



## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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 November 9, 2021 ([Attachment 1](#))

#### **4. Presentations**

- A) Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Region of Durham CAO's Office - Durham Community Energy Plan Agricultural Member Request
- B) Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst & Victor Copetti, Planner 1, Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development, Transportation Planning - Regional Freight and Goods Movement Strategy

#### **5. Discussion Items**

- A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb
- B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2548.

C) ROPA 2021-008 - Clark Consulting Services Application ([Attachment 2](#))

D) Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Event Barn Position Paper  
Comments

**6. Information Items**

A) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance 2020 Annual Report  
([Attachment 3](#))

B) Ontario Funding Expansion of Farmer Mental Health Program ([Attachment 4](#))

C) Notice of Adoption – Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan  
([Attachment 5](#))

D) OMAFRA - Upcoming updates for the Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection  
Program ([Attachment 6](#))

**7. Other Business**

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

January 11, 2022

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

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

**November 9, 2021**

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:37 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, 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  
G. Highet, Regional Councillor  
B. Howsam, Member at Large  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large  
B. Smith, Uxbridge  
B. Winter, Ajax

**\*members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: K. Kemp, Scugog  
K. Kennedy, Member at Large  
G. O'Connor, Member at Large  
F. Puterbough, Member at Large  
H. Schillings, Whitby  
G. Taylor, Pickering, Vice-Chair  
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

#### **Staff**

Present: A. Brown, Agriculture Economic Development Program Coordinator, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by B. Smith,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee  
meeting held on October 12, 2021 be adopted.  
CARRIED

**4. Presentation**

A) Janet Horner, Executive Director, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance – Event Barn Position Paper

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Janet Horner, Executive Director, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Event Barn Position Paper.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Event Barns
- Introduction
- Importance of Farmland Preservation
- Family Farming & On-Farm Diversification
- Event Barn Examples in the Golden Horseshoe
- Event Barn Requirements
- Position on Event Barns
- Lessons Learned from Stonewall Estates
- Recommendations and Next Steps
- Conclusion

J. Horner advised that the draft Event Barn Position Paper was endorsed by the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance in September 2021 and it was recommended that it be circulated to the Agricultural Advisory Committees for comment. She stated that she would like to receive any comments by January as the Alliance is scheduled to meet in January 2022 to review the comments received and endorse the Paper.

J. Horner advised that the Golden Horseshoe is the most densely populated and industrialized area in Canada. She stated that prime agricultural lands are a finite, limited resource and agricultural uses are to remain the principal use in prime agricultural areas. She stated that on-farm diversification includes implementing value added farming practices as well as new business on farmlands which may not be directly related to agriculture. Event barns are one example of on-farm diversification where barns are transformed into spaces to host weddings, parties and other social events. She advised that the Golden Horseshoe has many event barns and provided a detailed overview of 3 legal event barns in the Golden Horseshoe.

J. Horner provided an overview of the event barn requirements and stated that the following criteria must be met for on-farm diversified uses: located on a farm; secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property; limited in area; includes but not limited to home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism uses and uses that produce value-added agricultural products; and shall be compatible with, and shall not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations. She advised that the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance' position on Event Barns is that they should only be permitted if they can meet all the current government requirements and follow the OMAFRA Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas; and it is unlikely that event barns should be established today. She stated the reasons behind the GHFFA's position are as follows: must be secondary to the farm; must have appropriate size and scale; and, expensive and timely.

J. Horner responded to questions with regards to properties with large enough spaces and how to differentiate that from being an event facility and an event barn; and what is driving the popularity of event barns.

Z. Cohoon requested committee members review the Event Barn Position Paper and provide feedback at the next committee meeting.

## **5. Discussion Items**

### **A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update**

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S. Jibb provided the following update:

- The Ontario Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs visited Durham Region on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The event included a funding announcement in Uxbridge; a roundtable with farmers of Uxbridge; primary producers; a tour of Hy-Hope Farms, Whitby and the Centre for Food at Durham College. S. Jibb and A. Brown also provided a presentation to the Minister on some of the economic development priorities for the agri-food industry
- Staff is working with Planning Department staff on the Agriculture System Mapping approach with regards to the agri-food network
- The Durham Farm Connections Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2021 and the Durham Farm Fresh Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2021

A. Brown provided the following update:

- Staff is hosting a workshop on November 12, 2021 on A Guide to Starting a Home-Based Food Business
- Staff is working on a Succession Planning Workshop and more details will be provided at another time

B) 2022 DAAC Workplan and Terms of Reference

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A copy of the draft 2022 DAAC Workplan and Terms of Reference were provided as Attachments #2 and #3 to the Agenda.

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by D. Risebrough,  
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Draft 2022 Workplan of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, as proposed, be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by B. Smith,  
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, as proposed, be adopted.

CARRIED

**6. Information Items**

A) Report #2021-INFO-109 – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2021 Virtual Farm Tour

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A copy of Information Report #2021-INFO-109 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2021 Virtual Farm Tour, was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

B) Report #2021-P-24 – Decision Meeting Report – Grainboys Holdings Inc. – OPA 2021-004

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A copy of Report #2021-P-24 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Kyle Petrovich on behalf of Grainboys Holdings Inc. to permit the development of a grain processing facility in the Township of Uxbridge, was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

C) Durham Food Policy System Comment Request

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With regards to the Durham Food Policy Council, Durham Food System Report Card presented to the committee on October 12, 2021, M. Scott requested that committee members forward any comments to him by email.

D) Evergreen Environmental File – 1515 Thornton Road, Oshawa

With regards to H. Schilling's request at the October 12, 2021 meeting regarding concerns with a property at Raglan Road and Harmony Road North being used for the dumping of yard waste, M. Scott advised that the Region commented on an EBR posting but the matter is within the City of Oshawa's purview. M. Scott confirmed that the contact information for the Planner will be forwarded to H. Schillings.

**7. Other Business**

A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Bridgebrook Corp. to redesignate lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas to facilitate the development of a 588-unit plan of subdivision, in the Township of Uxbridge, File: OPA 2021-005 (2021-P-20)

M. Scott advised that this Application was not circulated to the committee as the application was within the urban boundary. He advised that the Applicant has applied to change the designation from a special study area to living areas in the Official Plan contingent on servicing.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Application not being supported by the Township of Uxbridge; as well as the property being located within the Whitelands of Uxbridge, still actively farmed and very opposed to by the local community.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 starting at 7:30 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by T. Barrie  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

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Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham  
Agricultural Advisory Committee

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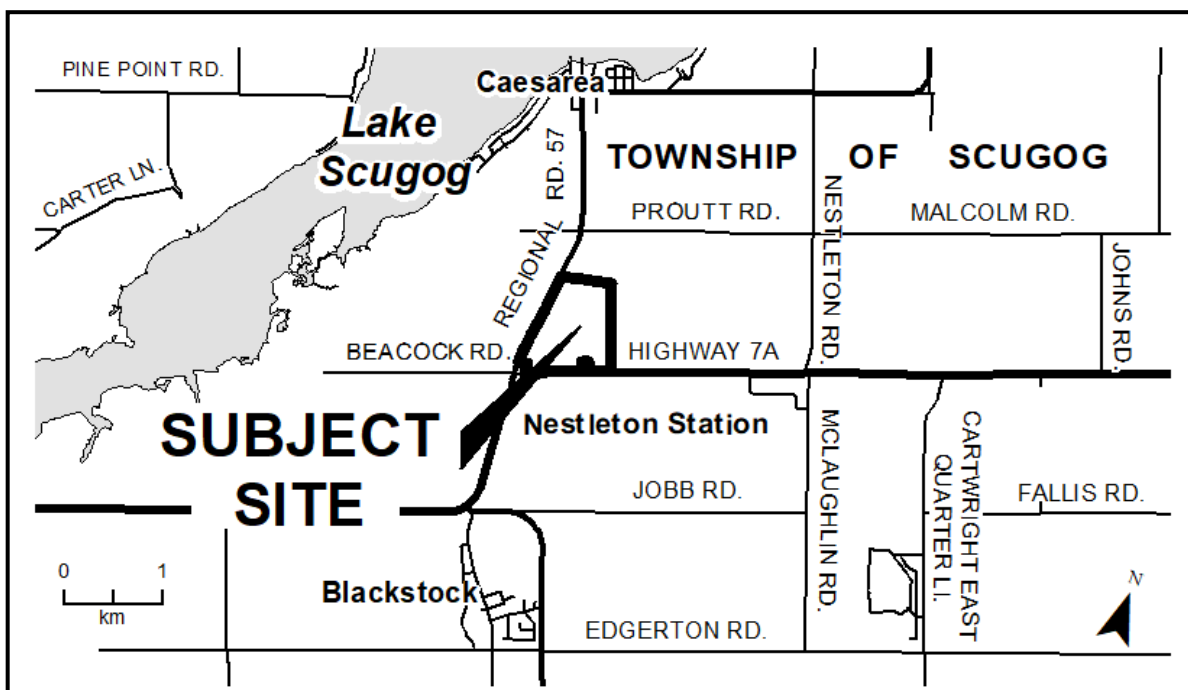
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to  
Council



**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
**Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting**  
**Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan**  
**Regional File Number: OPA 2021-008**

### **Purpose of the Proposed Amendment**

The Regional Municipality of Durham is considering an application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels. The subject site is located at **3512 Regional Road 57, Township of Scugog (Cartwright)**.



### **Public Meeting**

The Region of Durham's Planning & Economic Development Committee will hold a public meeting to provide interested parties the opportunity to make comments, identify issues and provide additional information relative to the proposed amendment. The public meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:30 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**Durham Region Headquarters**

**605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario**

### **Delegations**

In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to generally comply with the directions from the Government of Ontario, we strongly encourage interested members of the public to view the Committee meeting via live streaming by visiting:

<https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region>, instead of attending the meeting in person.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit written correspondence and questions prior to the meeting by emailing [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

quoting the file number for distribution to members of Council, instead of attending the meeting in person. Please note that at present time, all staff and Committee members are participating



virtually and will not be present in the Council Chambers. Notwithstanding the above, if in person attendance is required, arrangements must be made by emailing [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) prior to the meeting date to discuss the accommodation.

If you wish to make a delegation before Committee, please submit your request in writing to [delegations@durham.ca](mailto:delegations@durham.ca) by 12:00 PM (noon), on Monday, January 10, 2022. Members of the public who register in advance of the meeting will be provided with the details to delegate electronically.

## Comments or Questions

An information report outlining the details of the proposed amendment may be obtained from the Durham Region Planning Division. If you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed amendment, please contact:

**Vannitha Chanthavong, MCIP, RPP, Planner**  
**Telephone: 905-668-4113 extension 2543**  
**Toll Free: 1-800-372-1102**  
**Facsimile: 905-666-6208**  
**Planner's e-mail: [vannitha.chanthavong@durham.ca](mailto:vannitha.chanthavong@durham.ca)**

## Submissions

If you wish to make a written submission, or if you wish to be notified of subsequent meetings or of the decision of Regional Council on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development at the following address:

**605 Rossland Road East, Box 623**  
**Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3.**

Please include your address, telephone number, email address and the Regional file number.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or does not make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Durham before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:

1. is not entitled to appeal the decision of Regional Council to the Local Area Planning Tribunal, and
2. may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Area Planning Tribunal, unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Personal information from those who make either oral or written submissions on the application is collected by the Region of Durham under the authority of the *Planning Act*, and this personal information will become part of the public record.

**File #:** OPA 2021-004

**Date of Decision:** November 24, 2021

**Related File(s):** ZBA 2019-12, ZBA 2018-07

**Date of Notice:** November 26, 2021

**Subject Lands:** Part Lot 12, Concession 1,  
Township of Uxbridge

**Last Date of Appeal:** December 16, 2021

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

## **Notice of Adoption**

With Respect to Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan  
Section 17(23) of the Planning Act

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### **Purpose and Effect of the Requested Official Plan Amendment**

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit agriculture-related uses comprised of a grain milling, blending and storage facility, including the accessory sales of finished products on lands designated "Prime Agricultural Areas," in the Township of Uxbridge.

The Amendment and background materials are available for inspection at the Regional Planning and Economic Development Department, Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 623, Whitby, Ontario, Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Related Planning Act Files**

Two applications to amend the Uxbridge Zoning By-law (ZBA 2018-07 & ZBA 2019-12) were filed by the proponent for the proposed development. ZBA 2018-07 was abandoned by the applicant and ZBA 2019-12 is under appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal.

### **Written and Oral Submissions**

Public consultation on the application was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The Region received 6 written and 2 oral submissions on the application. All submissions were given full consideration. Further details regarding how the public input was considered is available in Commissioner's Report #2021-P-24 and in the Planning and Economic Development Committee minutes dated November 2, 2021, and the Regional Council minutes dated November 24, 2021.

### **Decision of Regional Council**

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham adopted Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan by By-law #33-2021, on November 24, 2021.

## When and How to File a Notice of Appeal

The last day for filing a notice of appeal is **December 16, 2021**. Notice to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal must:

- 1) be filed with the Regional Clerk at the following address:

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Corporate Services Department - Legislative Services Division  
605 Rossland Road East, Level 1  
P.O. Box 623  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

- 2) set out the reasons for the appeal, and the specific part of the proposed official plan or plan amendment to which the appeal applies; and
- 3) be accompanied by the fee of \$1,100 in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance, as required by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

This proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the municipality to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

*Ralph Walton*

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Regional Clerk

## **Amendment #185 to the Regional Official Plan**

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- Purpose and Effect:** The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit agriculture-related uses comprised of a grain milling, blending and storage facility, including the accessory sales of finished products on lands designated “Prime Agricultural Areas,” in the Township of Uxbridge.
- Location:** The subject site is located at 3469 York Durham Line, in the Township of Uxbridge. The property is legally described as Part Lot 12, Concession 1 in the Township of Uxbridge.
- Basis:** The subject site is within the Provincial Agricultural System. The proposed uses meet the criteria of an agriculture-related use. This amendment conforms to the Durham Regional Official Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.
- Amendment:** The Durham Regional Official Plan is hereby amended by adding the following policy exception to Section 9A.3.19:
- “Notwithstanding Policy 9A.2.3, a grain milling, blending and storage facility, including the accessory sales of finished products, is permitted on lands located on the east side of York Durham Line, south of Regional Highway 47, identified as Assessment 18-29-010-001-10200 in Part of Lot 12 Concession 1, in the Township of Uxbridge.”
- Implementation:** The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of the Plan shall apply with regards to the Amendment.
- Interpretation:** The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the interpretation of the Plan shall apply with regards to this Amendment.