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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Lee, Acting Chair
Councillor Highet
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Also
Present: Councillor Marimpietri

Absent: Councillor Bath-Hadden
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Ryan, Chair

Staff
Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
D. Pagratis, Project Planner
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism
K. Ryan, Senior Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
S. Salomone, Manager, Economic Development, Business Development and Investment
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development
L. Talling, Sport Tourism Coordinator
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, the Committee Clerk called for a motion to appoint an Acting Chair for the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(95) That Councillor Lee be appointed as Acting Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee for the November 5, 2019, meeting.
CARRIED

Councillor Lee assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(96) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

4.1 Greg Kaster, Kaster Logging Limited, re: Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law) (2019-P-44)

Mr. Kaster appeared before the Committee to request an amendment to the proposed Regional Woodland By-law. Mr. Kaster advised that he supports keeping the good forestry practice requirements in the by-law and that he would like the proposed by-law amended to add a diameter harvest. He explained that the by-laws for the County of Simcoe, County of Northumberland and most counties in Ontario, include both options in their by-law.

Mr. Kaster requested that a diameter harvest be added with a minimum diameter of 57 inches and a minimum height of 18 inches for all hardwood trees. He referenced the table included in the County of Northumberland By-law as an example. He stated that they find the by-law works well in Northumberland County and he stated that James Rogers is also the enforcement officer for the Northumberland County by-law.

The Committee invited Mr. James Rogers, Kestrel Forestry Consulting, to appear before the Committee to respond to questions on this matter. Mr. Rogers advised that the Regional Tree By-law was changed to a good forestry practices model in

2008. He also advised that the good forestry practices model was recommended by the Province and the Ministry of Natural Resources does not recommend the diameter limit option. He stated that some municipalities do retain this option in their by-law and he noted that the diameter limit option is favoured by the logging industry. He added that there is a lot of science as to why this is no longer seen as a good practice.

B. Bridgeman responded to questions with respect to the lands the by-law applies to; enforcement of the by-law; and the location of such woodlands in the Region.

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)

D. Pagratis, Project Planner, provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-P-44 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Tree By-Law Purpose
- Permit Applications
 - Good Forestry Practices Permit Application
 - Clear Cutting Permit Application
- Regional Tree By-Law History
- Consultation
- Proposed Amendment Areas
- Modernization
- Clarification
- Process Improvements
- Woodland Protection and By-Law Enforcement
- Improved Transparency
- Future Consideration
- Next Steps and Conclusion

Staff responded to questions with respect to the smallest size woodland the by-law would apply to; whether it applies to private property; the cumulative impact and application to incremental removal of trees; monitoring and enforcement practices; tree re-planting and compensation; and the waiving of permits within a wetland.

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) Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law) (2019-P-44)

Report #2019-P-44 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Highet,
(97) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Woodland By-law, as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2019-P-44 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, be passed, with the Regional Woodland By-law coming 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 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.

CARRIED

5. **Presentations**

5.2 Jacquie Severs, Manager of Economic Development Marketing & Cluster Development, re: New Durham Region Economic Development Website (2019-EDT-16)

J. Severs, Manager of Economic Development Marketing & Cluster Development, provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the details of Report #2019-EDT-16 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of her presentation included:

- Investdurham.ca
- Key Elements
- Features
- Next Steps

J. Severs provided an overview of the new Economic Development website (investdurham.ca).

Staff responded to questions with respect to how the name investdurham.ca was selected; whether the website is accessible via link from the Region's Economic Development partners websites; next steps for lead-generation and content marketing activities; and who prepared the area municipal descriptions posted on the website.

6. Planning

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

- A) Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law (Regional Woodland By-law) (2019-P-44)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 4 of these minutes.

7. Economic Development

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

- A) New Durham Region Economic Development Website (2019-EDT-16)

Report #2019-EDT-16 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(98) That Report #2019-EDT-16 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

- B) Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Final Report and Legacy Fund (2019-EDT-17)
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Report #2019-EDT-17 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether the Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Infographic has been posted online; and key takeaways that could be used if hosting the 2022 Ontario Summer Games

It was requested that staff forward a copy of Report #2019-EDT-17 and Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games Infographic to the Area Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(99) That we recommend to 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; and
 - 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.

CARRIED

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, December 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(100) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

S. Lee, Acting Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk