



Legislative Services

## DIRECTION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** A. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

**FROM:** D. Bowen, Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services

**DATE:** February 11, 2015

**RE:** Direction as per minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on February 11, 2015

**REPORT OF:** Planning & Economic Development Committee **ITEM #4**

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SEE ATTACHED

Deb Bowen, A.M.C.T.  
Regional Clerk /  
Director of Legislative Services

- c. M. Blake, Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
- C. Bandel, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
- C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

4. Resolution from the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) re: OMAFRA Regulation Proposal Notice regarding Neonicotinoid Pesticides in Ontario

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (REFERRED)

That the following resolution of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) be submitted to Ontario Pollinator Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in response to EBR Registry Number 012-3068:

That because this topic is very important to DAAC, the Committee heard a presentation on the impact of neonicotinoid on pollinators and spread awareness through the 2014 DAAC Farm Tour by having a pollination biologist and local beekeeper provide information about the importance of native pollinators and the damaging impacts of neonicotinoid;

That the agriculture industry is responsive to continued research on best management practices;

That farmers follow the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Best Management Practices (BMPs) to either reduce neonicotinoid use or implement techniques to contain the pesticide (using a seed lubricant to reduce air pollution from dust);

That farmers use neonicotinoid to the advantage of crop production while minimizing its impact on the ecosystem;

That farmers are stewards of the ecosystem and understand that pollinators are very important;

That the agricultural sector has a concern that the discussion paper does not identify the use of neonicotinoid in other industries, and what effects their use may have on pollinators;

That the food supply could be negatively impacted by the restrictions on neonicotinoid use to protect crops (i.e. crop losses or lower yields);

That the proposed conditions required to purchase and use neonicotinoid-treated corn and soybean seed increases the regulatory burden for farmers and creates a disparity for Ontario farmers; and

Therefore be it resolved that DAAC requests the Province to adopt a science-based, balanced approach that ensures pollinator health while protecting agricultural productivity and viability.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, Seconded by Councillor Mitchell,  
(25) "That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of the Second Report of the Planning & Economic Development Committee be adopted."

REFERRED LATER IN THE MEETING  
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Parish, Seconded by Councillor Jordan,  
(26) "That Item 4 of the Second Report of the Planning & Economic Development Committee be referred to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) and report back to Council at the earliest opportunity."

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Aker  
Councillor Ballinger  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Coe  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Diamond  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Grant  
Councillor Henry  
Councillor Jordan  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor O'Connell  
Councillor O'Connor  
Councillor Parish  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Pidwerbecki  
Councillor Rowett  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Woo  
Regional Chair Anderson

No

Councillor Foster

Members Absent: England  
McLean

Conflict of Interest: None