and its associated processes improve timeframes by streamlining processing, circulation and commenting requirements for clear cutting and Good Forestry Practices (GFP) applications.

## **Tree Cutting Permissions for Farmers**

- 3.5 Similar to the current Tree By-law, the proposed by-law does not apply to farmers in relation to their Normal Farm Practices. A farmer can remove trees without the need for a GFP permit, provided the tree removal falls within the definition of Normal Farm Practice. However, clear cutting is not regarded as Normal Farm Practice. Therefore, a farmer would need to get a clear cutting permit if they were planning to remove trees greater than 0.1 hectare in area. Farmers would be exempt from having to pay the \$500 or \$1,000 clear cutting application fee.

## **Education and Awareness**

- 3.6 Once the new by-law is passed, the Region will promote and provide accessible information to the public through such media as mailings, an updated website, and regular public and agency engagement.

## **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**

- 3.7 Another theme dealt with the importance that trees play in mitigating climate change (e.g. carbon sequestration) and adapting to climate change (e.g. soil erosion protection, tree shading/heat island impact reduction, etc.). The proposed by-law provides more rigorous screening of tree removal applications for GFP applications, and limits unnecessary clear cutting of woodlands, consistent with other Regional climate change initiatives.

## **4. Proposed By-law**

- 4.1 The proposed by-law has incorporated stakeholder and public feedback, research findings, and opportunities for streamlining (see Attachment #1).

The proposed changes to the By-law are outlined below.

**Modernization**

- a. A revised definition for “Sensitive Natural Areas” has been included to reflect the terminology within the Greenbelt Plan, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Regional Official Plan and the area municipal Official Plans.
- b. Federal and Provincial requirements relating to the protection of endangered species and species at risk, nesting migratory birds and bats have been incorporated to be consistent with the Ontario Endangered Species Act 2007, the Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act 1994, and the Federal Species at Risk Act 2002.
- c. Wetland protection in woodlands has been enhanced to better reflect regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act. These updates will apply to both Good Forestry Practice Permit Applications and Clear Cutting Permit Applications.
- d. Updated fees have also been proposed. To encourage public compliance with the by-law, the fee for the most common type of application, the Good Forestry Practices Permit, remains unchanged at \$50. The fee for clear cutting applications (i.e. 1-2% of all applications), which are far more infrequent, but require more time to review and process, are proposed to increase to \$500 (currently \$75) for a minor clear cutting permit (i.e. to clear cut an area between 0.1 hectare/0.25 acres and 1 hectare/2.5 acres); and \$1,000 (currently \$100) for a major clear cutting application (i.e. to clear cut an area greater than one hectare). In keeping with existing practice, bona fide farmers would be exempt from application fees.
- e. The purpose of the by-law has been expanded to promote conservation of biological diversity, including rare natural features and native species, as well as managing the spread of invasive species and contributing to mitigating and adapting to climate change. This change better reflects current Federal, Provincial, and Municipal regulations and policy updates, with a clear tie to Regional climate change initiatives.

**Clarification**

- a. The identification and protection of key natural heritage and hydrological features, and other important species has been improved by requiring a

“Forest Management Prescription” for GFP applications, and an Environmental Report for clear cutting permit applications. The proposed by-law includes definitions and prescribes information for identifying areas of disturbance, the proposed method of removal, identifying Sensitive Natural Areas or other sensitive environmental features and/or species, examining associated impacts, and measures to be included for their protection. An “Environmental Report” would be required for every Clear Cutting Permit Application, in order to ensure compliance with the by-law and applicable plans and policies.

- b. A change in the name of the by-law from the current “Regional Tree By-law” to “Regional Woodland By-law” more accurately reflects the purpose of the by-law to conserve and manage woodlands within the Region.
- c. Various definitions have been included or updated with terminology to provide clear and consistent interpretation of terms throughout the by-law.

### **Process Improvements**

- a. The proposed by-law requires that all GFP and clear cutting applications be circulated to the applicable Conservation Authorities, consistent with current practice. The proposed by-law requires that these applications also be circulated to the Area Municipalities, and that they be notified once a permit has been issued. This would give the Area Municipalities the opportunity to confirm compliance with their respective by-laws.
- b. In order to expedite the review process of GFP applications, the Region will allow for such permits to be waived where the woodland removal is proposed entirely within a wetland. In these cases, single approval of the Conservation Authority would suffice.
- c. The proposed by-law requires that applicants notify the Region and the area municipality prior to tree removal taking place. This requirement will improve the responsiveness of Area Municipalities to public inquiries once tree removal is initiated.

### **Woodland Protection and By-law Enforcement**

- a. Increases in fines for removing trees without a permit is recommended. Increases in fines have not been undertaken since the inception of the Tree

By-law in 2008. Given that fines are governed by the Province, the Region would require approval from the Senior Justice of the Province of Ontario of Part 1 offences relevant to the by-law. The proposed fine increases are expected to deter illegal tree removal activity and encourage By-law compliance.

- b. The proposed by-law distinguishes between settlement areas (such as Urban Areas and Hamlets) and rural areas for the purposes of clear cutting applications. The proposed by-law does not allow for clear cutting within settlement areas outside of the statutory development review process. Within settlement areas, this distinction will help to protect woodlands from being prematurely or unnecessarily lost without the benefit of a more fulsome examination and study of the proposed removal through a statutory Planning Act process (e.g. a proposed official plan amendment, zoning by-law amendment, or plan of subdivision).
- c. The proposed by-law includes measures that require the mitigation of direct and indirect effects of injuring or destroying trees in all woodlands beyond those identified as “Sensitive Natural Areas”. These measures will better protect natural features and wildlife habitat by mitigating potential impacts from proposed tree removals on the surrounding environment.

### **Improved Transparency**

- a. The proposed by-law addresses the cumulative impact of woodland removal by clearly defining and regulating the activity. The by-law identifies and enforces incremental or continuous removal of trees with or without a permit. The current Tree By-law only requires that cumulative removal be taken into consideration with respect to the need for minor or major clear cutting.
- b. The proposed by-law requires that applicants be required to provide supporting rationale for clear cutting applications, consistent with current requirements.

## **5. Future Consideration**

- 5.1 Matters of compensation for the removal of trees will also be the subject of further discussion. Public and stakeholder consultation has revealed opportunities to look at additional opportunities for compensation of tree loss, particularly if mandatory

compensation for reforestation is proposed, outside a typical development review process.

- 5.2 Some municipalities have indicated that their ability to enforce and compensate for tree removal for areas one hectare or greater in size is affected by the current Tree By-law, as Area Municipalities are restricted to the regulation of treed areas less than one hectare in size under the Municipal Act. In the case of clear cutting applications, trees that cannot be replanted on site could be eligible for monetary compensation to contribute to replanting trees on other lands (such as on public owned property). Also, in instances where woodland tree removal is required during the development application review process, consideration of a process for replanting off-site and/or monetary compensation needs further examination.
- 5.3 The Region will examine the issue of tree compensation through further discussion with the Area Municipalities and the Conservation Authorities.

## **6. Next Steps**

- 6.1 Once the new by-law is passed, an education and literature campaign will be launched. This will include an updated information pamphlet, an updated webpage, Regional newsletters and social media. In order to assist the public and Area Municipalities, a woodland map will be provided via a website link to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.
- 6.2 Monitoring of tree cutting applications will occur as part of the Planning Division's Annual Activity Report to Planning and Economic Development Committee.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 This update to the Region's Tree By-law improves efficiency, clarity and affords better woodland protection and enforcement, through improved transparency for agencies and the public.
- 7.2 Accordingly, it is recommended that the proposed Region of Durham Woodland By-law, as contained in Attachment #1 to this Report #2019-P-44, be passed.
- 7.3 The proposed By-law was prepared in consultation with Corporate Services-Legal Services staff to ensure it is in proper legal form.

## **8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Proposed Regional Woodland By-law

Respectfully submitted,

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**By-law Number \*\*-2019**

**of The Regional Municipality of Durham**

Being a by-law to prohibit or regulate the Destruction or Injury of Trees in Woodlands in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Whereas the Municipal Act, Section 135(2), provides upper tier municipalities with the authority to prohibit or regulate the Destruction or Injury of Trees in Woodlands.

Whereas the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham deems it desirable to enact a Regional Woodland Conservation and Management By-Law for the purposes of:

- conserving and improving the Woodlands in the Region through Good Forestry Practices;
- promoting Good Forestry Practices that sustain healthy Woodlands and related natural habitats and environments;
- helping to achieve the objectives of the Durham Regional Official Plan to ensure the long-term health and productivity of Woodlands;
- promoting the conservation of biological diversity, including rare natural features and native species;
- managing the spread of invasive species;
- managing the Destruction or Injury of Trees in Woodlands;
- regulating and controlling the removal and protection of Trees in Woodlands;
- minimizing and guarding against conditions which may result in Injury;
- protecting, promoting and enhancing the aesthetic value of Woodlands;
- contributing to ecosystem health, human health, recreation, enjoyment and quality of life through the maintenance of Woodland cover; and
- contributing to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

Now therefore, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby enacts as follows:



## **1. Definitions**

### **1.1 In this By-law:**

- a) "Agricultural Operation" means the commercial production of crops or raising of livestock, and includes cultivation, seeding, and harvesting;
- b) "Area Municipality" means any one of the area municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Durham;
- c) "Bona Fide Farmer" means a Person who has a current and valid farm registration number under the Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993, S.O. 1993, c.21, as amended;
- d) "Building Permit" means a building permit issued by an Area Municipality under the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended;
- e) "Business Day" means any day falling on or between Monday and Friday of each week but does not include a statutory holiday;
- f) "Certified Tree Marker" means a Person currently certified to mark Trees through the Ontario Certified Tree Marker Program;
- g) "Clear Cut/Clear Cutting" means the Destruction of all Trees within all or a portion of a Woodland, where the area to be cut exceeds 0.1 hectare.
- h) "Conservation Authority" means any one of the Conservation Authorities within the jurisdiction of Regional Municipality of Durham;
- i) "Commenting Agency" means any Conservation Authority, provincial Ministry, area municipality, utility, or agency as determined by the Region within its jurisdiction;
- j) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development of the Regional Municipality of Durham or designate;
- k) "Cumulative Removal" means the incremental or continuous removal of Trees in a Woodland since 2012, with or without a Permit;
- l) "DBH" or "Diameter at Breast Height" means the diameter of the stem of a Tree measured at a point that is 1.37 metres (4.5 feet) above the ground;
- m) "Destruction" means the clearing, and/or removal of Trees in all or part of a Woodland;
- n) "Environmental Report" means an Environmental Impact Study, or a scoped Environmental Impact Study under the Durham Regional Official Plan, a natural heritage evaluation under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, or other

report required by the Region, Area Municipality, Conservation Authority, or consulting agency that analyzes the natural environment and makes recommendations regarding mitigation of impacts from Tree removal;

- o) "Farm Related Use" means the use of Trees by a Bona Fide Farmer for farm related activity such as the heating of an accessory barn, post and rail fencing, farm construction on-site, but does not include Clear Cutting;
- p) "Fence Row" means a narrow linear strip of Trees less than 1 hectare in size that defines a laneway or boundary between fields or properties;
- q) "Forest Management Prescription" means the site specific operational plan prepared and signed by, or under the direction of and signed by, a Qualified OPFA Member that describes existing Woodland conditions, Woodland management objectives and the proposed methods for harvesting a Woodland;
- r) "Good Forestry Practices" means the proper implementation of harvest, renewal and maintenance activities known to be appropriate for the Woodland and environmental conditions under which they are being applied and that minimize detriments to Woodland values, including: significant ecosystems; important fish and wildlife habitat; soil and water quality and quantity; forest productivity and health and the aesthetic and recreational opportunities of the landscape;
- s) "Injury" means lasting damage to a Tree which may include, but is not limited to:
  - i) broken branches in the crown of any Tree;
  - ii) the breaking off or splitting of the stem of any Tree;
  - iii) the noticeable leaning of any Tree;
  - iv) the splitting of, removal of, or damage to the bark of any Tree; or
  - v) damage to the root structure of any Tree;
- t) "Multiple Offence" means an offence in respect to two or more acts or omissions each of which separately constitutes an offence and is a contravention of this By-law;
- u) "Normal Farm Practices" means part of an Agricultural Operation, which retains existing Woodland cover, and includes activities such as:
  - i) the removal of Trees for Personal Use;
  - ii) Farm-Related Uses such as fence posts and rails; or
  - iii) the removal of Fence Rows where required.

Normal Farm Practices does not include Clear Cutting.

- v) "Officer" means an individual appointed by Regional Council for the administration and enforcement of this By-law;
- w) "Owner" means any Person or Persons who is the registered owner on title to the land;
- x) "Permit" means the written authorization from the Officer or the Commissioner issued under Section 5 or 6 of this By-law;
- y) "Person" or "Persons" means any individual or individuals, or any corporation or corporations, their respective heirs, executors, administrators or other duly appointed representatives;
- z) "Personal Use" means the use of Trees by a Bona Fide Farmer for home heating or other home related uses, but does not include Clear Cutting; and does not include a sale, exchange, or other disposition of Trees;
- aa) "Qualified OPFA Member" means a Registered Professional Forester or Associate Member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA) under the *Professional Foresters Act*, S.O. 2000, c. 18, as amended, to practice professional forestry, unless a suspension, term, condition or limitation of certification applies which would restrict the Member from carrying out responsibilities under this By-law;
- bb) "Region" means the Regional Municipality of Durham;
- cc) "Regional Council" means the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham;
- dd) "Rural Settlement Area" means an area as defined and identified within the Durham Regional Official Plan and/or the Official Plan of an Area Municipality;
- ee) "Sensitive Natural Area" means any of the following:
  - i) a Provincially or Regionally designated or identified Significant Wetland;
  - ii) land that is designated or identified as a Key Natural Heritage Feature or a Key Hydrological Feature in either the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Durham Regional Official Plan, or an area municipal Official Plan;
  - iii) land that is 30 metres from any part of a feature of a locally, Regionally, or Provincially Significant Wetland, lake, river, stream or intermittent stream; or

- iv) 30 metres of a locally or Regionally Significant Wetland, 120 metres of a Provincially Significant Wetland and 120 metres of a Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest identified by the *Ministry of Natural Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.31*, as amended.
- ff) "Tree" or "Trees" means any living species of woody perennial plant in a Woodland, including its root system, which has reached or can reach a height of at least 4.5 meters at physiological maturity;
- gg) "Urban Area Boundary" means an area as defined and identified within the Durham Regional Official Plan and/or the Official Plan of an Area Municipality;
- hh) "Woodland" or "Woodlands" means an area of land one hectare in size or greater on one or more properties with a minimum density of:
  - i) 1,000 Trees, of any size, per hectare;
  - ii) 750 Trees, measuring over five (5) centimetres at DBH, per hectare;
  - iii) 500 Trees, measuring over twelve (12) centimetres, at DBH, per hectare; or
  - iv) 250 Trees, measuring over twenty (20) centimetres, at DBH, per hectare.

For the purposes of this By-law, "Woodland" or "Woodlands" does not include:

- i) a cultivated fruit or nut orchard;
- ii) a plantation established for the purpose of producing Christmas Trees and which is being actively managed and harvested for the purposes for which it was planted, except that this does not include plantations that have ceased being managed or harvested for their intended purpose for a period of 15 years or more;
- iii) a bona fide Tree nursery that is being actively managed and harvested for the purposes for which it was planted;
- iv) a Fence Row; or
- v) land previously cleared and used for agricultural purposes, which has become overgrown with young (less than 15 years old) and early successional Tree species common on disturbed fields (e.g. Sumac, Hawthorn, Apple, Scots Pine, Poplar, White Birch, Ash) and which is intended to be used again as part of an Agricultural Operation.

## **2. Application of the By-law**

- 2.1 This By-law shall apply to all Woodlands and any Sensitive Natural Areas in the Region.
- 2.2 Applicants are encouraged to consult with the Officer prior to the submission of any Permit application.

## **3. General Prohibitions**

- 3.1 Cumulative Removal is prohibited except as otherwise explicitly permitted by this By-law.
- 3.2 No Person shall through their own action or through any other Person, cause Injury or Destruction to any Tree located in a Woodland, unless:
  - a) Such Injury or Destruction is exempted under Section 4 of this By-law; and
  - b) Such Person is in possession of a valid Good Forest Practice Permit issued under Section 5 of this By-law, has had their Permit requirement waived by the Officer under Section 5.1, or a Clear Cutting Permit issued under Section 6 of this By-law, and pursuant to any applicable terms or conditions.
- 3.3 No Person shall through their own action or through any other Person:
  - a) Contravene any term or condition of a Permit issued under this By-law or cause or permit the contravention of any term or condition of a Permit issued under this By-law;
  - b) Fail to comply with an Order issued under Section 7 of this By-law; or
  - c) Remove or deface any Order that has been posted pursuant to Section 7 of this By-law.

## **4. Exemptions**

- 4.1 This By-law, shall not apply to:
  - a) Any activity or matter undertaken by an Area Municipality or the Region;
  - b) Any activity undertaken by a Conservation Authority on land owned or managed by such Authority;
  - c) Any activity or matter undertaken under a licence issued under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*, 1994, S.O. 1994, c.25, as amended;

- d) Any activity undertaken by a Person licensed under the *Surveyors Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. s.29, as amended, to engage in the practice of cadastral surveying or his or her agent, while making a survey;
- e) Any activity imposed after December 31, 2002:
  - i) as part of a Tree Preservation Plan required as a condition of approval of a plan of subdivision that received draft approval under Section 51 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13.;
  - ii) as part of a Tree Preservation Plan required as a condition of a consent approved under Section 53 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13;
  - iii) as part of a Tree Preservation Plan required as a condition of a Minor Variance approved under Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13;
  - iv) as a requirement of a Tree Preservation Plan approved and included in a site plan agreement under Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990.c.P. 13, or a development agreement between an Owner and the applicable Area Municipality or the Region; or
  - v) as a condition of a Community Planning Permit authorized by regulation made under Section 70.2 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P. 13, or as a requirement of an agreement entered into under such regulation.
- f) Any activity by a transmitter or distributor, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a transmission system or a distribution system defined in the *Electricity Act*, S.O. 1998, c.15, as amended;
- g) Any activity by a gas line company, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining such infrastructure defined in the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act, R.S.C., 1985, c.0-7;
- h) Any activity undertaken on land described in a license for a pit or quarry or a permit for a wayside pit or wayside quarry issued under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.8, as amended;
- i) Any activity that is required in order to erect any building, structure or thing, including yard areas, in respect of which a Building Permit has been issued, provided that no Tree is removed that is located more than 15 metres from the outer edge of the building, structure or things and that only those Trees necessary to accommodate the building, structure or thing, including yard areas, are removed;

- j) Any activity that is required in order to install and provide utilities to the construction or use of a building, structure or thing, including the installation of a primary septic bed, in respect of which a Building Permit has been issued;
- k) Any activity that is required in order to install, provide or maintain a single lane driveway for vehicular access to a building, structure or thing in respect of which a Building Permit has been issued;
- l) Any activity required for the purpose of a licensed waste disposal site that has been approved, where applicable, under the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, as amended; the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.40, as amended; the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18, as amended; and the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c. P.13;
- m) Any forestry management activity which, in the opinion of a Qualified OPFA member:
  - i) results in the removal of one or more Trees which are dead; or are significantly diseased; or
  - ii) results in the removal of one or more Trees which pose a hazard to human safety or property.
- n) Any Normal Farm Practice as part of an Agricultural Operation.

## **5. Good Forestry Practice Permits**

- 5.1 Any Person who intends to Cause Injury or Destruction to one or more Trees in a Woodland, in a manner that does not constitute Clear Cutting, shall first complete and submit to the Region, an application for a Good Forestry Practice Permit. Such an application will be circulated to the Area Municipality, Conservation Authority and/or Commenting Agencies for comment and/or information purposes at the Region's discretion. The Officer may, at their sole discretion, waive the requirement for a Good Forestry Practice Permit where the Tree removal being proposed involves a small number of Trees and the impact of the removal is deemed to be negligible or imperceptible to the integrity of the overall Woodland. In consultation with the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction, the requirement for a Good Forestry Practice Permit may be waived in circumstances where Trees are entirely within a wetland subject to the Conservation Authorities Act.
- 5.2 Each Good Forestry Practice Permit application must be accompanied by the following:
  - a) a copy of the completed application form signed by the Owner;

- b) the required fee;
- c) such additional information as the Officer may require;
- d) for applications which propose to cause Injury or Destruction to more than 50 Trees, a Forest Management Prescription is required;
- e) for applications which propose to cause Injury or Destruction to 50 Trees or less, a plan showing the location of the Trees to be affected, together with a description of how Good Forestry Practices are to be followed should the application be approved. A Forest Management Prescription may be required at the discretion of the Officer; and
- f) if the area to which the application applies contains a Sensitive Natural Area and any other sensitive species, habitat, and/or environmental features, a Forest Management Prescription shall be submitted, regardless of the number of Trees to be injured, destroyed or removed.

5.3 A Forest Management Prescription, at a minimum, shall include:

- a) a detailed map of the property, the Woodland and the area of proposed Tree removal (Tree marking must be completed by a Certified Tree Marker);
- b) a description of the existing forest conditions;
- c) the short and long term forest management objectives for the area;
- d) prescribed methods for harvesting the existing forest stand;
- e) next recommended silvicultural intervention to achieve long-term objectives;
- f) identification of any Sensitive Natural Area and the environmental protection measures necessary to protect the Sensitive Natural Area feature; and
- g) compliance with applicable legislation including but not limited to the Ontario Endangered Species Act 2007, the Migratory Birds Convention Act 1994, and the Species at Risk Act 2002.



- 5.4 Upon review and consideration of an application and having received a clearance to proceed from the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction in circumstances where Trees form part of a wetland subject to the Conservation Authorities Act, an Officer may issue a Good Forestry Practice Permit to permit the Injury, Destruction or removal of Trees in a Woodland. The Permit will be circulated to any other such Person or agency as the Region and/or Officer deems appropriate.
- 5.5 The Officer may impose conditions on the Permit that relate to, but are not restricted to:
- a) the location, number, size and type of Trees that are proposed to be the subject of Injury or Destruction;
  - b) the manner and timeframe within which the affected Trees are proposed to be the subject of Injury or Destruction;
  - c) the marking, with paint or other material, of the Trees that are proposed to be the subject of Injury or Destruction;
  - d) the qualifications of the Persons authorized to cause Injury or Destruction in accordance with the Permit;
  - e) the measures to be implemented to mitigate the direct and indirect effects of Injury or Destruction of Trees on a Woodland, Sensitive Natural Area, or any other sensitive species, habitat, and/or environmental features;
  - f) a requirement that the Owner notify the Region and the Area Municipality at least two Business Days prior to Tree removal being scheduled to commence; and
  - g) such additional information as may be required by the Commissioner or Officer in respect to such Permit.
- 5.6 Prior to any Injury, or Destruction of any Tree pursuant to the Permit, a copy of the Permit shall be posted and displayed in a prominent location as identified on a map filed with the Permit application, to the satisfaction of the Officer. The posted Permit is to remain on display until the work for which the Permit was issued has been completed.
- 5.7 A Good Forestry Practice Permit shall be in effect for a period of two years from the date of approval and is not transferable. If the activity for which the Permit was issued has not taken place within the time frame of the Permit, such Permit shall lapse and shall be of no effect.

- 5.8 Prior to the expiry of the Permit, the Owner may request in writing that the Permit be renewed. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied. Permits may be extended one time only for an additional period of not more than one year.
- 5.9 Where a Good Forestry Practice Permit application has been denied, the Officer will notify the applicant in writing by registered mail within 10 Business Days of the decision and shall provide reasons for the denial.

## **6. Clear Cutting Permits**

- 6.1 Clear Cutting is prohibited except in accordance with the following:
- a) Every Person who intends to Clear Cut shall first complete and submit to the Region, an application for a Clear Cutting Permit;
  - b) Clear Cutting activity shall not commence prior to the Person receiving written approval from the Commissioner;
  - c) Approval shall only be granted following circulation to the applicable Area Municipality, Conservation Authority, and any Commenting Agency for comment and in circumstances where the Trees form part of a wetland subject to the Conservation Authorities Act, approval shall only be granted following confirmation that a clearance to proceed has been provided by the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction;
  - d) Only a Bona Fide Farmer that owns the subject lands may be permitted to Clear Cut within an Urban Area Boundary or within a Rural Settlement Area;
  - e) Any application for Clear Cutting of 1 hectare or less is subject to the approval and any condition(s) of the Commissioner; and
  - f) Any application for Clear Cutting greater than 1 hectare is subject to the approval of Regional Council.
- 6.2 A Clear Cutting Permit application shall not be approved unless accompanied by the following:
- a) a copy of the completed application form signed by the Owner or the applicant as authorized by the Owner;
  - b) the required fee;
  - c) a plan or drawing having sufficient detail to clearly show the number, location, species, and approximate age of the Trees to be Clear Cut;
  - d) the rationale for the proposed Clear Cutting;

- e) a map depicting the proposed location where the Permit will be posted;
- f) such additional information as the Commissioner may require;
- g) an Environmental Report to assess whether any portion of the Woodland to which the application applies contains a Sensitive Natural Area and any other sensitive species, habitat, and/or environmental features; and
- h) A Conservation Authority permit for applications within areas forming part of a wetland subject to the Conservation Authorities Act.

6.3 At the discretion of the Commissioner, a public meeting may be required for an application less than 1 hectare in area, if Cumulative Removal and the area of Clear Cutting exceeds 1 hectare.

6.4 Any required Environmental Report shall be prepared by a qualified natural heritage expert/ qualified person which, at a minimum, shall include:

- a) a baseline inventory of environmental features and functions;
- b) the location, area and approximate number of Trees proposed to be Clear Cut;
- c) an assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed Clear Cutting on the long-term health and ecological integrity of the Sensitive Natural Area;
- d) an examination of historical records to identify whether Tree removal had occurred since 2012, for the purposes of determining Cumulative Removal;
- e) an evaluation of the potential impact of the proposed Clear Cutting within the context of Provincial, Regional, and Area Municipal policy;
- f) recommendations that support the long term protection of environmental features and functions as may be necessary to protect the subject Sensitive Natural Area;
- g) a description of the Woodland proposed to be preserved;
- h) any recommended mitigation measures to address impacts of the proposed Clear Cutting on environmental features and functions; and
- i) compliance with applicable legislation including but not limited to the Ontario Endangered Species Act 2007, the Migratory Birds Convention Act 1994, and the Species at Risk Act 2002.

6.5

The Commissioner may impose any such condition on a Clear Cutting Permit as the Commissioner deems appropriate, and may include:

- a) the location, area of land and number of Trees permitted to be Clear Cut;
- b) the manner and timeframe within which the Trees are permitted to be Clear Cut;
- c) the marking with paint or other material, the location of the Trees permitted to be Clear Cut;
- d) the qualifications of the Persons authorized to Clear Cut the Trees;
- e) any measure to be implemented to mitigate the direct and indirect effects of the Clear Cutting on a Woodland, Sensitive Natural Area; or and any other sensitive species, habitat, and/or environmental features;
- f) the re-planting of Trees;
- g) a requirement that any Clear Cutting for farm purposes must be put into agricultural use within a specified time period (e.g. 3 years);
- h) a requirement that the Owner notify the Region and Area Municipality within two Business Days of Tree removal being scheduled to commence;
- i) a requirement to provide any additional information as may be required before the Permit becomes effective;
- j) a requirement to implement any recommendations included within an Environmental Report, to the satisfaction of the Region;
- k) a requirement to implement any condition of an Area Municipality or Commenting Agency as may be applicable;
- l) a requirement to post a copy of the Permit in a prominent location as identified on a map as part of the Permit application, to the satisfaction of the Officer. The posted Permit is to remain on display until the work for which the Permit was issued has been completed; and
- m) A time limitation period of up to one year which is not transferable. If any Clear Cutting for which the Permit was issued has not taken place within the one-year period, the Permit shall lapse and shall be of no effect. Notwithstanding the above, and only prior to the expiry of the Permit, the Person may request in writing that the Permit be renewed for a period of up to one additional year from the date of the original Permit. Permits may only be renewed one time.

- 6.6 Where a Clear Cutting Permit application has been denied, the Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing by registered mail within 10 Business Days of the decision, and shall provide reasons for the denial.
- 6.7 Any application that proposes to Clear Cut an area greater than 1 hectare in size shall be subject to the approval of Regional Council, in accordance with the following:
- a) Regional Council shall have regard to any delegation heard at a public meeting;
  - b) Within 30 days of receipt of such application, the Commissioner or his designate shall send by regular mail or by personal delivery, written notice of the public meeting to the applicant, to all assessed Owners of each parcel of land that abuts the subject property from which Trees are proposed to be Clear Cut, and to any other such Person or agency as the Commissioner deems appropriate;
  - c) At least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the applicant shall erect a public notice sign at a location and on the form approved by the Commissioner;
  - d) Upon review and consideration of the application, and at least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the Commissioner shall prepare a report which shall make a recommendation on the application, the reasons for the recommendation, and any conditions that may be recommended to be applied, if any;
  - e) At the public meeting, the applicant and any interested Person shall be afforded an opportunity to address the Committee. Any public meeting shall be subject to the Region's Procedural By-law; and
  - f) Where Council directs the Commissioner not to issue a Clear Cutting Permit, the applicant will be notified in writing by registered mail within 10 Business Days following the Council meeting, and such notice shall provide reasons for the denial.
- 6.8 The Clear Cutting Permit will be circulated to any other such Person or agency as the Region deems appropriate.

## **7. Enforcement**

- 7.1 An Officer, or any person authorized by an Officer, may at all reasonable times enter upon and inspect any land and Woodland for the purposes of enforcing this By-law, determining compliance with this By-law, determining compliance with terms and conditions of a Permit issued under this By-law, or laying charges under this By-law.
- 7.2 Where an Officer has determined that a contravention of this By-law has occurred, the Officer may make an Order requiring any Person who contravened this By-law or who caused or permitted the injuring or destruction of Trees in contravention of this By-law, to stop the injuring or destruction of Trees. The Order shall set out:
- a) the municipal address or the legal description of the land;
  - b) reasonable particulars of the contravention; and
  - c) the period within which there must be compliance with the Order.
- 7.3 Where an Officer has determined that a contravention of this By-law has occurred, the Officer may make an Order requiring the Person who contravened this By-law or who caused or permitted the Injury or Destruction of Trees in contravention of this By-law, to remedy such contraventions, which may include one or more measures to rehabilitate the land or Woodland, to plant or replant Trees or other measures to the satisfaction of the Commissioner. The Order shall set out:
- a) the municipal address or the legal description of the land;
  - b) the particulars of the contravention;
  - c) the work to be done and the period within which there must be compliance with the Order; and
  - d) Should the work not be done in compliance with the Order, the Region may have the work done at the expense of the Owner.
- 7.4 No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, any Person including an Officer or Commissioner who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

## **8. Penalty**

- 8.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law, or an Order issued under Section 7, is guilty of an offence and is liable for each occurrence of the contravention, infraction or violation:

- a) on a first conviction, to a maximum fine of \$10,000 or \$1,000 per Tree, whichever is greater; and
- b) on any subsequent convictions, to a maximum fine of \$25,000 or \$2,500 per Tree, whichever is greater.

8.2 Any corporation who contravenes any provision of this By-law, or an Order issued under Section 7, is guilty of an offence and is liable for each occurrence of the contravention, infraction or violation:

- a) on a first conviction, to a maximum fine of \$50,000 or \$5,000 per Tree, whichever is greater; and
- b) on any subsequent convictions, to a maximum fine of \$100,000 or \$10,000 per Tree, whichever is greater.

8.3 If a person or corporation is convicted of an offence for contravening this By-law or an Order issued under Section 7, the court in which the conviction has been entered, and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, in addition to any monetary penalty may order the person or corporation to rehabilitate the land, to plant or replant comparable species and size Trees in such a manner and within such period as the court considers appropriate and to maintain the replanted Trees as appropriate, including any Silvicultural treatment necessary to re-establish the Trees.

8.4 Part 1 *Provincial Offences Act* offences and set fines may apply to specific contraventions of the By-law as indicated in "Schedule B" to the By-law.

## **9. Administration**

9.1 Schedule "A" and "B" shall form part of this By-law.

9.2 If any section or part of this By-law is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or beyond the power of Regional Council to enact, such section or part shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent therefrom and to be enacted as such.

9.3 The short title of this By-law is the "Regional Woodland By-law".

9.4 An Owner of a property shall be presumed to have injured or destroyed or caused or permitted to be injured or destroyed a Tree growing in a Woodland, or contravened or cause or permitted the contravention of the terms or conditions of a Permit issued under this By-law, as the case may be, which presumption may be rebutted by evidence to the contrary on a balance of probabilities.

9.5 By-law 31-2012 of the Regional Municipality of Durham and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

9.6 Despite subsection 9.5, By-law 31-2012 shall continue to apply to:

- a) proceedings in respect of offences that occurred before its repeal; and,
- b) Permits in compliance with By-law 31-2012, which were made prior to its repeal.

This By-law Read and Passed on the -----<sup>th</sup> day of -----, 2019.

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J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

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R. Walton, Regional Clerk



## **SCHEDULE A**

### **Fees**

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| 1. Application for Good Forestry Practices Permit | \$50.00  |
| 2. Application for a Clear Cutting Permit         |  |
| (Between 0.1 Ha and 1 Ha)                         | \$500.00   |
| 3. Application for Clear Cutting Permit           |  |
| (Greater than 1Ha)                                | \$1000.00 <b>Excluding Advertising Costs of a Public Meeting</b> |

**Permit fees are waived for Bona Fide Farmers.**

## **SCHEDULE B**

### **Set Fine Schedule**

**The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Part I Provincial Offences Act  
By-law xx-2019: Regional Woodland Conservation and Management Bylaw**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Short Form Wording</b>	<b>Column 2 Provision Creating or defining offence</b>	<b>Column 3 Set Fine</b>
<b>1.</b>	Injure or destroy a tree without a permit	3.1	\$
<b>2.</b>	Cause or permit the contravention of the terms or conditions of a Permit	3.2(a)	\$
<b>3.</b>	Fail to comply with an Order	3.2(b)	\$
<b>4.</b>	Remove or deface an Order	3.2(c)	\$
<b>5.</b>	Hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct a by-law enforcement officer	7.4	\$

Note: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Sections 8.1 and 8.2 of By-law xx-2019, a certified copy of which has been filed, and Section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33.



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: [#2019-EDT-16](#)  
Date: November 5, 2019

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**Subject:**

New Durham Region Economic Development Website

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

That this report be received for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Planning and Economic Development Committee of the recent launch of a new and improved [www.investdurham.ca](http://www.investdurham.ca) website. This report will be accompanied by a staff presentation by the Manager of Marketing & Cluster Development.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The web pages representing Durham Region Economic Development were previously part of the durham.ca website which launched in December 2017. The Durham.ca website is very effective for most Regional purposes; however, Economic Development & Tourism identified the need for a different approach to be more effective at reaching the intended audiences. The required changes include better content, navigation, and incorporating modern best practices for contemporary economic development marketing strategies and tactics.

- 2.2 The Durham Region Economic Development team began work on a new website in late 2018 with a target to launch the new website on October 4, 2019.
- 2.3 Working with Corporate Services-IT and web development firm ESolutions, the Durham Region Economic Development & Tourism team created a new microsite concept, housed within Durham.ca, that offers a branded experience coupled with new capabilities such as integrated video and direct contact modules for teams such as Film and Tourism.

### **3. Website Launch**

- 3.1 On October 4, 2019, [www.investdurham.ca](http://www.investdurham.ca) launched. The website includes elements such as:
- Information about the advantages of starting or relocating a business in Durham Region;
  - Sector-specific content including information about: Agri-Business, Energy, Environment and Engineering (EN3), Film and Television, Innovative Technology, Life Sciences, Manufacturing, and Tourism;
  - Detailed sector brochures;
  - Information regarding important Regional assets such as business incubators, hubs, accelerators, co-working spaces, and post-secondary institutions;
  - An events calendar featuring business-specific events hosted both by the Region of Durham and our local economic development partners;
  - Information about incentives, industry asset maps, and demographic information;
  - Practical information such as details on taxes, zoning, and permits;
  - Information about our services, such as advice on how to relocate or start a business;
  - Direct contact information for the Economic Development team; and
  - Links to Invest Durham social media accounts.
- 3.2 On October 16, 2019, [www.investdurham.ca](http://www.investdurham.ca) was displayed in an information kiosk in the Regional Headquarters main lobby to attract interest and build awareness of the new website. It was also shared with the Durham Region Economic Development Partnership (DEDP) and through Regional social media channels.

#### **4. Next Steps**

4.1 With a modernized website now in place, the next steps for website enhancement can be planned and executed. These Phase Two projects are in the planning stages, and will include:

- lead-generation marketing activities such as whitepapers or e-books;
- integration with the customer relationship management system;
- content marketing activities, with the goal of generating awareness of Durham Regional attributes and the supportive business ecosystem; and
- updated maps, infographics, and information pieces to convey important information to Regional, Provincial, National and International audiences.

#### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 The new Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism website, [www.investdurham.ca](http://www.investdurham.ca), launched on October 4, 2019. The new site incorporates modern best practices for contemporary economic development marketing strategies and tactics and will be more effective at reaching and informing the intended audiences, including improvements to content and navigation.

5.2 The modernized website provides opportunities to maximize the scalability of marketing activities, to ultimately make the economic development efforts of the Region of Durham more powerful and impactful.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development

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Chief Administrative Officer



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: [#2019-EDT-17](#)  
Date: November 5, 2019

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**Subject:**

Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Final Report and Legacy Fund

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund of \$111,900 be distributed as follows in support of the continued growth of parasport in the Region:
- i) Their Opportunity – \$30,000. This Oshawa-based registered national organization provides lower income families with the means to enrol their children in local sport and recreation programs. Their Opportunity will use these funds to provide grants that support youth participation in parasports.
  - ii) Parasport School Grow It Program – \$30,000. Sport Durham, together with the newly formed Durham Adaptive Sport Collective will partner with the Abilities Centre to develop and deliver a two-year school program.
  - iii) Parasport Festival – \$15,000. In collaboration with partners, a Parasport Festival will be developed to showcase parasport opportunities available in Durham Region. Leading up to the Festival, potential new parasport programs will be identified and established. As such, the Festival will not only foster the growth of existing programs but will also support the expansion of adaptive sport programming in the Region. These funds would support the Festival for two years.

- iv) The Town of Whitby's Iroquois Park Sports Centre Arena 3 Sledge Hockey Accessibility Upgrades – \$30,000. Recommended upgrades will provide a premium playing experience for Sledge Hockey players, including the Durham Steelhawks and visiting teams.
  - v) Durham Adaptive Sport Collective Initiatives – \$6,900. These funds would be kept in reserve by Economic Development & Tourism for future initiatives of the Collective and may also be directed toward one or more of the four initiatives above at the discretion of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and Commissioner of Finance;
- B) That, prior to the distribution of funding from the 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund, the Region enter into Memorandums of Understanding with each agency receiving funding, which prescribe appropriate reporting requirements, and which are otherwise in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.
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**Report:****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 At the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting March 5, 2019, report 2019-EDT-4 provided highlights of the Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games and indicated that a subsequent report would provide the financial and economic impact results of the Games. This report summarizes the final financial results of the Games and makes recommendations for the distribution of the \$111,900 Games Legacy Fund.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 From February 8 to 10, 2019, Durham Region welcomed over 500 athletes, attendants, guides, coaches, managers, officials and provincial sport organizations, as well as hundreds of spectators to the 2019 Ontario Parasport Games. Athletes competed in 11 sports at eight sport venues, located in five municipalities across the Region.
- 2.2 The final report for the Games was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport on September 6, 2019.

### **3. Games Financial and Economic Impact Results**

- 3.1 Sponsorship and fundraising activities for the Games generated nearly \$218,000 (\$121,800 cash and \$96,200 in-kind which included transportation services from Durham Region Transit valued at \$25,000), demonstrating the overwhelming support of partners from Durham Region and beyond, and surpassing the initial sponsorship target by over 250 per cent.
- 3.2 Other sources of financing for the Games included \$110,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Tourism, cash contributions from the Region of Durham (\$20,000) and Central Counties Tourism (\$20,000), commission from Durham hotels (\$6,300) and merchandise revenue (\$5,000).
- 3.3 The Games surpassed the initial budgeted surplus / Legacy Fund target of \$22,500 by nearly 500 per cent, resulting in a Games Legacy Fund of \$111,900.
- 3.4 According to the economic impact assessment completed using the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance's Sport Tourism economic impact assessment tool, the Games generated \$784,059 in economic activity across the Province, \$678,323 of which occurred in Durham Region.
- 3.5 The Games results are depicted in an infographic that will be shared in upcoming e-newsletters and on social media (see Attachment #1).

### **4. Legacy Fund Initiatives**

- 4.1 Economic Development & Tourism established criteria for the distribution of the Games Legacy Fund of \$111,900, which were reviewed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Legacy initiatives must support the nurturing and growth of parasport in Durham Region and deliver one or more of the following benefits:
  - a. Provide opportunities for children from lower income families to participate in parasport;
  - b. Increased parasport participation;
  - c. Increased awareness of parasport opportunities;
  - d. Accessibility upgrades that improve the playing experience of parasport athletes (preference will be given to modifications that benefit parasports that were included in the 2019 Ontario Parasport Games); and
  - e. Increased opportunities for hosting parasport events, i.e. sport tourism benefits.



- 4.2 During planning, the Games Organizing Committee (“GOC”) formed a partnership with Their Opportunity to manage \$22,500 of the Games surplus to provide grants to qualified families with the purpose of reducing registration and equipment costs for children and youth participating in parasports in Durham Region. Some Games fundraising activities were completed in partnership with Their Opportunity; as such, contributions from 100 Men Ajax and 100 Women Who Care Ajax Pickering Whitby in the amount of \$10,050 have already been directed to Their Opportunity. It is recommended that an additional \$19,950 be transferred to Their Opportunity for a total of \$30,000.
- 4.3 As the Games began to surpass initial legacy targets during Games planning, \$16,600 was added to the Parasport Games budget for a Parasport School Grow It Program. Sport Durham began to develop plans to implement the program before the start of the Games, in partnership with the Abilities Centre. However, due to time constraints the program was deferred until after the Games. It is recommended that \$30,000 be directed to the Abilities Centre to cover the costs of implementing and delivering this program for two years, which would introduce four parasports to 25 to 30 elementary schools across the Region.
- 4.4 A Parasport Festival in Durham Region would provide School Grow It program families and the broader community with parasport try-it opportunities and information on local parasport programs, such as sitting volleyball, Challenger Baseball and sledge hockey, and other resources. The objective of the Festival is to foster the growth of existing programs and bring new parasport programs to the Region. The Festival event will be developed in collaboration with partners such as ParaSport Ontario and the Durham Adaptive Sport Collective and planning activities will include the identification of new parasport programs that can be introduced to expand the number of adaptive sport opportunities available to individuals with disabilities in our community. It is recommended that \$15,000 be directed to funding a Parasport Festival for two years. This could be combined with other funding sources to support a larger-scale initiative.
- 4.5 Sledge Hockey was one of the 11 sports held at the Games. The stands in the Town of Whitby’s Iroquois Park Sports Centre Arena 3 were filled with cheering fans and were at capacity during the medal games. It is recommended that \$30,000 of the Games Legacy Fund be directed to making accessibility upgrades to this arena, including the installation of polycarbonate viewing panels in front of player boxes, new glass in front of penalty boxes, removable benches, wider gates and new rubber mats to provide a premium playing experience for sledge hockey players, including the local Durham Steelhawks Sledge Hockey team and visiting

teams. These changes will increase our capacity to host more Sledge Hockey / Para Hockey events in the future.

- 4.6 One of the legacies of the Games is the establishment of a new Durham Adaptive Sport Collective with representation from local residents, community and sport organizations, to support the growth of opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy the benefits of participation in sport. The first meeting was held on October 15, 2019. It is recommended that \$6,900 be kept in reserve by Sport Durham for future initiatives of the Collective, such as the development of an on-line catalogue of local parasport programs and other resources. A portion of the funds may also be directed toward any of the four initiatives at the discretion of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance.
- 4.7 These Games Legacy Fund recommendations are supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 The Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games were an overwhelming success. Hosting the Games fostered community pride, provided positive economic benefits, supported the growth of parasport in Durham Region and the Province, shone the light on Durham Region as a welcoming and inclusive community, and demonstrated our sport event hosting capacity and capability. The \$111,900 Games Legacy Fund will support the continued growth of parasport in Durham Region and beyond, and it is expected to enhance the lives of many individuals with disabilities living in Durham Region.

## **6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Infographic

Respectfully submitted,

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# Durham Region 2019

Ontario  
Parasport Games

Jeux Parasport  
de l'Ontario

We're proud of how our community embraced the Games and its athletes. Together we made it #paramazing.

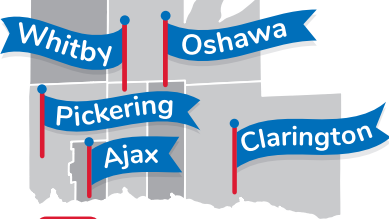
February 8-10  
**2019**

Durham Region  
hosted the Ontario  
Parasport Games

**11**  
Sports

**8** Sport Venues

Outstanding accessible sports venues showcased the Games events.



**5** Municipalities

Host communities across Durham Region embraced the energy of the Games.



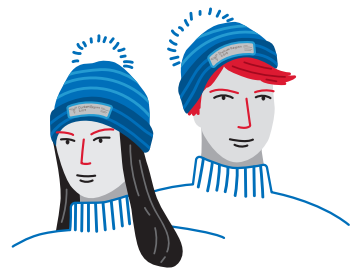
**499**  
Participants

315 of the participants were athletes.



**329**  
Volunteers

Over 400 people applied for volunteer positions.



**400+**  
Toques Knit  
by Volunteers

Athletes, coaches and managers wore their toques with pride!

**60+**  
"Be The Roar"  
Groups

Community groups formed fan clubs and cheering squads for athletes and teams.

**\$112,000**

**Legacy Fund**

Surplus funds will be used to grow parasport in Durham Region.

**Economic Impact  
in Ontario**

\$678,000 of which occurred  
in Durham Region

**\$784,000**

**\$218,000**

**Sponsorship**

\$121,800 cash  
\$96,200 in-kind

## And The Survey Says...

The Parasport Games in Durham Region were a resounding success with participants and volunteers.

**92%**

of volunteers enjoyed  
their volunteer  
experience.

**94%**

of participants had an  
excellent or good overall  
Parasport Games  
experience.

**92%**

of participants were  
satisfied or very satisfied  
with their interactions  
with volunteers.