



**The Corporation of the Township of Scugog
Economic Development Advisory Committee**

November 7, 2025

9:00 AM

**Council Chambers, Municipal Building
181 Perry Street, Port Perry**

Members Present: Chair, Michael Cascone
Vice Chair, Matthew Somerville
Councillor, Robert Rock
Brett Puckrin
Terry Vos
Penny Waller

Also Present: Director of Communications and Strategic Projects, Lori Bowers
Manager of Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, Karlie Hartman
Manager, Agriculture & Rural Economic Development, Invest
Durham, Stacey Jibb
Rural Economic Development Specialist, Invest Durham,
Jessica Rhynas
Economic Development Advisor, OMAFA, Carolyn Puterbough

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Michael Cascone called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

The Chair, Michael Cascone acknowledged the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and recognized the contributions of

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples to the community, the province and the country

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the September 12, 2025 Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Moved by: Robert Rock

THAT the Minutes of the September 12, 2025 Economic Development Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes

6. Presentations and Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations

7. Reports / Updates

7.1 Welcome Wagon - Update

The Chair, Michael Cascone updated the Committee that the EDAC portion of the Welcome Wagon program is now complete. Overall, the program was very successful and has now reached a point that the program should be transitioned fully to the North Durham Chamber of Commerce.

Terry Vos provided an update to the Committee from the Chamber regarding the funding status. Noting the Chamber is not exclusive to Scugog anymore, therefore storage space is limited and a plan will need to be developed to support the costing of the program for the long term.

Since the Chamber is now a partnership between Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock there maybe more opportunities to obtain funding from the Region of Durham.

Representatives of the Committee will be setting up a meeting with the Chamber and Invest Durham to discuss future funding and the Plan will be presented back to the Committee in the new year.

The Committee also requested information on report tracking to determine the return on investment of the program be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting.

7.2 On-farm Diversified Uses and Agricultural Related Uses Update

Lori Bowers, Director of Communications and Strategic Projects updated the Committee on the status of on-farm diversified uses and agricultural related uses noting a report will be brought forward to Council by the end of the year. The final report and Council decision will be circulated to the Committee for information purposes.

This item will no longer be a standing item on the agenda once the Policy is in effect.

The Regional representative noted that the Townships of Brock and Uxbridge are also in the developmental stages of this policy.

8. Scugog Business Program

8.1 ROD Grant Application

Lori Bowers, Director, Communications and Strategic Projects advised the Committee that the Township is currently in the exploration phase of the Rural Ontario Development (ROD) grant application. This grant is replacing the Rural Economic Development (RED) grant. The ROD grant will be added to the agenda for January's meeting so the Committee can finalize their comments and provide Staff with a letter of support for the grant application.

9. Correspondence

There were no items for correspondence

10. Business Updates / Changes

New:

Sarah Marquette, Guiding Compass Physiotherapy and Wellness - 250 Queen Street

Mike Gibbs Floral Design Co. - 203 Queen Street

Greco & Grace - 166 Water Street

Anyway Fruit - 88 Water Street

Polished by Vanessa Inc - 180 Casimir Street
Gino's Pizza - 1874 Scugog Street
Physio Can - 1894 Scugog Street

Change of Name:

Green Tractors to Premier Equipment - 620 Durham Road 21
Port Perry Thai to Patinya Thai - 14500 Simcoe Street

Closed:

Wine on Water - 38 Water Street

11. Other Matters

11.1 Fairgrounds Outreach Project - Update

Lori Bowers, Director, Communications and Strategic Projects provided an update to the Committee on the current status of the Fairgrounds Outreach Project.

11.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee Vacancy - Update

Karlie Hartman, Manager of Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk provided an update on the status regarding vacancies on the Committee. Ivo Finotti submitted his resignation from the Committee. The Committee accepted the resignation from Ivo Finotti and thanked him for his service. Staff advised that they would advertise for the vacancy and would bring a report forward to Council to fill the two vacancies on the Committee.

11.3 Lakefront Skate & Holiday Market & Sponsorship

Lori Bowers, Director, Communications and Strategic Projects thanked the North Durham Chamber for their partnership with the Lakefront Skate and Holiday Market. The Market will run from November 29-December 21, 2025 on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There are eight (8) spots remaining in the Market. There will be food trucks, holiday music, skating and partnership opportunities.

11.4 2026 Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The meeting dates for 2026 are as follows:

- January 9
- February 27
- April 10
- May 22

11.5 2025 Remaining Budget

The Committee discussed options for the remaining 2025 budget.

Moved by: Brett Puckrin

THAT up to \$1,518.65 of the remaining 2025 budget be allocated to support the Scugog North Durham welcome wagon program.

Carried

Moved by: Terry Voss

THAT up to \$1,518.65 of the remaining 2025 budget be allocated to support the Lakefront Holiday Skate Program as a deliverable under the Scugog Business Program.

Carried

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting date is January 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

The Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Moved By: Robert Rock

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting of November 7, 2025 be adjourned.

Carried

CHAIR