

Senior Management Team

Development and Engineering Services - Update

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Dev & Eng Services – Priorities

- Black Creek Rockcliffe Flood Remediation Program and Site Specific Flood Response Plan. Significant progress since last update to the City.
- Edgeley Pond Project. Working collaboratively with Vaughan and their consultants to ensure the success of this keystone project for the VMC area.
- Finalizing the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan, Highland Creek Greening Strategy and Municipal Comprehensive Review work for Durham, York and Toronto.
- Planning, Application, Review and Enforcement System Project.
- Re-staffing positions to ensure effective service delivery to clients in Development Planning, Engineering Services and Watershed Planning.
- Continuing to streamline review efforts in Development Planning and Permits. Working to settle LPAT and OMB hearings (Congratulations to the team on settling Bushland Heights in King City).
- Flood Management – Flood Outreach, Bolton Ice Jam Study, Bolton Berm Repair Final Design Project, Yonge York Mills Channel Concrete Repair, Lower Don, Downtown Brampton, Dixie Dundas, Highland Creek at Corporate Drive, Pickering and Ajax Dyke Rehabilitation Flood Remediation EA's/Studies.
- OCC developing climate projections for Durham Region and for TRCA's jurisdiction.

Dev & Eng Services – Challenges

- Continued uncertainty as to the timing and content of provincial regulations under the CA Act.
- Staff retention, still losing critical talented staff to other organizations for reasons including job location, benefits, compensation, career advancement opportunities.
- Hiring and training of new staff is underway, but takes considerable amount of time which impacts service delivery (all service areas).
- Spending a significant amount of time dealing with challenging files, especially around conservation of land and natural heritage. These files require additional meetings, briefings with Senior Management and Councilors which leads to delays and uncertainty.
- Continuing struggle to receive complete applications from landowners and infrastructure proponents.
- Completing all intakes of NDMP by March 31st . We keep having to adapt some projects given the interest from our Municipal partners and the public (i.e. flood outreach, Downtown Brampton).

Dev & Eng Services – Required Cooperation

- PARES project. We have met with most municipalities and are in the process of hiring a dedicated Project Manager.
- Concerns have been raised by the public and our Municipal partners regarding the removal of debris from natural channels. An internal working group consisting of DES, R&I, Policy Planning, and Corporate Services has been put together to policy update the SOP and develop a Policy.
- TRCA/BILD Sub-Committee will continue to meet to improve service delivery and implement streamlining initiatives (i.e. team is developing updated checklists for new application submissions).
- Carruthers Creek Watershed plan is nearing completion and will require enhanced cooperation from TRCA staff and Municipal partners at this critical stage in the project to finalize recommendation, receive Regional endorsement and begin implementation plan.
- TRCA's Flood telephone line is starting to be used like 311 after hours. Meetings planned with Marketing to address this issue.

Dev & Eng Services – Heads Up

- Third meeting with building industry planned for February 2020. Subcommittee meeting #2 with consultants has been scheduled in January 2020.
- Meeting with the Mayor and Councilors in Bolton regarding ice jamming has been scheduled on December 4th
- Carruthers Watershed Plan going out for external review, Council endorsement planned for early 2020.
- Peel synthesis report that summarizes watershed studies and available information has been sent to Peel for review.
- Enforcement and Compliance continues to investigate several high-risk matters which will appear to be heading to prosecutions in 2020.
- NDMP Floodline mapping projects are nearing completion, there will be some changes to flood maps as a result which will be communicated in March/April.
- GTA West Corridor project underway with Provincial consultation. IPP preparing a comprehensive report on impacts to TRCA for January 2020.
- United Shoreline Ontario has written to Mayors in our jurisdiction, some motions looking for action on Lake Levels.
- TRCA and its programs listed as delivery agents in Caledon and Mississauga climate change plans and updates.
- Office clean up has been planned for December 16th 2019. This includes cleaning individual desk areas, organizing file circulation rooms, tidy DES common areas and kitchen, and filing of circulation files.



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