



November 25, 2005

Honourable Laurel C. Broten
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Re: Proposed Expansion Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at a meeting held November 24, 2005. This resolution seeks action on a number of matters that are of great importance and concern to the Town of Ajax.

We trust that these issues will receive your urgent and thorough attention and look forward to receiving a prompt and supportive response.

1. That Council advise the Minister of the Environment and the Regions of York and Durham that the Town of Ajax has a direct interest in the Environmental Assessment (EA) being conducted by the Regions to expand the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), given the proximity of this project to the Ajax community (within one kilometre) and its position relative to our community (upwind and upstream);
2. That Council request the Regions to provide to Town staff the detailed information produced through Phases 1 to 4 of the EA process, including but not limited to:
 - a) the proposed design and operation of the expanded WPCP, particularly how the release of untreated and partially treated sewage into Lake Ontario will be prevented (especially during periods of heavy precipitation);
 - b) potential air and water emissions, the Federal and Provincial environmental standards and any higher standards being applied voluntarily by the proponents;
 - c) background water quality information and the existing and predicted coastal conditions in Lake Ontario;
 - d) the findings of the peer reviewers; and
 - e) the Environmental Study Report (ESR);

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3. That Council request the Regions of York and Durham to release the Environmental Study Report (ESR), including all technical information and all peer reviewers' findings, to Town staff for review over a period of not less than 180 days, to allow for a thorough technical review and reporting back to Council with findings and recommendations;
4. That Council request the Minister of the Environment to provide sufficient funds to the Town of Ajax to peer review the ESR and related information;
5. That Council request the Regions take a more proactive community consultation program about the findings of the EA process prior to completion of Phase 4 of this EA process;
6. That Council express to Durham Region the concern that the existing Duffin Creek WPCP may be contributing to the escalating frequency of beach closures at Rotary Park (100% in 2005);
7. That Council request the Region of Durham to provide sufficient funding to the Regional Health Department in the 2006 budget to investigate and identify sources of bacterial pollution (e.g. human, waterfowl) causing the beach at Rotary Park to be closed due to poor water quality and recommend how the Region, the Town and others can effectively address the problems;
8. That a copy of this report be sent by the Clerk to the Honourable Laurel C. Broten, Ontario Minister of the Environment, and the Clerks of the Regional Municipalities of York, Durham, the Cities of Pickering and Oshawa, the Town of Whitby and the Municipality of Clarington;
9. That funding be provided to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in conjunction with Environment Canada and Health Canada, to conduct a comprehensive study of:
 - a) the existing and predicted ecological conditions in the waters of Lake Ontario along TRCA's entire waterfront and as far east as the Ajax water supply plant (e.g. water quality, water quantity, and background levels and sources of contaminants, aquatic environment);
 - b) the existing and predicted background levels of contaminants (e.g. toxins) along the Ajax waterfront, including identifying the contributions from sewage treatment facilities, creek mouths and other sources;
 - c) the potential cumulative impacts of emissions from sewage treatment plants, stormwater runoff facilities, creek mouths and

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planned and ongoing remedial works (e.g. deflector arms, RAP activities) in the City of Toronto and elsewhere on water conditions at downstream communities, including the Town of Ajax;

- d) all potentially harmful and toxic chemicals bioaccumulating in the study area as a result of various sources, including the Pickering Nuclear Plant, and identify any threats to public health, including the drinking water provided at the Ajax water supply plant; and
- e) produce a report making recommendations with respect to improving Lake Ontario's water quality, including recommendations to the Federal and Provincial governments respecting the establishment of higher environmental standards for waterborne emissions from sewage treatment plants; and

10. That a copy of this report be sent by the Clerk to the Right Honourable Stephane Dion, Federal Minister of the Environment, Mark Holland, MP, Wayne Arthurs, MPP, the Chair of the International Joint Commission, the Chair of the Canadian Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the City of Toronto.

The Town of Ajax contact for this matter is:

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Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin de Rond".

Martin de Rond
Director, Legislative & Information Services/Town Clerk

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Town of Whitby
City of Oshawa
Municipality of Clarington
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Region of Durham - Health Dept, Attention Dr. Kyle

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