



**The Corporation of the Township of Scugog**

**Scugog Environmental and Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

**Hybrid via Teams**

**PRESENT:**

**Members**

Chair

Ms. Keiko Lui

Vice Chair

Mr. Zahir Jina

Treasurer

Mr. Steven Ardron

Members

Ms. Kat Senyk

Ms. Jodi Janwin

Councillor, Regional

Mr. Ian McDougall

**ALSO PRESENT:**

KRCA Representative

Mr. Tanner Liang

Committee Coordinator

Ms. Maegan Michel

Staff Representative

Mr. Ian McFarlane

**REGRETS:**

Members

Ms. Marg Snider-McGrath

Mr. James Kamstra

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof**

None

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**THAT** the minutes of the SECCAC meeting March 20, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Presentations and Delegations**

##### **4.1 Kawartha Conservation**

Lake Scugog monitoring plan for 2025-2030

Tanner Liang from KRCA presented on Lake Scugog Monitoring Plan 2025-2030

Committee provided comments and discussed the monitoring program.

Committee will send all comments and it will be forwarded to Tanner on behalf of the committee.

#### **5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

#### **6. Reports / Updates**

##### **6.1 Council – none at this time**

##### **6.2 Kawartha Conservation**

###### **General Updates:**

- Planted 45,900 trees planted in the jurisdiction.
- Sold over 2300 plants from the spring plant sale.
- Currently working on Climate Change Strategy Implementation Plan.
- We've added a precipitation station to Durham East Cross Forest.
- We are presenting (June 12<sup>th</sup>) our updated regulated areas.
- We sprayed the Japanese Knotweed in Port Perry.
- Currently reviewing Scugog Water Fund application for 2024.
- LSEMP Consult – we've had over 300 responses to our survey.

###### **Lake Scugog Enhancement Project:**

- Berm tender is out for bidding
- Held a pre-bid meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, a total of 25 participants.
- Wetland Construction tender to be finalized soon and be put out for bidding.

- Transport Canada has approved the berm construction under the Navigational Protection Program.

### **6.3 DECAC**

No updates at this time.

### **6.4 Township of Scugog**

No updates at this time.

### **6.5 Treasurer**

\$926.02 spent on Seedlings

## **7. Correspondence**

## **8. New Business / Other Matters**

### **8.1 EQUUS Project Comments**

Information from Manager of Planning -

The proponent (Avenu) is looking to request an Ministers Zoning Order (MZO) to permit the proposed community of up to 600 dwellings, which could include singles, townhouses and apartments. The Township has only received a concept plan in December 2023 of the proposal. Further details are expected soon to the Township before we begin a public process to review the proposal. Staff will be engaging with the public and agencies (Kawartha Conservation, the Region, and Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN), to name a few), before Township staff provide our recommendation to Council. The Township, in consultation with other agencies, will be considering the private sewage system, road connections, the environment, and Lake Scugog among many other matters.

Council could choose to support the proposal, or not, but it would be up to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to make the final decision. I have copied a link to the MZO proposed process outlined by the Province through Bill 185. [Zoning order framework | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/gov/zoning-order-framework). If the MZO application is approved, there would be conditions of approval that would need to be satisfied before the development could proceed.

### **8.2 Biological Control Project - Phragmites**

Information presented about introducing species to attempt to control some of the invasive plant species.

### **8.3 Canada's Soils - Senate Report**

How do we share this type of information across the Township.

Send to the Durham Agriculture group to start.

### **8.4 Blue Box Program Transition**

Enhanced Green Bin - Starting **July 1, 2024**, diapers, menstrual products, incontinence products, pet waste and pet litter can now go in the Green Bin for weekly collection.

Blue Box Transition - Key messages through to December 31, 2025:

- Starting July 1, 2024, the producers of the paper and packaging collected in the Blue Box are responsible for collecting, processing and marketing the material.
- Miller Waste and GFL will continue to provide curbside collection but will be working for a producer organization, not Durham Region.
- Producers and their contractors will be responsible for providing new and replacement Blue Boxes to residents and following up on any resident concerns with collection service. All inquiries will be directed to GFL or Miller Waste.

The Region has contracted with Circular Materials Ontario to continue providing blue box information to residents during transition (until December 31, 2025).

Collection calendars will have Blue Box collection dates included

Waste App will include Blue Box information

Printed Waste Guides will include Blue Box information

**- Additional program changes may take place in 2026.**

#### **Automated Cart Collection Pilot**

Pilot program to collect garbage in automated carts (95 gal) approved by Council at April meeting.

Pilot will begin in July and run for one year.

Two collection routes selected in Ajax and Scugog to reflect urban and rural collection experiences, with approximately 700 households.

## **9. Outstanding Matters**

### **9.1 Phragmites Pull Kinsmen Beach**

Site visit showed the phragmites are not in the water. This are would potentially be able to be treated in the fall when we do the regular phragmites treatment. Logistics will need to be worked out with the close proximity to the playground.

Recommendation to close the playground during the spraying for the day.

## 9.2 Japanese Knotweed Project Update

From KRCA project lead Ola Pasternak:

My colleague and I completed the first round of spraying on May 23rd. We sprayed all affected areas that we could find on municipal property. Our second chemical is still planned for late September 2024.

I also received word from the Invasive Species Action Fund that our application was not approved.

## 9.3 RH Cornish Wellness Event

The event went really well. Weather was great. Few hundred people showed up. Handed out about 100 seedlings.

## 9.4 Tree By-Law Survey

Last discussions were to rebrand this initiative.

Transition to an education piece about the importance of trees.

Committee would like information regarding boulevard tree planting policies and affecting change.

**MOTION:** The Scugog Environmental and Climate Change Advisory committee would like to initiate the review and update to the approved tree planting list for Township properties in collaboration with staff.

Motioned by : Steve Ardron

**CARRIED**

## 10. Roundtable

Steve

Items to think about/execute during summer break

- Seedlings for 2025 and brown paper towels
- Bird Boxes

- Photo contest for kids and adults
- Lake Week participation
- Blue boxes for events

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

September 11, 2024

**12. Adjournment**

**THAT** this meeting be adjourned.

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CHAIR