

Regional Clerk's Office  
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVISED AGENDA

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Room "A"  
Administrative Centre  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario

September 3, 2008

1:00 p.m.

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DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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<b>A. PRESENTATION</b>	
1. JoAnne Butler, Vice-President of Electricity Resources, Ontario Power Authority, August 5, 2008, regarding the proposed 350MW generation facility (deferred from June 19, 2008 Council meeting). ( <i>Please refer to Report D.1.</i> )	1
<b>B. DEPUTATIONS</b>	
<i>Deputations 1 – 5 relate to Report D.1, regarding Proposed Sites for Private Hydro Electric Power Generation</i>	
1. Harvey Tenenbaum, Harten Consulting, August 21, 2008, regarding the need for a 350MW gas generator and legal obstacles to its proposed locations (deferred from June 19, 2008 Council meeting).	2
2. Debbie Gordon, August 27, 2008, regarding Megawhat's goals and concerns with the proposed 350MW peaker plant (deferred from June 19, 2008 Council meeting).	3
3. <i>Jack Gibbons, Chair, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, September 2, 2008, regarding options to meet Northern York Region's electricity needs.</i>	<b>Attached</b>
4. Sam Mantenuto, Chief Operating Officer of Northland Power, August 17, 2008, as one of the Ontario Power Authority's qualified proponents.	4
5. Jake Brooks, APPrO, the Association of Power Producers of Ontario, August 22, 2008, regarding the electrical generation industry and options for energy supply in York Region.	5

6. Debbie Schaefer, representing Concerned Citizens of King Township, regarding Township of King Official Plan Amendment 65. *(Please refer to Report D.14.) (Communication received from Fiona Cowles, CCKT, September 1, 2008)* **Attached**

### C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, June 3, 2008, responding to the York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Study, Final Report. **7**
2. Kathy Stranks, Manager, Chair and CAO's Office, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, July 3, 2008, Resolution A140/08 regarding the ten recommendations of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario 2006/2007 Report titled "Reconciling Our Priorities". **9**
3. D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, July 8, 2008, Resolution regarding the Ten Recommendations contained in the Environmental Commissioner's Report. **19**
4. Antonio de Santiago, President and Chief Executive Officer, 407 ETR, July 8, 2008, regarding ramps at Ninth Line and Don Cousens Parkway. **27**
5. *Jane Underhill, King City, September 1, 2008, regarding Amendment No. 65 to the Official Plan of the King Township Planning Area.* **Attached**
6. *Anita Moore, Town Clerk, Town of Newmarket, August 21, 2008, advising Resolution R11-2008 regarding Car Free Day, enacted by the Town of Newmarket and for endorsement by Regional Council.* **Attached**

### D. REPORTS

#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. **Information Report on Proposed Sites for Private Hydro Electric Power Generation** **29**

August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Specific resolutions and positions of Regional Council on the principles of providing new electric power facilities be reconfirmed and applied to the proposed peaking plant, as noted below:

- The legislative and regulatory authority for provision of electricity to York Region consumers rests with the Province and the local distribution companies;
  - York Region supports alternative forms of hydro, such as local private electricity generation.
  - The Ministry of the Environment ensure a proper environmental assessment(s) is carried out that meets the highest standards set by the Ministry of the Environment for such facilities, and takes into consideration, among other things:
    - Environmental, social and economic impacts on existing and future residential communities.
    - Detailed analysis in respect to the Provincial Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan, if applicable.
    - Visual impact, including an assessment of the potential economic impact on affected homeowners.
2. Regional staff prepare a further report for presentation to a future Planning Committee meeting in the Fall of 2008, that provides a status update on the applications received.
  3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the local municipalities, Ontario Power Authority, Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**2. Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Implementation**

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August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Staff in all affected departments as identified in this report take all necessary steps and actions to prepare, modify and update Regional policies, procedures and methods to accommodate the design, construction and operation of Regional cycling facilities.
2. York Region Police and the local municipalities in York Region be engaged to establish an inter-municipal working group to coordinate implementation of cycling facilities and to harmonize policies, procedures and methods relating to cycling.
3. The City of Toronto be engaged to establish a formal framework to implement and promote the Lake-to-Lake cycling route.

4. A separate report be prepared on establishing a Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Public Advisory Committee.
5. Progress on the above recommendations be included as part of an annual report on the implementation of the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.
6. Copies of this report be distributed by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region and the City of Toronto.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**3. Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Watershed Planning Studies, LSRCA and TRCA Progress Report to June 30, 2008** **81**

July 10, 2008, recommending that:

- 1 Council endorse in principle the Humber and Rouge Watershed Plans prepared by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as required by the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan.
2. Council direct staff to lead development of Regional Official Plan watershed policies in accordance with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.
3. Regional staff continue to work with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Authority staff to ensure the timely and cost efficient delivery of their watershed planning components required under the ORMCP.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities for information.

**4. Water and Wastewater Policy and Criteria Working Paper** **125**

August 26, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward copies of the document titled “Working Paper - Policy and Criteria” (*Council Attachment 1*) to the Clerks of the local municipalities.

**5. Water and Wastewater Baseline Report** **145**

August 26, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward copies of the document titled “Water and Wastewater Baseline Report” to the Clerks of the local municipalities.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**6. Priority Servicing Allocation for Non-Profit Housing Through Use of Regional Reserve** **161**

August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council endorse the use the Regional Reserve of Servicing Allocation for multi-unit non-profit housing owned by the Region or Housing York Inc., non-profit housing sponsors approved for support under federal/provincial non-profit housing programs, or multi-residential projects sponsored by Habitat for Humanity York Region.
2. Up to a maximum of 1,852 persons equivalent may be used from the reserve including a 400 person equivalent for current proposals.
3. Servicing allocation to individual projects be confirmed through project update reports recommended to Council by the Community Services and Housing Committee.
4. Regional Planning staff monitor the use of the servicing allocation reserve and report back to Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee as necessary.
5. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to all local municipalities.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**7. Servicing Protocol: Alternative Servicing Triggers for High Density Residential Development** **167**

August 22, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council endorse, as a revision to the current servicing triggers for new residential development, an alternative servicing trigger for high density residential development:
  - a) Specifically, the Region commit to support site plan approval, removal of Holding provisions and subsequent building permit issuance for high density residential development of up to 18 months, revised from 6 months, in advance of the completion of required water and wastewater facilities provided any Environmental Assessment approvals have been attained.
  - b) In the YDSS service area, this specifically applies to developments that receive servicing allocation from the local municipality and require the completion of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.
  - c) Nothing in this policy supersedes the local municipal building official authority to determine the appropriate timing for issuance of building permits.
2. The Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local area municipalities.
3. The Clerk circulate this report to the Toronto GTA Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) for information.

**8. Planning for Tomorrow – Refined York Region 2031 Forecast and Land Budget**

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*(Presentation by Paul Bottomley, Manager, Growth Management Economy and Information Research)*

July 29, 2008, recommending that:

1. The attached forecast and land budget be used as a basis for consultation with local municipalities, the public, and other stakeholders.
2. The Regional Clerk distribute this staff report to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal (PIR), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local municipalities for information purposes.

**9. Planning for Tomorrow – Phase 3 Public Engagement and Consultation Update**

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July 16, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report and attachments be received for information.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**10. Bill 99 – Proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act, Environmental Bill  
Registry 010-3753**

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August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council endorse the comments made in response to Environmental Bill of Rights Registry posting 010-3753 on Bill 99 - *The Proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act*.
2. Regional staff continue to monitor and provide comments on Bill 99 - *The Proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and Proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Plan as it progresses, including but not limited to appearing before Standing Committee of the Legislature to articulate the Region's important issues.
3. This report and *Attachment 1* be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, local municipal Clerks in York Region, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Durham Region.
4. The Region support the direction being taken by the Province in the Lake Simcoe Watershed, but request that the Province recognize the Places to Grow Plan and the principle of additional growth and development in the watershed.
5. Council reiterate it's position to the Province that Simcoe County should be subject to planning policies that reflect the policies within the Greater Golden Horseshoe and further that the Province require the same high standards in planning and servicing that are required of York Region, in all watershed municipalities.
6. The Province be requested to assist the Region of York in servicing north York Region by continuing to review and discuss the impact of legislation and increasing standards on the municipal ability to provide services to these areas and work in partnership with York to find solutions.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**11. Economic and Development Review Mid-Year 2008 231**

August 11, 2008, recommending that:

1. The *Economic and Development Review Mid-Year 2008 (Attachment 1)* be circulated by Planning & Development Services in print and electronic form to the public, local municipalities and agencies, and be made available on the corporate website.

**12. Richmond Hill – North Leslie Ontario Municipal Board Rehearing 255**

August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Staff be authorized to share the costs of consultants, with the Town of Richmond Hill, to attend the OMB regarding the rehearing of the North Leslie employment land appeals.
2. A maximum of \$200,000 be funded from the tax stabilization reserve for external consultants and other costs associated with the North Leslie OMB rehearing.

**13. Richmond Hill – Official Plan Amendment No. 246  
Ontario Municipal Board Hearing 263**

August 25, 2008, recommending that:

1. Staff be authorized to share the costs of consultants, with the Town of Richmond Hill, to attend the OMB regarding the OPA 246 appeal.
2. A maximum of \$100,000 be funded from the tax stabilization reserve for external consultants and other costs associated with the OPA 246 appeal.

**14. Township of King Official Plan Amendment No. 65 267**

July 18, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be authorized to give notice to modify and approve Amendment No. 65 to the Official Plan of the King Township Planning Area, as set out in *Attachment No. 1* to this report.

**15. Planning Activities and Commissioner Delegated Approvals,  
Information Report April 1 to June 30, 2008**

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July 17, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report be received for information.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO PRIVATE SESSION TO CONSIDER:**

- 16. Private Report of the Regional Solicitor – Greenville Ontario Municipal Board Hearing – Settlement – Litigation Matter.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council for all items considered at this meeting.

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