

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Boardroom LL-C, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:05 PM.

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:09 PM
K. Murray, Member at Large
D. Sallans, Member at Large
B. Shipp, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax
D. Upadhyay, Youth Member
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby attended the meeting at 8:21 PM

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
R. Dickinson, Brock
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Staff

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by D. Sallans,
That the agenda for the February 20, 2020 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
January 16, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

G. Carpentier noted his concern that the incorrect terminology (landfill) was used by both delegates from the DEAC meeting held January 16, 2020. He stated that the location the delegates were referring to is an excess soil site, not a landfill site, and the word contaminants should have been used instead of contaminates.

5. Presentations

A) Durham Region Waste Management Strategies – Peter Veiga, Manager, Waste Management Operations

Peter Veiga, Manager, Waste Management Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Region's Waste Management Strategies.

Highlights from his presentation included:

- Durham's Integrated Waste Management System
 - Durham Services
 - Durham Operates
- Why do we recycle and compost?
- Other Curbside Programs
- 2018 Statistics
- Two Stream Blue Box
 - Papers
 - Containers
- Blue Box Issues
 - Lack of Sorting
 - Plastic Bags
- Green Bin Composting
- Leaf and Yard Waste Composting
- 3 Waste Management Facilities
- New Facility – October 2019
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - EPR Programs in Ontario
 - What EPR means for Blue Box
- What is Durham doing next?
 - Organics Processing
 - Managing the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Capacity

P. Veiga responded to questions from the Committee regarding the processing of different materials; whether all waste management vehicles are

retrofitted with both recycling streams (paper products/plastic products); whether there are mandatory compost requirements in Durham Region; how apartment and condominium buildings are serviced; how Extended Producer Responsibility will affect Durham Region and when does it start; and the partnership between York Region and Durham Region regarding the DYEC.

6. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Update from Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee

J. Cuthbertson advised that the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee met before the meeting and had a good discussion with several submissions for different sections of the guide such as water and transportation. He noted that they also received feedback from Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability.

B) Update from Environmental Awards Subcommittee

G. Layton advised that the Environmental Awards Subcommittee met with Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability regarding whether the DRRCC would be interested in being a co-host for the Environmental Achievement Awards. She advised that I. McVey would bring that forward to the DRRCC for input.

G. Layton advised that many ideas were discussed such as a possible new venue, having family namesakes of the awards come and present the award, the option of a guest speaker, and whether there were any possible sponsors for the award ceremony.

A. Luqman will advise the Committee if any approvals are needed from Council regarding the selection of award recipients.

C) Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution

D. Upadhyay advised that he sent out emails to various seed distribution companies inquiring about costs. The Ontario Seed Company was the most reasonable price for buying in bulk. Discussion ensued regarding methods of distributing the seeds to residents such as handing it out at the annual compost distribution days. A. Luqman advised that she would look into how many residents attend the compost days. G. Layton advised that she would reach out to Richers Herbs to inquire about their prices and what they could offer. There was a further suggestion to cut the seed packets with clover to help save costs. The Committee estimated buying 2 kg of seed (roughly 400 packets) to distribute.

G. Carpentier advised that the Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) undertook their own pollinator project and that they purchased seed packets that came with instructions. He advised that he'd send A. Luqman

more information regarding the SEAC's project and what their final decision was.

J. Cuthberston and K. Murray advised that they would assist D. Upadhyay with this project.

D) Envision Durham Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper

A. Luqman advised that the Envision Durham Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper is the last paper of the ten-paper series. It is currently open for comment. She advised that comments could be submitted individually or on behalf of the DEAC.

7. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-2 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the December 9, 2019 meeting

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-2 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

B) Correspondence from the City of Oshawa, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency

A copy of the correspondence from the City of Oshawa, regarding a resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency, was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

C) Correspondence from the City of Pickering, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency

A copy of the correspondence from the City of Pickering, regarding a resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency, was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-7 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the December 9, 2019 meeting

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-7 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

- E) Addendum to Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration by Regional Council – January 29, 2020, re: Durham Region Climate Change Emergency Declaration
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A copy of the Durham Region Climate Change Emergency Declaration adopted by Regional Council on January 29, 2020, was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding what Durham Region's measurables would be. The Committee stated their concerns that specific metrics weren't noted in the declaration. The Committee highlighted the City of Pickering's Climate Change Emergency Declaration that stated, "That staff report back to Council, no later than Q2 2020, for setting measurable performance achievements".

Discussion also ensued regarding what the purpose of Durham Region declaring a climate emergency was, and why DEAC was not consulted.

Chair Carpentier noted that the Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) had a similar declaration before them but didn't support the climate change emergency designation because there were no defined targets. He stated that it would now go before Scugog Council for decision.

In response to a question regarding potential funding the Town of Whitby could receive after making their climate change emergency declaration, Councillor Yamada advised that he would follow-up with staff to confirm whether money was received and if so, how much, and would forward that information to staff to distribute to the Committee.

- F) Correspondence received from Land Over Landings – Submitting additional data as requested by Mayor Collier following a delegation at the Regional Council meeting held on January 29, 2020 pertaining to the Region's Climate Change Emergency Declaration
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A copy of correspondence received from Land Over Landings, regarding additional data as requested by Mayor Collier following a delegation at the Regional Council meeting held on January 29, 2020 pertaining to the Region's Climate Change Emergency Declaration, was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,
That Information Items 7A) to 7F) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG)

S. Clearwater spoke to a breach of a berm around the engineered landfill into Lake Ontario. She stated that she had raised this issue of whether the engineered landfill had been engineered for climate change previously with the group.

B) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee

S. Clearwater advised that she attended the first Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. She raised the issue of climate change and whether the WPCP had been engineered to deal with it.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk