



April 28, 2022

Mr. Geoff Carpentier, Chair  
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee  
c/o Region of Durham Planning Division  
605 Rossland Road East, Level 4  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mr. Carpentier:

**RE: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC)  
Membership Appointments, (2022-P-8), Our File: C14**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 27, 2022, adopted the following recommendations of the Planning & Economic Development Committee:

- “A) That Azzam Abu-Rayash be appointed as an At-Large member to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee;
- B) That the above-named citizen volunteer be advised of their appointment to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2022-P-8 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be forwarded to the area municipalities.”

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2022-P-8 for your information.

*Alexander Harras*

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Alexander Harras,  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2022-P-8  
Date: April 5, 2022

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**Subject:**

Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) Membership Appointments, File:  
A01-37-02

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Azzam Abu-Rayash be appointed as an At-Large member to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee;
  - B) That the above-named citizen volunteer be advised of their appointment to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee; and
  - C) That a copy of Commissioner's Report #2022-P-8 be forwarded to the area municipalities.
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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appoint a citizen volunteer to fill an "at large" member vacancy on the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC).

## 2. Background

- 2.1 In January 2022, At-Large member Christine Doody-Hamilton resigned from her role on the DEAC, after being appointed to serve on Pickering City Council.
- 2.2 In accordance with the DEAC [Terms of Reference](#) (ToR), the Planning and Economic Development Committee must recommend an “at large” member to fill the existing vacancy.
- 2.3 The applications received during previous rounds of the membership replacement process were retained in the event of future vacancies, as per the Committee’s ToR. The applications on file were reviewed, and it is recommended that Azzam Abu-Rayash be appointed as an “at large” member to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee. Mr. Abu-Rayash is a resident of Oshawa, and brings extensive knowledge, education, and experience in the energy sustainability field. He has written numerous publications, including a book on energy sustainability, and has taught several courses at the Ontario Tech University. His knowledge and expertise will be a welcome addition to DEAC. Mr. Abu-Rayash has been contacted and has confirmed his interest in the role.

## 3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 [2022-P-3](#) Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan

## 4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability’s objective: To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer