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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair
Councillor Collier
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford
Councillor Lee
Councillor Schummer*

*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Regional Chair Henry was absent due to personal matters
Councillor Neal

Staff

Present: M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
E. Baxter-Trahair*, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
H. Finlay, Acting Manager – Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
L. Huinink, Director, Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development
S. Jibb, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
G. Muller, Director of Planning
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning & Budgeting

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
D. Ruby, Manager, Economic Development, Business Development and Investment
K. Ryan*, Senior Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
N. Taylor*, Commissioner of Finance
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(61) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

5.1 Jacquie Severs, Manager, Marketing & Tourism, re: Durham at the Collision Conference: Investment Attraction and Brand Awareness (2023-EDT-11)

Jacquie Severs, Manager, Marketing & Tourism, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham at the Collision Conference: Investment Attraction and Brand Awareness.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Collision Conference – June 26-29, 2023
- Book a meeting with Invest Durham at Collision
- #DurhamAtCollision
 - Key Messages:
 - Innovation
 - Support
 - Location
- Durham Team

- By the Numbers
- Event Marketing
- Select Outcomes
- Success & Legacy

J. Severs responded to questions with regards to the overall cost of the conference; whether Invest Durham will be attending the conference in future years; which goals and targets were set for and achieved at the conference; whether social media influencers were considered to sponsor the conference; whether Invest Durham has attended the conference in past years; and whether there will be future reports regarding new connections made through the conference.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Planning

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Memorandum from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, re: Envision Durham, New Regional Official Plan

Staff responded to questions with regards to the forecast for approval of the New Regional Official Plan from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; whether it is expected to have changes to the New Regional Official Plan regarding the Greenbelt lands; and whether the New Regional Official Plan will be approved in a timely manner.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(62) That the memorandum from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, re: Envision Durham, New Regional Official Plan, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Wechsel Farms, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-004
(2023-P-20)

Report #2023-P-20 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(63) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #192 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2023-P-20 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other persons or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.

CARRIED

- B) Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants Development Coordinators Ltd., on behalf of Gowanlea Ltd., to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2023-003 (2023-P-21)
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Report #2023-P-21 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(64) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Amendment #193 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2023-P-21 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and
- B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.

CARRIED

- C) Bill 23 Update: Delegation of Durham Region Land Division Responsibilities (2023-P-22)
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Report #2023-P-22 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(65) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to present a By-law under Section 54 of the Planning Act delegating to the Council of each of the Region's area

municipalities, the authority to grant consents, and that this by-law be passed by Council at its meeting on October 25, 2023;

- B) That By-laws 07-2023 and 09-2023, authorizing appointments to the Regional Land Division Committee be repealed effective December 31, 2023;
- C) That the area municipalities be requested to pass a by-law to expand the role of their Committees of Adjustment to include Consent applications effective January 1, 2024;
- D) That a copy of Report #2023-P-22 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be provided to the Regional Land Division Committee, and each of the Regions' area municipalities; and
- E) That at the appropriate time, the Chair of the Land Division Committee and all Committee Members be thanked for their contributions and service to the Region.

CARRIED

8. Economic Development

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to be considered.

8.2 Reports

A) Precision Agriculture Field Day (2023-EDT-10)

Report #2023-EDT-10 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(66) That Report #2023-EDT-10 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Durham at the Collision Conference: Investment Attraction and Brand Awareness (2023-EDT-11)

Report #2023-EDT-11 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(67) That Report #2023-EDT-11 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Durham Active Transportation Committee

A) Resolution regarding Cycling Infrastructure Measurement Guidelines

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(68) That the following resolution be referred to Works staff for appropriate action and response:

Whereas Durham Region has in place an approved Regional Cycling Plan;

And whereas the Province of Ontario has established cycling facilities guidelines referred to as Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 (OTM Book 18) which are consistent with the intent of the Highway Traffic Act with respect to municipal roads and infrastructure;

And whereas the Province of Ontario has established bicycle traffic signals guidelines referred to at Ontario Traffic Manual Book 12A (OTM Book 12A), which is recommended to be used in conjunction with OTM Book 18;

And whereas the paved shoulders and buffered bicycle lanes identified in the Active Transportation Combined Projects 2022 summary presented to the Durham Active Transportation Committee on June 08, 2023 are non compliant to the established guidelines and not cycling improvements; and

Now therefore it be resolved that the Durham Active Transportation Committee request all new and retrofit legacy Durham Region cycling infrastructure construction – as identified in the Regional Cycling Plan – comply with OTM Book 18 and OTM Book 12A design guidelines which includes both signage and applicable pavement markings for both on-road and in boulevard multi-use-trails for inclusion as completed cycling projects.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Matters

10.1 Reports

A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Closed matter regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to the any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board as it relates to bringing the Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) into the Regional Corporation (2023-EDT-12)

Confidential Report #2023-EDT-12 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

(69) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-EDT-12 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be adopted.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

(70) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk