



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Agenda

Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:00 PM

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

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - A) DEAC meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ([Attachment 1](#))
5. **Presentations**
  - A) Stormwater Management, Krista Chomicki, Great Lakes Scientist, TRCA
  - B) Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040, Angela Porteous, Region of Durham Waste Management ([Link to Draft Plan](#))
6. **Items for Discussion/Input**
  - A) Appointment of representative on Friends of Second Marsh Board of Directors ([Attachment 2](#))

- B) Update from DEAC Environmental Awards Subcommittee and proposed award recipients
- C) Update from DEAC Webinar Series Subcommittee
- D) Notice of Study Completion – Town of Whitby Mid-Block Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment ([Attachment 3](#))

**7. For Information**

- A) [ERO-019-0198](#) – Decision Summary on Proposed new Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health
- B) [2021-INFO-55](#) – Chief Administrative Officer – re: Durham Region Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Goals and Priorities – Year one progress Update
- C) [2021-INFO-57](#) – Commissioner of Works – re: COVID-19 Implications to Durham York Energy Centre Operations
- D) [2021-INFO-58](#) – Commissioner of Works – re: Facts about the Regional Municipality of Durham's Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility
- E) [2021-COW-9](#) – Chief Administrative Officer – re: Response to the Canadian Radioactive Waste Policy Review
- F) [2021-P-16](#) – Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – re: Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update
- G) Article on DEAC Climate Resiliency Guide (featured in the Toronto Star and Durham Region News) – [A Durham Resident's guide to preparing for climate change](#)

**8. Other Business (10 minutes)**

- A) [Discover Alex Robertson Park](#) – LEAF virtual event (Christine Doody-Hamilton)
- B) Durham Region protocols on roadside mowing (Geoff Carpentier)

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 20, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

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

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
S. Clearwater, Whitby  
R. Dickinson, Brock  
C. Doody-Hamilton, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:11 PM  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
G. Layton, Oshawa  
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair  
D. Nguyen, Youth Member  
S. Panchal, Youth Member  
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
K. Murray, Member at Large  
B. Shipp, Member at Large  
M. Thompson, Ajax  
J. Whalen, Post-Secondary Member  
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

#### **Staff**

Present: A. Bathe, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by B. Foxton,  
That the agenda for the May 20, 2021 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 O. Chaudhry,  
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,  
April 8, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Envision Durham Environment & Climate Change Policies, Amanda Bathe,  
Senior Planner

Amanda Bathe, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation  
regarding Envision Durham Environment & Climate Change Policies.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Context
- Discussion Papers
- Policy Review Approach
- Proposed Policy Directions
- Healthy Communities
  - Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction
  - Climate Resilient Development
  - Nature Based Solutions
- Protected Greenlands System
  - Establish a Regional Natural Heritage System
  - Significant Woodlands and Significant Valleylands Study
- Supportive Infrastructure
- Connected Transportation System
- Next Steps

A. Bathe responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether canopy protocols and targets include developers of new subdivisions; whether Durham Region is proposing incentives to encourage private sector construction of green buildings; how the Natural Heritage Systems (NHS) link to developments where natural features appear not to be preserved; how significant valley lands mapping differs from conservation authority mapping; the difference between the protected Greenland Systems and the NHS and the need to clarify the difference; the importance of strengthening the language around “no net loss” and ensuring it includes no net loss of wetlands; whether Durham Region should create a tree canopy policy similar

to the Regional Municipality of York; whether Durham Region should restrict land applications of septage waste ; what garden suites are and where they would be located; and excess soil management and whether the soil is free of contamination.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee would like to comment on the Envision Durham Environment & Climate Change Policies as a group or individually. It was the consensus of the Committee to send any comments to A. Luqman prior to the June DEAC meeting to see whether there is consensus to submit comments as a group.

**6. Items for Discussion/Input**

A) Update on DEAC Climate Resiliency Guide

A. Luqman advised that the DEAC Climate Resiliency Guide was endorsed by Regional Council on April 28, 2021. She advised that a few hard copies have been printed and that she has received multiple emails from interested citizens requesting a hardcopy. She suggested that Committee members share the link to the Guide first and then if someone would like a hard copy to email her directly.

B) Update from DEAC Environmental Awards Subcommittee

G. Layton advised that the DEAC Environmental Awards Subcommittee met on May 10, 2021. She advised that a link was provided to the subcommittee members to review the nominations that have been received and that C. Acosta, Planner, provided them with an awards scoring sheet.

G. Layton advised they have received 13 nominations but have not yet received a nomination for the Lois James Leadership Award. A. Luqman advised that school boards have been contacted directly and have been given until May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to submit a nomination. G. Layton advised that the subcommittee will meet again in three weeks.

C) Update from DEAC Webinar Series Subcommittee

A. Luqman advised that all five webinars that were scheduled for the months of April and May have been completed. She advised that the backyard chickens webinar and the creative planting spaces were the most attended. She advised that a second series is being planned for the Fall and that C. Doody-Hamilton is working on that series.

D) Spring Bee Pollinator Seedling Distribution Project Update

A. Luqman advised that all Waste events had to be cancelled with the earlier announcement of the extended stay at home order. She advised that the seed packets and stickers could be assembled through the Summer in order

to be ready for a possible return to in person Waste events in the Fall. She further advised that Waste staff provided her with contacts for local community gardens as another avenue to distribute the seed packets.

E) Town of Whitby Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review

A. Luqman advised that the Town of Whitby is updating their Comprehensive Zoning By-Law in order to identify potential gaps between the Region of Durham and the Town of Whitby Official Plans. She advised that comments are being accepted until May 28, 2021.

**7. For Information**

A) Envision Durham Memorandum, re: Climate Change and Environment Proposed Policy Directions Overview

A copy of Envision Durham Memorandum, re: Climate Change and Environment Proposed Policy Directions Overview was received.

B) ROPA 2021-002 Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting

A copy of ROPA 2021-002 Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting was received.

C) Notice of Study Completion – Whitby Coastal Flood Risk Assessment and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

A copy of the Notice of Study Completion – Whitby Coastal Flood Risk Assessment and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment was received.

D) Commissioner's Report #2021-INFO-36 – 2020 Annual Water Pollution Control Plants Performance Report

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-36 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

E) Commissioner's Report #2021-INFO-40 – Durham York Energy Centre Annual Report Update

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-40 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

F) Commissioner's Report #2021-INFO-45 – Quarterly Report – Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the First Quarter of 2021

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-45 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

G) DAAC minutes from its April 13, 2021 meeting

A copy of the April 13, 2021 DAAC meeting minutes was received.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,  
That Information Items 7 A) to 7 G) inclusive, be received for  
information.

CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A) James L. Baillie Memorial Birdathon 2021

G. Carpentier announced that he will be taking part in the 2021 James L. Baillie Memorial Birdathon. He advised that he would send a secure link to the James L. Baillie Memorial Birdathon to Committee members if anyone wished to make a donation.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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S. Glover, Committee Clerk



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June 2, 2021

Aneesha Luqman, Project Planner  
Planning & Economic Development Department.  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
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Good afternoon, Aneesha,

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Second Marsh are interested in having a member of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee join our Board.

We believe that such participation would help the Committee in fulfilling its mandate to 'provide advice on the state of environmental resources such as water resources and natural heritage features such as wetlands, forests, and wildlife within Durham Region in co-operation with other organizations where appropriate'.

Our Board meets monthly from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for July, August and December. During Covid, these meetings are held online.

Please contact me for further information about this important request.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Taylor  
Chair

905-449-6037



**From:** [MidblockEA@tmig.ca](mailto:MidblockEA@tmig.ca)  
**Subject:** Notice of Study Completion – Mid-Block Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment  
**Date:** Thursday, June 03, 2021 1:20:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [Notice of Study Completion - Final.pdf](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Town of Whitby, in partnership with the South Brooklin Landowners Group, have completed a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the Mid-Block Arterial Road. This MCEA study followed the approved environmental planning process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" document (October 2000; amended 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared which documents the MCEA process, the preferred design alignment, the anticipated environmental and property impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study.

In accordance with the MCEA process requirement, the ESR will be placed on public record for a 30-day comment period beginning June 3, 2021. In response to the (COVID-19) pandemic, only digital copies of the ESR are available at:

When: June 3, 2021 to July 5, 2021  
Where: <https://www.midblockea.ca/>

Written comments or questions should be sent directly to [midblockea@tmig.ca](mailto:midblockea@tmig.ca) before July 5, 2021. Please find attached the Notice of Study Completion, which includes further information about the study and how you can provide your comments.

Regards,

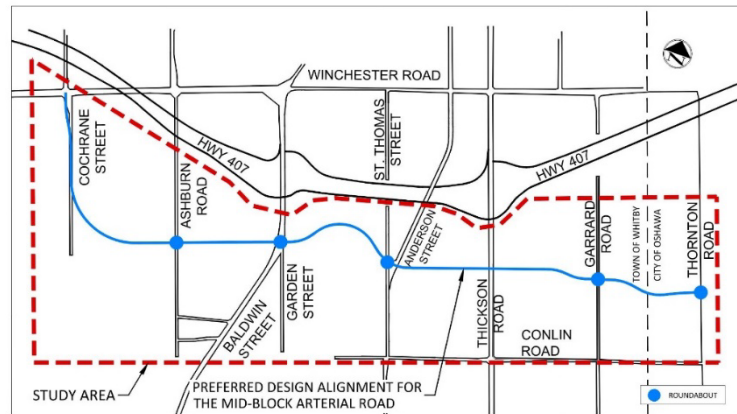
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## Notice of Study Completion

### Mid-Block Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of Whitby, in partnership with the South Brooklin Landowners Group, have conducted a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the Mid-Block Arterial Road. Following consultation with the public, major stakeholders, property owners, Indigenous Communities and other agencies, a preferred design



alignment for the Mid-Block Arterial Road has been identified. The preferred design alignment includes a 4-lane cross-section accommodating a multi-use path (MUP) on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side, with 2-lane roundabouts proposed at all intersections except for the intersection at Thickson Road which will be signalized and at Highway 7 which will be signalized when warranted.

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Written comments or questions should be sent directly to [midblockea@tmig.ca](mailto:midblockea@tmig.ca) before July 5, 2021.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that

conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to all of the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please email [midblockea@tmig.ca](mailto:midblockea@tmig.ca) or call 905.430.4935.

Personal information in this project will be collected under the authority of Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for information purposes only for this Study. Questions regarding the collection and use of personal information should be directed to the Town of Whitby Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office at 905.430.4300, extension 2287.

This notice was first issued on June 3, 2021