

## **Regional Councillor Report**

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### **Regional Council – June 8, 2016**

#### ***Duffins WPCP PRAP Study***

Regional Council approved the motion requesting that the Town be engaged in the Phosphorous Reduction Action Plan Study process which was ordered by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change by;

- a. Meeting with Town staff regularly throughout the PRAP Study process;
- b. Inviting Dr. Martin T. Auer of Michigan Technological University to fully participate in the PRAP Study in a collaborative scientific manner at the cost of the Town;
- c. Including Actiflo (or ballasted flocculation) among the tertiary treatment technologies studied and applying standard assessment criteria to each; and
- d. Documenting the expert points of consensus and scientific differences of opinion in the final PRAP Study Report.

#### ***Regional Council Schedule Change - Pilot Program***

Regional Council approved a change in the schedule and structure of meetings as a pilot project commencing in September 2016 through the balance of this term November 30, 2018, with a review in June 2018.

The current structure of Committees has changed to a Committee of the Whole structure whereby all departmental reports and matters will be dealt with at a Committee of the Whole meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, followed by a Regional Council meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

#### ***Incinerator***

Discussion took place about the dioxin and furans exceedances of the limits regulated under the Ministry of Environment, Certificate of Approval. Dr. Kyle, Medical Officer of Health, Durham Region, stated that excessive emissions of these chemicals are hazardous to human health, primarily when they enter the food chain.

Concerns were also expressed by the Health Department about the Draft Abatement Plan prepared to address this situation. Reports on these matters will be received by the Works Committee at their next meeting.