



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Finance & Administration Committee Agenda

Council Chambers  
Regional Headquarters Building  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

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**Note: Additional agenda items are shown in bold**

1. Roll Call
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Adoption of Minutes
  - A) Finance & Administration Committee meeting – February 9, 2021
4. Statutory Public Meetings

There are no statutory public meetings
5. Delegations
  - 5.1 John Colligan, Durham Resident re: NSF Water Billing Charge
  - 5.2 Colin Thomson, Commodore, PARA Marine Search & Rescue re: 2021 Community, Government and Corporate Awareness Update on Activities and Support
6. Presentations
  - 6.1 Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability re: 2021 Climate Change Update and Corporate Climate Change Action Plan (2021-A-3)**

New

## 7. Administration

## 7.1 Correspondence

New

**A) Correspondence from Kerry Meydam re: 2021 Climate Change Update and Corporate Climate Change Action Plan (2021-A-3)**

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**Recommendation: Refer to the consideration of Report #2021-A-3 [Item 7.2 A)]**

## 7.2 Reports

## A) 2021 Climate Change Update and Corporate Climate Change Action Plan (2021-A-3)

Link to Attachment #1 Durham Region Corporate Action Plan

## B) The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Workplan (2021-A-4)

## C) Appointment of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinator (2021-A-5)

## 8. Finance

## 8.1 Correspondence

## 8.2 Reports

## A) The Remuneration and Expenses in 2020 of Members of Regional Council and Regional Council Appointees to Local Boards, as Required by Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (2021-F-6)

## 9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

## 9.1 Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change

## A) Unflood Ontario: Call to Action Resolution

Recommendation: Approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council

## 10. Confidential Matters

There are no confidential matters to be considered

11. Other Business
12. Date of Next Meeting  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:30 AM
13. Adjournment

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**Subject:** Correspondence to Regional Council March 9 on Report #2021-A-3 - 2021 Climate Change Update and Corporate Climate Action Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 09, 2021 12:35:28 AM

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Correspondence to F&A March 9 meeting Report #2021-A-3

Councillors,

Sorry for the lateness of my letter but I hope you will read this and consider it in your evaluation of the report - Section B of your recommendation before approving. **Page 22 in agenda - Recommendations from staff:**

***B)** Approve the Region Corporate Climate Action Plan which identifies how climate change considerations will be embedded across all elements of Regional business, included as Attachment #1, and as outlined in this report.*

**Also Section D)** - please correct report information prior to sending to all listed in Section D).

**From F & A report A- 3 Section 4.5** Pg. 29

*With Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) operations beginning in 2016, net corporate GHG emissions rose by 53,700 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. However, it is critical to note that DYEC operations largely eliminated long-haul waste trucking to and disposal in distant landfill sites outside of the Region. The related emissions avoidance and reductions are not reflected in the corporate GHG inventory due to the chosen calculation methodology, including contracted third-party fleet and landfill emissions for managing Region-generated waste are not included in the Region's corporate GHG footprint. Further, landfills are not required to calculate and report on GHG emissions under the Ontario GHG reporting program. A lifecycle analysis completed by the Region estimates a net GHG reduction benefit associated with DYEC as compared to the landfill disposal alternative (see Attachment #4). Nonetheless, waste management operations present a long-term challenge for corporate decarbonization that will require innovative solutions.*

The foregoing section is incomplete and not up to date information re DYEC displacing long haul trucking of waste. We learned at the Oct. EFW AC meeting that ash is going to two separate landfills - to Niagara Region, some to Niagara New York.

In the past, bypass waste and waste excavated from Blackstock landfill as a result of landfill mining, went to both DYEC with almost half going to Twin Creeks landfill - so it's musical landfills. Besides **ash** going to landfill locations outside of Durham Region, by-pass waste (which includes

From 2019 Annual Report: [https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/operations-documents/resources/Documents/2019\\_DYEC\\_Facility\\_Operations\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/en/operations-documents/resources/Documents/2019_DYEC_Facility_Operations_Annual_Report.pdf)

See pages 16-20 for description and tables describing the types of waste leaving DYEC - bulky unprocessable, unacceptable, bottom and fly ash and then there is bypass waste in addition (when waste that cannot be processed at DYEC because either facility is down or already over capacity), where they haven't provided tonnages though they were requested.

All that gets trucked out of Durham. More polluting transport emissions, not fewer overall.

This all affects our health as well as climate change. The Region has some very good plans but other parts of the plan reduce the desirability of the. Above is just one example. **Rather than giving your full approval to the overall plan today**, please ask questions and allow for public input and suggestions. More info is needed and more transparency prior to putting these big, expensive plans into effect. We've seen it happen with the incinerator and more recently with the AD with MWP.

You know the old saying - *haste makes waste* - it doesn't save it.

Kerry Meydam  
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Durham Environment Watch