



**REVISED**

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

7:30 PM

Council Chambers  
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - A) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on June 9, 2020 (**Attachment 1**)
4. **Presentation**
  - A) Bruce Sargent, Farm Boy Productions – Virtual Farm Tour Video Discussion
5. **Discussion Items**
  - A) DAAC Farm Tour – D. Risebrough

**6. Other Business**

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

September 15, 2020

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:35 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair  
T. Barrie, Clarington  
N. Guthrie, Member at Large  
B. Howsam, Member at Large  
K. Kemp, Scugog  
P. MacArthur, Oshawa  
G. O'Connor, Member at Large  
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large  
H. Schillings, Whitby  
B. Smith, Uxbridge  
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair  
**\*members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: G. Highet, Regional Councillor

Absent: D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor  
K. Kennedy, Member at Large  
G. Taylor, Pickering  
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Services – Waste Administration  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by T. Barrie, Seconded by D. Risebrough,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee  
meeting held on March 10, 2020 be adopted.  
CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Presentations**

A) Long-Term Waste Management Plan Consultation, Angela Porteous, Region of Durham

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A. Porteous attended in place of L. Malyjasiak, and provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham Region Long-Term Waste Management Plan. She stated that Durham Region adopted its first Long-Term Waste Management Strategy in 1999 and in spring 2019, staff was directed by Regional Council to begin working on a new Long-Term Management Plan for 2021 to 2040.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Waste Management History
- Waste Management Vision 2021-2040
- Plan Development Timeline
- Guiding Principles
- Early Consultation
- Current & Future Challenges Identified by Region and Local Staffs
- Policy
- Programs
- Promotion and Education
- Vision & Objectives
- Next Steps

A. Porteous stated that the Region of Durham wants to focus its efforts on maximizing the diversion of materials from waste and recovering waste as resources to optimize its existing disposal and processing infrastructure, and to continue to minimize the need for disposal.

She advised that the guiding principles of the Waste Management Plan are as follows:

- Harmonize waste practices with changing population demographics;
- Work with industry to shift waste responsibilities from municipalities to producers/importers;

- Develop and apply circular economy approaches to the local community; and
- Reduce GHG emissions using sustainable green energy solutions & waste management programs and technologies.

A. Porteous identified the current and future challenges identified by the Region and local area municipalities and advised that some priorities will be the focus for the first 5 years while others will be longer term. She advised that some of the programs will:

- Enhance diversion;
- Work with producers on the successful transition of the Blue Box to producer responsibility;
- Implement new, or revise current programs or campaigns to increase participation/awareness of waste reduction; and
- Support industry take-back and/or circular economy programs.

A. Porteous advised that with regards to promotion and education, the program will improve communication and education of waste programs as well as work with universities and colleges and economic development to research innovative concepts and emerging markets. She stated that the next steps in the development of the Waste Management Plan are as follows:

- Provide opportunities for consultation and input from regional advisory committees;
- Engage with the public in a virtual open house; and
- Develop an outline of the Plan to present to Regional Council for endorsement.

A. Porteous requested that the Committee provide feedback to a survey with regards to key issues and considerations to the Long-Term waste Management Plan. The link to the survey was provided to Committee members subsequent to the meeting.

A. Porteous responded to questions of the Committee with regards to cost effectiveness of having a waste collection service in a rural setting; the percentage of diversion from the green bin program; the need for more promotion to encourage participation; what happens to green bin waste and bio-digestion.

## **5. Discussion Items**

### **A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb**

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S. Jibb provided the following update:

- Staff has been working on developing an online resource for businesses and the agricultural sector to access information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Staff has also developed a local food page with a Durham Farm Fresh section as well as a key issues document for the agricultural sector;
- Staff has also been supporting Durham Farm Connections in various ways (ie. meetings, developing a marketing plan, etc.)
- Staff is currently reviewing the Local Business Retention & Expansion Strategy and trying to figure out how to move forward.

B) OFA: Durham Abattoir Opportunity – S. Jibb

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A. Brown advised that staff revisited the Federal Abattoir Feasibility Study that was conducted in 2013 in response to challenges the red meat industry has been facing as a result of slaughter capacity issues. She advised that based on information received from the Clarington Agricultural Advisory Committee, red meat industries, and farmers, staff has been told that the slaughter capacity has been a barrier for a lot of business and wait times are extremely long for farmers.

A. Brown advised that staff has been in contact with an abattoir in the Region as well as industry stakeholders to gather information with the hope to assist in increasing production, becoming more sustainable, encourage expansion, help find new employees, as well as help with investments.

A. Brown asked for the Committee's input regarding how farmers have been impacted by slaughter capacity issues in the Region. It was the consensus of the Committee that slaughter capacity needs to be increased as well as processing.

C) COVID-19: Impacts to Agriculture – All Committee Members

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D. Risebrough advised that the challenge farmers are being faced with is getting their products moved. He also stated that producers are facing challenges with regards to planting, harvesting and getting their products to the marketplace.

T. Watpool advised that there is a backlog in processing for cattle and hogs. He stated that there is a lot of supply, but prices are low due to the market in the United States.

D) DAAC Farm Tour – D. Risebrough

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Discussion ensued with regards to the 2020 DAAC Farm Tour. D. Risebrough advised that all discussion and plans have been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and it was the consensus of the Committee that the 2020 DAAC Farm Tour be cancelled.

Discussion ensued with regards to the possibility of having a virtual farm tour. The following comments were provided:

- The keynote speaker from Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority is available to support the virtual farm tour;
- Maybe the committee can put something together from past farm tours and have a webinar;
- Explore the possibility of having a virtual tour of T. Watpool's hog farm;
- Important to have good expertise as to how to put the webinar together; and
- Have a drone capture planting, watering etc. as it is good footage to include in a virtual tour.

It was agreed that the farm tour sub-committee meet to pursue the idea and discuss further details of a virtual farm tour.

## **6. Information Items**

### **A) Report #2020-EDT-4 – Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association 2020 Workplan**

A copy of Report #2020-EDT-4 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association 2020 Workplan was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

### **B) Report #2020-EDT-5 – Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020**

A copy of Report #2020-EDT-5 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

## **7. Other Business**

### **A) Maintenance of Regional Roads**

Discussion ensued with regards to the Region's maintenance of certain roads (particularly Newtonville Road, Durham 42, Shirley Road). It was requested that the Region take special notice of these roads as the black top is breaking away and the bike lanes are broken.

### **B) Township of Uxbridge Vacancy**

D. Risebrough stated that with respect to the Economic Development Committee's vacancy in the Township of Uxbridge, it's important to have agricultural representation. S. Jibb requested that members reach out to her if they have questions or know of any interested individuals.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Discussion ensued with regards to the need to have a special meeting to discuss details of the Virtual Farm Tour after the sub-committee meets.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by F. Puterbough,  
That a special meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory  
Committee be held on July 14, 2020 to discuss the details of the  
Virtual Farm Tour.

CARRIED

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by H. Schillings,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham  
Agricultural Advisory Committee

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk