

Regional Councillor Report

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Regional Council – June 3, 2015

Joint Committee – May 21, 2015

Pan Am/Parapan Games Preparation

A report was received by Council which provided an update as to preparations for the upcoming Pan Am/Parapan Games, which involves many Regional Departments including Corporate Communications, Durham Emergency Management, Durham Region Transit, Planning and Economic Development (Tourism Section and Transportation) Health Department, (Emergency Medical Services and Environmental Division) Legal Department and Works Department.

Regional Council authorized the Chair and Clerk to execute the required agreements with the Province of Ontario and Toronto Organizing Committee for the 2015 games. The Region has requested that the Province provide assurance that the Region will be indemnified for claims that may occur as a result of the games. A report will be provided by the Commissioner of Finance in the fall of 2015 as to the status of the program budget upon submission of the final cost report to the Province which is required by October 30, 2015. This report will identify all services and any extraordinary incremental costs for which funding will be sought from the Province.

Transportation Master Plan Update

Regional Council endorsed the guiding principles and directions of the Transportation Master Plan Update Study that will form the basis for developing strategies, policies and actions for the update. The current Plan was approved by Council in 2003 to address the transportation needs to 2021 and beyond. The study that is now underway is being conducted according to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Master Planning process which includes specific requirements for public and stakeholder consultation, during each phase of the study. The study guiding principles are; a focus on users, connectivity, public health and safety, economic prosperity, environmental protection, collaboration and leadership and innovation. The study will focus on developing and assessing alternative approaches to meeting the Region's transportation needs through the 2031 horizon year.

Some areas of focus are;

- Strengthen the relationship between land use and transportation

- Evaluate the role of integrated public transit including Rapid Transit
- Make, walking and cycling more attractive
- Optimize road infrastructure and operation
- Promote sustainable travel choices
- Invest strategically in the transportation management system
- Improve goods movement to support economic development

National Transit Strategy

Regional Council endorsed a motion calling on the Government of Canada to establish a national transit strategy in collaboration with the provinces. A national strategy would aid planning, prioritization and integration of transit projects amongst all levels of government. A strategy would also provide for dependable, long term, sustainable capital and operating funding streams for transit infrastructure while respecting jurisdictional responsibilities. Canada is the only G8 nation without a national transit strategy and predictable long term funding for public transit.

The Region also called upon the Province of Ontario to establish a provincial transportation strategy that integrates the Big Move with Provincial Highway Investment and to provide fair, equitable and sustainable funding for all municipalities.

Region's Comments – Smart Growth for our Communities and Development Charges Act and Planning Act Bill 73

Development Charges Act

The Region made a number of comments regarding any proposed changes to Bill 73 Development Charges Act and Planning Act including; eliminating the 10% reduction for transit service and including waste services as an eligible service. They also requested that the Province consider changes that eliminated the 10% reduction for all eligible services as it generates a funding shortfall. In addition; requests were made to allow all growth related capital costs related to waste management services, including collection, processing and disposal (including incineration) to be eligible for development charges, elimination of all ineligible services so that all services are eligible and that any proposed changes to regulations be circulated in order for municipalities to provide input.

Planning Act Proposals

The Region endorsed comments including; that Bill 73 be revised to include municipal comprehensive review amendments under the 10 year review provision and that the

provision apply to recently approved Provincial Plan conformity amendments, that OPAs not exempt from Minister's approval be only appealable by the host municipality, that the ability to appeal designation of land for employment purposes be removed, that Council be given the authority to reject or accept privately initiated amendments following the approval of a new official plan or new municipal comprehensive review amendment for two years without the ability to appeal and that municipalities can close dormant or inactive planning applications as well As approval that have remained dormant for a long time.

Phase 2 Rapid Transit

Council gave approval for submission of a grant application to the Federal Building Canada Fund for 50% of the total eligible costs of \$97.0 million for Phase 2 of the Bus Rapid Transit system along Highway 2 and to request the matching funds of \$48.5 million from the Provincial Minister of Economic Development. Council approved that \$23.0 million be included in the Region's 2016 budget for land costs subject to the successful approval of the applications to the federal and provincial governments.

Works – June 10

Due to the results of a review of growth development patterns in Ajax Regional staff in consultation with Miller Waste has found it necessary to adjust waste collection schedules for optimal efficiencies. Approximately 7,300 homes in Ajax with Tuesday, Thursday and Friday collections will be impacted. Wednesday collection areas will remain unchanged. Please see maps and street by street collection schedule attached. These changes will come into effect the week of July 6th. Mobile signs will be installed and hand delivered door hangers will be delivered to those affected. Mobile apps and calendar tool as well as the Regional and municipal websites will advise of the changes. In addition; a two week grace period whereby the collector will patrol impacted neighborhoods to ensure residents are not missed and redistribute collection information as required.

Joint Committee Meeting – June 16, 2015

At Home in Durham- Housing Plan 2014-2024

The report was received by Committee which outlined the Region's vision for a housing and homelessness plan under the Housing Services Act. The goals are to end homelessness in Durham, affordable rent for everyone, greater housing choice and strong, vibrant neighborhoods. The waiting list for affordable housing currently sits at about 5500 households. It was recognized that in order to meet these goals the Federal and Provincial governments must also play a strong role on many fronts to reduce poverty and ensure that people have adequate housing.

Regional Revitalization Program

The Committee endorsed the resolution that staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of a Regional Community Improvement Plan that complements or supports local municipal Community Improvement Plans (CIPs), within Durham Region and that the Regional Revitalization Plan be amended to improve clarity and predictability of eligibility and funding of the financial incentives. Regional staff will report back in December.

Durham York Energy (DYEC) Update

Due to the delay of the construction and the ability of Covanta to meet the target date of December 14, 2014, a number of costs have and will be incurred. The target date for completion is now the end of December 2015. Council approved extension of the contract with HDR for onsite construction management to provide technical support to ensure Covanta addresses the performance and potential non conformance issues related to the design build contract at an added cost of \$450,000.00 (Durham's share \$353,700.00). The law firm of Bordner Ladner Gervais was approved to be retained to provide legal advice through issues related to the Commissioning and Acceptance test in the amount of a \$250,000.00 retainer and the Stantec contract for ambient air monitoring at a cost of \$365,000.00. Financing for Durham's share of the additional commitments will be provided by a temporary draw from the Solid Waste Management Reserve Funds.

In accordance with the contract, Covanta is subject to schedule liquidated damages totaling \$10,000.00 per day. Covanta has received notification that they will be charged \$10,000.00 per day for each day commencing January 12, 2015 until Service Commencement is achieved.

As the Region's landfill contract expired as of February 9, 2015 all Regional waste has been Covanta's responsibility and directed to DYEC or disposed of at Covanta's expense. Until Commercial Operations is achieved Covanta can charge up to 50 % of the per tonne operating fee for waste processed at DYEC.

Identified cost uncertainties for land expropriation proceedings and utility connections remain unknown. Any additional cost increases could result in a budget deficit.

Regional Council will continue to be updated.

Corporate Climate Change Adaptation

The report that provided an update on climate adaptation plan initiatives implemented or underway and adaptation objectives and planned strategic investments included within the 2016 to 2024 capital forecast was received by Committee. The report also provided

information about climate mitigation energy efficiency and demand side initiatives, renewable implementation and other initiatives to reduce energy and fuel usage and GHG emissions. The report provided an update as required under Ontario Regulation 397/11 Requirements for Energy Conservation Plans from Public Agencies.