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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

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

Present: Councillor Anderson attended the meeting at 9:31 AM  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Grant  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McLean  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles attended the meeting at 9:32 AM  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\* all members of Council, except the Regional Chair, participated electronically**

Staff

Present: S. Austin\*, E. Baxter-Trahair, D. Beaton\*, B. Bridgeman\*, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou\*, C. Drimmie\*, S. Glover, R. Inacio, R.J. Kyle\*, C. Rochon\*, J. Presta\*, S. Siopis\*, N. Taylor\*, C. Tennisco, and R. Walton  
\*denotes staff participating electronically

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**4. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations to be heard.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

**7. Reports**

A) Seaton Phase 2 Regional Front Ending Agreement – Regional Objectives and Commencement of Negotiations (2021-COW-6)

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Report #2021-COW-6 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works; N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; and D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding where the money that is collected from the Seaton development charges goes; how buildings such as a police headquarters or ambulance station are built in the Seaton development; and what are the regional principles that are used with respect to local servicing in Seaton.

In response to a question from Councillor Joe Neal regarding the total amount spent to date on capital on the Seaton development, M. Simpson advised that staff would look into that and get back to Councillor Joe Neal directly.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(9) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham commence negotiations with the Seaton Landowners Group to develop a Front Ending Agreement to address the balance of the development of Seaton (Phase 2 Regional Front Ending Agreement);
- B) That prior to the execution of the Seaton Phase 2 Regional Front Ending Agreement, the Seaton Landowners Group prepare an update to the Seaton Fiscal Impact Study to review any long-term financial impacts on the Region of Durham with respect to the development of Seaton, to be funded by the Seaton Landowners Group;
- C) That the Regional Municipality of Durham retain the consulting firm of Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. in order to assist staff with the peer review of the Seaton Fiscal Impact Study and the financial implications of the Seaton Phase 2 Regional Front Ending Agreement, at an estimated cost of \$60,000;
- D) That the Regional Municipality of Durham retain legal consulting services at an estimated cost of \$150,000 to assist with the negotiation, drafting and preparation of the Seaton Phase 2 Regional Front Ending Agreement;
- E) That the financing to retain outside consulting and legal services at an estimated cost of \$210,000 be funded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary agreements for the outside consulting and legal services.

CARRIED

- B) Regional Submission to the Review of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Planning Framework

Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #019-3007 (2021-COW-7)

Report #2021-COW-7 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Discussion ensued regarding engaging utility companies going forward and ensuring that a consistent message is sent to the Province with respect to the Region's position on nuclear sector issues.

Further discussion ensued regarding the de-carbonization of Ontario and the efforts made by the communities of the Region of Durham.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,

(10) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2021-COW-7 of the Chief Administrative Officer be endorsed and submitted to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines as Durham Region's response to the review of Ontario's long-term energy planning framework;
- B) That the province revise and update Ontario's long-term energy planning framework as necessary to:
  - i) Ensure high quality data about all forms of energy and fuel sources used by Ontarians and all stages of the energy cycle (generation, transmission, storage and use) are considered in planning to support a holistic understanding and evidence-based decision-making;
  - ii) Share the data and assumptions used in energy decision-making with the public to support transparency and encourage innovation;
  - iii) Support a "conservation first" approach;
  - iv) Support decarbonization of Ontario's energy system, transportation system, economy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as top priorities. Continued development of Ontario's supply of nuclear, hydro and renewable energy generation will support this objective;
  - v) Require consultation with stakeholders, including the public and municipalities, about the desired energy mix for the province;
  - vi) Embed in the framework, mechanisms to ensure provincial responsibility and accountability for energy equity, affordability, sustainability and consumer safety to protect human health, community well-being and environmental protection;
  - vii) Ensure coordination between the federal and the provincial governments on programs and actions to support shared goals for energy and the environment;
  - viii) Align provincial policies around energy, environment, transportation, infrastructure development, land use planning and housing to support cohesive, coordinated, consistent actions;
  - ix) Evaluate and regularly report on the contribution of Ontario's energy system towards meeting critical goals and targets to increase public trust and confidence;
  - x) Support the role that municipalities can play in achieving energy system goals and targets through community energy planning;

- xi) Meaningfully engage the public, Indigenous communities and affected municipalities about the development of new bulk energy assets or replacement, expansion or decommissioning of existing generation, transmission or storage assets in that community/Region including property tax payments to municipalities based on current, fair market assessments;
  - xii) Support and value Indigenous peoples as full partners in shaping Ontario's energy future; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2021-COW-7 be forwarded to the Durham MPPs; local area municipalities; Durham Environmental Advisory Committee; and Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change.

CARRIED

- C) Region's Submission to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) renewal application for the Power Reactor Site Preparation Licence (PRSL) for the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) and Council's position on nuclear sector issues (2021-COW-8)
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Report #2021-COW-8 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Councillor Foster requested that Report #2021-COW-8 of the Chief Administrative Officer be forwarded to the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC).

Moved by Councillor Ryan, Seconded by Councillor Drew,  
(11) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Council direct staff to submit a Public Commission Hearing Participation Request to the CNSC on the renewal application for the PRSL and to include comments and recommendations as outlined in Section 5 of Report #2021-COW-8 of the Chief Administrative Officer;
- B) That Regional Council reconfirms:
  - i) That Durham Region, in its position as an experienced and informed nuclear host community, is a willing and supportive host for the DNNP which involves building up to four new reactors at the Darlington site;
  - ii) Its strong opposition to the long-term storage of used nuclear fuel in Durham Region;
  - iii) Its strong opposition to any design for a nuclear facility that includes the construction of cooling towers; and

- C) That the Province be requested to make the updates necessary to ensure a fair and equitable level of property tax on generating assets at Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Nuclear Generating Station is paid to the Region and area municipalities in support of the Durham community.

CARRIED AS AMENDED  
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,  
(12) That Report #2021-COW-8 of the Chief Administrative Officer be amended by adding the following as a new Part D):

- 'D) That Durham Region request of NRCan and the Province of Ontario direction on the appropriate timing and venue for dialogue with Durham Region and other Canadian Nuclear Host Community members reviewing compensation for nuclear host communities, including but not restricted to interim storage of radioactive materials.'

CARRIED

The main motion (11) of Councillor Ryan and Councillor Drew was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

## **8. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

## **9. Other Business**

### **9.1 Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Capacity**

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S. Siopis responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether York Region has the right to access any unused capacity at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), or the ability to initiate an expansion of the DYEC. She advised that staff have had recent discussions with the Region of York, and they stated there is nothing in their 10-year forecast with respect to an anticipated expansion at the DYEC.

S. Siopis also responded to questions regarding the contract terms for the bid documents for the anaerobic digester, and if the bid documents are publicly available. S. Siopis advised that the Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFPQ) documents are available publicly.

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(13) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair

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Committee Clerk