

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:03 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair
K. Murray, Member at Large
M. Nasir, Ajax attended the meeting at 7:03 PM
S. Panchal, Youth Member
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large
G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
R. Dickinson, Brock
K. Lui, Member at Large
B. Shipp, Member at Large
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Also

Present: Councillor Yamada

Staff

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

In the absence of the Committee Chair, J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Luqman requested that the following be added to the agenda as a new item C) under 5. Items for Discussion: C) Approval of the 2023 DEAC Meeting Schedule.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the agenda for the November 17, 2022 Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee (DEAC) meeting, as amended, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by B. Foxton,
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee
meeting held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Items for Discussion

A) End-of-term Committee Procedures

A. Luqman outlined the end-of-term committee procedures and advised that the new committee appointments would be made early in the new year, and that the new committee would likely begin in April 2023.

B) Information Report #2022-INFO-91: Envision Durham – Growth Management Study, Phase 2: Draft Settlement Area Boundary Expansions and Area Municipal Growth Allocations, Consultant's Report, and Interactive Map Viewer

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-91 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

A. Luqman advised that Report #2022-INFO-91 detailed the draft maps showing the extent and location of Settlement Area Boundary Expansions (SABEs) that are required to accommodate the Region's population and employment forecasts to 2051. She also advised that the consultant, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., was retained to speak to the draft SABEs in relation to the Council-Endorsed growth scenario (2A).

Concerns were raised from the Committee regarding the use of the word "generally" referenced in section 4.3 of Report #2022-INFO-91. The report states that, "In the Durham context, lands within the Greenbelt Plan area and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) area are generally protected from future urban growth". Other concerns were raised regarding section 3.6 of the report that states that a SABE of up to 5% of the current geographic area, to a maximum of 10 hectares, may be considered for the urban areas of Port Perry, Uxbridge, Beaverton, Cannington, Sunderland and Orono, subject to meeting several requirements and conditions.

C) Approval of the 2023 DEAC Meeting Schedule

A copy of the 2023 DEAC meeting schedule was received.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the 2023 Durham Environment Advisory Committee (DEAC)
meeting schedule, as presented, be adopted.
CARRIED

6. For Information

A) Information Report #2022-INFO-92: Provincial Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, ERO postings #019-6216 and #019-6238

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-92 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

Concerns were raised regarding the proposed changes to the Greenbelt Plan, the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan that would remove 15 areas of land across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including three in Durham Region, while adding lands in the Paris Galt Moraine in Wellington County.

A. Luqman advised that feedback can be submitted individually, or as a committee that would then need to be forwarded to the Planning & Economic Development Committee and subsequently Regional Council. She advised that the deadline to submit comments for ERO postings #019-6216 and #019-6238 is December 4, 2022.

B) Information Report #2022-INFO-93: More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 (Bill 23)

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-93 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts that Bill 23 would have on Durham Region, and concerns regarding the requirement for York and Durham Region to build capacity in the York Durham Sewage System (YDSS) and the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant to service development known as Upper York (Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket).

Councillor Yamada advised that a report regarding comments on Bill 23 would be presented to Whitby Council on November 24, 2022, and once published he would forward the report to A. Luqman for distribution to the committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee to add any reports or presentations related to Bill 23: *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022 to future DEAC agendas as they became available.

C) Information Report #2022-INFO-87: Durham York Energy Centre 2022 Voluntary Source Test Update

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-87 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

D) Information Report #2022-INFO-84: 2021 Waste Management Annual Report

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-84 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

E) Liberty Street North Reservoir and Pumping Station Notice of Study Completion, Final Addendum Report, and Project Website

A copy of the Liberty Street North Reservoir and Pumping Station Notice of Study Completion, Final Addendum Report, and Project Website was received.

F) ERO #012-9093: Issuance of a License to Remove over 20,000 Tonnes of Aggregate Annually from a Pit or Quarry, Vicdom Sand & Gravel (Ontario) Limited, Uxbridge

A copy of the ERO #012-9093: Issuance of a License to Remove over 20,000 Tonnes of Aggregate Annually from a Pit or Quarry, Vicdom Sand & Gravel (Ontario) Limited, Uxbridge was received.

G) ERO #019-6144: Proposal to Renew Permit to Take Water – Granite Golf Club, Uxbridge

A copy of the ERO #019-6144: Proposal to Renew Permit to Take Water – Granite Golf Club, Uxbridge was received.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That Information Items 6. A) to G) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Committee Meeting

S. Clearwater advised that she attended the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (DCWPCP) Committee meeting on November 18, 2022 and was advised at the meeting that COVID-19 is not currently regulated but it is being tracked out of several water pollution control plants in Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington. S. Clearwater also learned that the main upgrades to the DCWPCP have been completed through the Phosphorous Reduction Action Plan (PRAP).

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk