



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2024-INFO-07  
Date: February 23, 2024

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**Subject:**

Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law and Delegated Authority Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Reporting Requirements for July 1 to December 31, 2023

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for Information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides details related to capital program awards and material contract amendments for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2023, in accordance with the Region's Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law 16-2020, as well as delegated authorities granted under By-law 17-2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.2 All dollar amounts are before applicable taxes.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

2.1 The Region's Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law 16-2020 and COVID-19 Pandemic Delegation of Authority By-law 17-2020 were approved by Regional Council (Council) on March 25, 2020. The Budget Management Policy provides guidelines for semi-annual reporting by the Treasurer to Council in cases where financing of additional capital project costs is provided through reallocation of funds from within the current year capital program. The Purchasing By-law requires reporting to Council of emergency purchases over \$100,000, awards of proposals for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater, and renewal of existing software licenses, support and maintenance agreements. The COVID-19



Pandemic Delegation of Authority By-law delegates certain authority to staff to ensure business continuity and periodic reporting to Council of the use of delegated authority is required.

- 2.2 The previous semi-annual report, #2023-INFO-84, covered the period of January 1 to June 30, 2023.

### 3. Reallocation of Capital Financing Under \$250,000

- 3.1 Section 15.4 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where the estimated project costs, based on the award of a tender or other contracts, are expected to exceed the approved capital project budget by less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

- 3.2 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000, based on tender awards, for the period are described below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Project Budget \$</b>	<b>Revised Project Budget \$</b>	<b>Total Increase \$</b>
1. Tender T-1047-2023 for the replacement of the west entrance door system at Regional Headquarters, in the Town of Whitby (G2007). Funding was allocated from the Regional Headquarters Parking Garage Stairwell Repairs project, in the Town of Whitby (G2307).	702,000	951,000	249,000
2. Additional funding for the purchase of three 40' Pulse Diesel Buses (H2303/H2319). Funding was allocated from the Capital Project Reserve.	2,338,500	2,566,000	227,500

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
3. Review of the automatic control system at Beaverton WSP and empty bed contact time at Ajax WSP and Beaverton WSP, in the Town of Ajax and Township of Brock (D2244). Financing was allocated from the City of Oshawa Municipal Road Program project (O2399) and the Works to Rectify Identified System Deficiencies Independent of Road Programs in Various Locations project (M2399).	122,000	262,000	140,000
4. Additional funding for Durham Region Transit (DRT) portable washroom facilities (H2322). Funding was allocated at the Discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2023.	125,000	250,000	125,000
5. Additional funding for the Transit Technology/Innovations project, for the purchase and installation of surveillance equipment for Voyago vehicles (H2203). Funding was allocated from savings in Transit capital projects closed in 2023.	130,000	160,000	30,000

3.3 Section 17.2 of Budget Management Policy requires that where additional commitments that increase the cumulative project over-expenditure by an amount less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with the details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

3.4 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000 for additional expenditures for the period are described below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Project Budget \$</b>	<b>Revised Project Budget \$</b>	<b>Total Increase \$</b>
1. Additional costs for utility relocation required for the reconstruction of the Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) and Rossland Rd. E. (Reg. Rd. 28) Intersection, in the Town of Whitby (R1912). Funding was allocated from the Miscellaneous Engineering projects (M2055/M2155).	750,000	995,000	245,000
2. Additional costs for CCTV Security Camera Systems at Fairview Lodge, Hillsdale Estates, Hillsdale Terraces and Lakeview Manor Long-Term Care Homes (G2010). Funding was allocated from savings in Long-Term Care capital projects closed in 2023.	539,000	674,000	135,000
3. Additional costs for contract D2023-12 to add work for an asphalt repair and resurfacing on Dundas St. (Reg. Rd. 2) to rectify the pavement structure after an emergency watermain repair, in the Town of Whitby (R2312). Funding was allocated from the Oshawa-Whitby Depot's 2023 Operating Budget.	4,260,000	4,373,000	113,000
4. Additional costs for contract T-1051-2022 for the construction of the chemical spill containment area at the Port Darlington Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the Municipality of Clarington (D1845). Funding was allocated from the Port Darlington WPCP Roof Replacement project (2020_WORKS).	547,000	579,500	32,500

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
5. Additional costs for contract IQ-04-2023 for the Entrance Door and Window Replacement at the Durham Region Transit West Facility, in the Town of Ajax (H2311). Funding was allocated from the Fixed Ladder project, in the Town of Ajax (H2219).	65,000	75,000	10,000
6. Additional costs for the Orono Depot Emergency Generator Fuel System Replacement, in the Municipality of Clarington (2023_Works). Funding was allocated from the Installation of Perimeter Fencing at the Sunderland Depot project, in the Township of Brock (2020_WORKS).	45,137	55,137	10,000

**4. Additional Capital Project Expenditures for Extra Work Greater than \$250,000, Funded from Within the Approved Project Budget**

4.1 Section 16 of the Budget Management Policy requires that the Finance Department be advised of the commitment for extra work and the reallocation of financing within a capital project to cover additional expenditures, up to the limits specified in Section 16.1, based on the approved contract value. For additional expenditures exceeding \$250,000, the details of the additional expenditure shall be incorporated in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

4.2 Instances where capital project expenditures for extra work greater than \$250,000 were funded from within the approved project budget for the period are described below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$</b>	<b>Revised Upset Limit \$</b>	<b>Total Increase \$</b>
1. D2021-24 – Zone 3 feedermain and sanitary sewer construction on Conlin Rd. from Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) to Stevenson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 53), in the Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa (D2223)	New-Alliance Ltd.	17,948,478	19,328,984	1,380,506
2. Construction management services for the temporary housing facility at 1635 Dundas St. E., in the Town of Whitby (G2317)	Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd.	143,200	1,376,006	1,232,806
3. D2020-035 – Newcastle WSP expansion & Port of Newcastle Sewage Pumping Station.	North America Construction (1993) Ltd.	49,512,851	50,646,927	1,134,076
4. Sole source acquisition of Building systems and Equipment for the Durham Regional Police Service Complex, Phase 2 (G1405)	Combat Networks, Dell Canada & CISCO Systems Inc.	740,000	1,648,173	908,173
5. D2020-039 – Seaton Zone 4 Reservoir and Zone 5 Pumping Station, including bulk water filling station construction, in the City of Pickering (D1701/D2030)	Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.	22,777,600	23,587,894	810,294

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
6. T-1019-2020 – Renovation and expansion of the Regional Environmental Lab at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the City of Pickering (Y1602)	BDA Inc.	9,995,284	10,820,516	825,232
7. T-1149-2021 – Phase 2 of the Durham Regional Police Service Complex construction, in the Municipality of Clarington (G1405)	Buttcon Limited	83,923,621	84,534,184	610,563
8. D2022-36 – Twinning of the Liverpool Forcemain, in the City of Pickering (P0503)	Trisan Construction	12,939,583	13,301,944	362,361

**5. Additional Expenditures Exceeding 20% or \$75,000 for Consulting Services Contracts Greater than \$100,000**

- 5.1 Section 7.3 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where the approved contract value exceeds \$100,000 the Department Head is authorized to approve additional expenditures up to 20% of the approved contract value, to a maximum increase of \$75,000. Expenditures above these limits will be approved by the Department Head and the Treasurer and be included in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.
- 5.2 Instances where additional expenditures exceeding the 20% or \$75,000 threshold for consulting services contracts greater than \$100,000 that were incurred for the period are described below:

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
1. Provision and implementation of customer relationship management and knowledge base system for MyDurham311 program (G2015) (RC00002726)	KPMG LLP	4,068,100	4,588,100	520,000
2. Geotechnical, hydrogeological and design services for the Conlin Road Zone 3 Feedermain, in the Town of Whitby (D1602) (RC00002030)	AECOM Canada Ltd.	1,136,246	1,475,448	339,202
3. Detailed design of the Dundas Street Bus Rapid Transit, in the Town of Whitby (IC020) (RC00002637)	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	3,745,602	4,035,957	290,355
4. Engineering services for the Oshawa Water Supply Plant (WSP) emergency filter repairs, in the City of Oshawa (D2213) (R230000004)	Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc.	682,445	966,090	283,645
5. Extension of management services for the Water Supply Plant Operations Division through to the end of May 2024 (RC00002778)	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	294,000	560,000	266,000

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
6. Environmental assessment study and preliminary design for the widening of Rossland Rd. E. (Reg. Rd. 28) from Ritson Rd. N. (Reg Rd. 16) to Harmony Rd. N. (Reg. Rd. 33), in the City of Oshawa (R1811) (RC00002423)	GHD Limited	1,340,000	1,573,817	233,817
7. Construction services for the Mulberry Lane sewage Pumping Station and forcemain, in the City of Pickering (D1710) (RC00001752)	WSP Canada Group Limited	1,201,180	1,408,389	207,209
8. Engineering consulting services for the technical review of Corbett Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer (TSS) condition assessment reports and feasibility assessment with recommendations for rectification of potential system deficiencies, in the Town of Whitby (D2034) (RC00002458)	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	39,830	245,340	205,510
9. Engineering services for the detailed design of the Beaver River Bridge replacement and Beaverton Bridge rehabilitation, in the Township of Brock (R1209) (RC00002841)	WSP Canada Group Limited	649,644	851,115	201,471



Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
10. Construction traffic impact study for the reconstruction and widening of Winchester Rd. (Reg. Rd. 3) and Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26), in the Town of Whitby (R0802) (RC00000713)	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	1,016,881	1,189,599	172,718
11. Environmental and engineering services review for road reconstruction and road upgrades on Columbus Rd. and Grandview St. (Reg. Rd. 3), in the City of Oshawa (R1703) (RC00002130)	BT Engineering Inc.	35,800	205,860	170,060
12. Engineering services for design and schedule change for the Liberty St. (Reg. Rd. 14) Zone 1 Reservoir and Zone 2 Pumping Stations, in the Municipality of Clarington (D1106/D1917) (RC00002182)	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	2,007,212	2,169,769	162,557
13. Regional Headquarters Space Optimization project, in the Town of Whitby (G1901) (RC00002319)	Dialog Ontario Inc.	3,107,048	3,258,178	151,130

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
14. Engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) – stage 3 liquids and miscellaneous remedial work, in the City of Pickering (Y2001) (RC00002679)	CH2M Hill Canada Limited, a Jacobs Company	3,973,114	4,112,135	139,021
15. Geotechnical consulting services for asphalt lab testing throughout the Region (R1903, R1909) (RC00002368)	Construction Testing Asphalt Lab Ltd.	59,998	182,710	122,712
16. Engineering services for the detailed design of four timber bridge replacements within the Region of Durham (R1409/ R1925/ R1926/ R2130) (RC00002781)	D. M. Wills Associates Limited	377,900	499,062	121,162
17. Engineering services for the bridge, culvert and retaining wall Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) Inspection Program (M2354) (RC00002820)	GHD Limited	107,000	228,000	121,000

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
18. Detailed design for the Bloor St. W. (Reg. Rd. 22) and Victoria St. E. (Reg. Rd. 22) from 50m west of Thicksen Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) to 725m east of Thornton Rd. S. (Reg. Rd. 52) reconstruction, road widening, watermain and storm sewer projects, in the City of Oshawa and Town of Whitby (R0803) (RC00001442)	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	1,499,861	1,606,870	107,009
19. Engineering consulting services for the completion of the parking lot replacement, new elevators and installation of future electric vehicle charging stations at Spruce Lawn Apartments and Kellet Manor, in the Township of Scugog (1301-20/1401-20) (HC212107)	TAK Engineering	56,275	158,559	102,284
20. Geotechnical consulting services for various road rehabilitation projects throughout the Region (RC00001607)	Construction Testing Asphalt Lab Ltd.	48,910	148,553	99,643
21. Engineering services and detailed design for Liberty St. N. (Reg. Rd. 14) from Longworth Ave. to Concession Rd. 3, in the Municipality of Clarington (R1717) (RC00002514)	Robinson Consultants Inc.	987,534	1,075,985	88,451

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
22. Design and construction services for the drainage system for existing metering chambers at the Oshawa Water Supply Plant (WSP) (2019_WORKS) (RC00002173)	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	48,307	136,502	88,195
23. Newcastle Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) - capacity re-rating and upgrades, in the Municipality of Clarington (D1117) (RC00002336)	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	3,371,879	3,459,373	87,494
24. Engineering services for the replacement of the 150mm diameter sanitary sewer forcemain across Wilmot Creek, in the Municipality of Clarington (C1502) (RC00001469)	CIMA Canada Inc.	59,000	140,610	81,610
25. Engineering services for the detailed design of the Lord Elgin trunk sanitary sewer replacement, in the Town of Ajax (A1706) (RC00002207)	CIMA Canada Inc	972,041	1,051,961	79,920
26. Quality assurance consulting services for various capital project locations throughout the Region during the 2022 construction season (RC00002808)	Construction Testing Asphalt Lab Ltd.	94,745	174,325	79,580

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
27. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of the Kingston Rd. (Hwy. 2) Bus Rapid Transit from 200m west of Harwood Ave. to 200m west of Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23), in the Town of Ajax (IC020) (RC00002638)	WSP E&I Canada Limited	1,877,663	1,955,394	77,731
28. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Kingston Rd. (Hwy 2) from 200m west of Steeple Hill to 50m west of Altona Rd. (Reg. Rd. 27), in the City of Pickering (IC010) (RC00002739)	AECOM Canada Ltd.	1,116,601	1,193,786	77,185
29. Consulting services for the detailed design of various culvert and bridge rehabilitations within the Region of Durham (R2304/ R2305/ R2307/ K2105) (RC00002872)	D. M. Wills Associates Limited	99,995	175,530	75,535
30. Construction inspection services related to the Zone 3 feedermain and sanitary sewer construction on Conlin Rd. from Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) to Stevenson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 53), in the Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa (D2223) (RC00002985)	Vipond Consulting Services	98,960	151,660	52,700

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
31. Geotechnical investigation, hydrogeological investigation, and slope stability assessment for Long-Term Care Home in Seaton, in the City of Pickering (G2110) (RC00002629)	Malroz Engineering Inc.	155,160	207,060	51,900
32. Consulting services for design, tender and construction services of pump replacements at the Harwood Water Pumping Station (WPS), in the Town of Ajax (D2333) (RC00003051)	ETO Solutions Corp.	73,000	117,920	44,920
33. Consulting services for the detailed design of various bridge rehabilitations throughout the Region (R2120) (RC00002999)	D. M. Wills Associates Limited	70,750	105,590	34,840
34. Ajax and Beaverton filter capacity investigation and taste and odour control review (D2244) (RC00002968)	Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc.	89,050	121,920	32,870
35. Quality assurance consulting services for various capital project locations throughout the Region during the 2023 construction season (RC00002613)	GHD Limited	99,865	123,765	23,900

## 6. Emergency Expenditures Exceeding \$100,000

6.1 Section 10 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where emergencies

occur outside of normal business hours, the department head or their authorized delegate shall acquire goods or services required to address an emergency and where that purchase exceeds \$100,000, a report for information is to be submitted to Council setting out the nature of the emergency and the necessity of the action taken.

6.2 Instances where emergency purchases occurred are described below:

<b>Nature of Emergency</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Emergency repair of a leak in a 300mm gate valve at the intersection of Highway 2 and Trulls Rd., in the Municipality of Clarington (M2326).	Elirpa Construction & Materials Limited	158,983

**7. Request for Proposals (RFPs) \$100,000 or greater that were publicly posted on the Region's Website**

7.1 Section 9.4 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where RFPs are used for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater that a summary report for information relating to the award of the proposals shall be prepared and submitted to Council on a semi-annual basis. In some cases the contract value covers multiple years.

7.2 Instances where the RFPs were issued and awarded are described below:

<b>RFP Number and Description</b>	<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Number of Proposals Received</b>	<b>Contract Value \$</b>
1. RFP-1003-2023 – Architectural engineering services for the construction of a new bus storage, operation, maintenance and service facility for Durham Region Transit at 2400 Thornton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 52), in the City of Oshawa (H2006/H2201).	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	11	9,947,388

<b>RFP Number and Description</b>	<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Number of Proposals Received</b>	<b>Contract Value \$</b>
2. RFP-1005-2023 – Consulting services for the preliminary and detailed design for the Baseline Road Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station (SSPS) and forcemain, in the Municipality of Clarington (D2107).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	3	2,099,811
3. RFP-1023-2023 – Supply and delivery of level 2 and level 3 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) and related services to the Region (G2201).	Hwisel Soft Inc.	9	1,179,250
4. RFP-631-2023 – External audit services for the Region.	Deloitte LLP	1	1,028,135
5. RFP-1101-2023 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Brock Rd. (Reg. Rd. 1) four lane widening from Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) to Alexander Knox Rd. (Concession 5), in the City of Pickering (R0701).	Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc.	3	940,940
6. RFP-1054-2023 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of the Manning Rd. and Adelaide Ave. (Reg. Rd. 58) connection, in the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa (R0517).	McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd.	6	640,324
7. RFP-751-2023 – Government Relations consulting services to ensure Durham Region is uniquely positioned for funding opportunities and strategic partnerships with the provincial government that align with Durham Regional Council strategic priorities.	StrategyCorp Inc.	4	450,000



<b>RFP Number and Description</b>	<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Number of Proposals Received</b>	<b>Contract Value \$</b>
8. RFP-1117-2023 – Consulting engineering services to develop a comprehensive Congestion Management Plan (CMP) to provide the Region with a practical road map for congestion-management measures that align with the needs of internal and external stakeholders and identify the costs and resources necessary to support the initiatives identified (T2340).	Parsons Inc.	2	329,820
9. RFP-1024-2023 – Engineering services for the detailed design of the Saintfield bridge replacement and Seagrave bridge rehabilitation (R1626/R2117).	D. M. Wills Associates Limited	8	324,290
10. RFP-1085-2023 – Works department resources, organizational structure, and culture assessment.	Ernst & Young LLP	3	260,000
11. RFP-729-2023 – Pest control services at various Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) facilities.	E-Safe Pest Control Inc.	7	151,205
12. RC00003059 – Roadside protection audit (T2253)	GHD Limited	1	128,333
13. RFP-1051-2023 – Commissioning for the Seaton 200-bed Long-Term Care Home, in the City of Pickering (G2110).	Jones Lang LaSalle Real Estate Services Inc. (Hunter Facilities Management Inc.)	8	116,180

## 8. Renewal of Existing Software Licenses and Support and Maintenance Agreements for the Period January 1 to December 31, 2023

8.1 Section 15.6 of the Purchasing By-law #16-2020 requires that single source purchases for the renewal of existing software licenses and support and maintenance agreements be reported to Council for information on an annual basis.

8.2 Instances where the sole source purchases were issued are described below:

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
1. 3-year renewal of license and subscription for Adobe On-demand Services (Acrobat Sign) and Creative Cloud, Document Cloud and related software.	Adobe Inc.	2,373,730
2. 1-year renewal of license, maintenance and support for Oracle PeopleSoft Enterprise.	Oracle Canada ULC	1,771,079
3. 5-year renewal of end user maintenance agreements, that includes service level agreement and end user license agreement for Durham Region Transit.	INIT Innovations in Transportation Inc.	1,532,834
4. 3-year renewal of license, maintenance and support of geographic information system (GIS) software.	ESRI Canada Ltd.	1,355,085
5. 3-year renewal of license for WaterTrax used to monitor and manage water/wastewater data.	Aquatic Informatics ULC	368,676
6. 3-year renewal of support and maintenance for Profile Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and Case Management.	Intrahealth Inc.	354,000

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
7. 1-year renewal of technical support services for IBM Maximo implementation.	The Createch Group	295,000
8. 1-year renewal of licensing for Oracle Utilities Customer Care and Billing for Utility Finance customer care management.	Oracle Canada ULC	246,168
9. 3-year renewal of eRIS software for existing data management tool used at the Duffin Creek WPCP and the Region's water and wastewater plants.	SES North America, Inc.	210,000
10. 3-year renewal of the mobile app license for end-to-end workplace electrical safety.	eWorkSAFE Inc.	195,000
11. 5-year renewal of support and maintenance for the Nurse Call bell system used at the Long-Term Care Homes.	Aatel Communications Inc.	168,864
12. 1-year renewal of Komutel Console software for the Durham Regional Police Services Next Generation 911 (NG-911) systems implementation.	Komutel Inc.	143,567
13. 4-year renewal of Recollect mobile app subscription for residential waste management collection schedules.	Routeware Canada Inc.	135,000
14. 1-year renewal of BMC Helix RemedyForce IT service management and governance suite license.	BMC Software, Inc.	122,491

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
15. 3-year renewal of M.A.R.V.E.L. Economic Development software, maintenance and support used for annual Business Count survey, and the compiling of data gathered from the survey.	TGT Solutions Inc.	101,000

## 9. Use of Authority Delegated under By-law 17-2020 for the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 9.1 Regional Council delegated certain authority to staff to ensure business continuity during the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency under By-law 17-2020, with periodic reporting to Council on the use of the delegated authority. The by-law remains in effect until expressly repealed by a subsequent by-law.
- 9.2 There was no use of the authority delegated under this by-law for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2023.

## 10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 10.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Service Excellence:
- Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
  - Goal 5.3 – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

## 11. Conclusion

- 11.1 In accordance with the Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law 16-2020 and COVID-19 Delegation of Authority By-law, Regional Council is to be informed on a semi-annual basis when the threshold amounts for various expenditure limits have been exceeded, where funding is required based on a reallocation of the capital program, where RFPs are used for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater and where delegation of authority is used to ensure business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

11.2 This report has been reviewed by the Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 23, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – February 16, 2024

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**February 16, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/554zmjbm](https://tinyurl.com/554zmjbm)**

- Extended Shingrix Eligibility & GSK Packaging Updates (Feb 5)

**[tinyurl.com/3crm4xcj](https://tinyurl.com/3crm4xcj)**

- It's not too late to go alcohol-free for Dry February (Feb 16)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canada Border Services Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/mr34ekn9](https://tinyurl.com/mr34ekn9)**

- Government of Canada responds to the Report of the Auditor General of Canada on ArriveCAN (Feb 12)

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3sr79sne](https://tinyurl.com/3sr79sne)**

- Government of Canada announces Canada Carbon Rebate amounts for 2024-25 (Feb 14)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mt5kpnuK](https://tinyurl.com/mt5kpnuK)**

- Government of Canada increases loan forgiveness for doctors and nurses working in under-served rural and remote communities (Feb 13)

**[tinyurl.com/3cxsr82p](https://tinyurl.com/3cxsr82p)**

- Minister Khara welcomes first Annual Report from Canada's Chief Accessibility Officer (Feb 15)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2n3trhjb](https://tinyurl.com/2n3trhjb)**

- Creating a healthy, clean, and sustainable environment for all: Canada consulting on the right to a healthy environment in federal legislation and engaging on environmental justice and racism (Feb 8)

**[tinyurl.com/ymu85fup](https://tinyurl.com/ymu85fup)**

- Minister Guilbeault provides update with new design options for the Clean Electricity Regulations (Feb 16)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/h6dahzue](https://tinyurl.com/h6dahzue)**

- Government of Canada announces the services covered under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Feb 8)

**[tinyurl.com/bddjyv58](https://tinyurl.com/bddjyv58)**

- Health Canada announces transition of mental health resources from Wellness Together Canada (Feb 8)

### **Natural Resources Canada**

[tinyurl.com/3jx4w6w3](https://tinyurl.com/3jx4w6w3)

- Government of Canada to Establish Next Phase of Canada Greener Homes Initiative to Help More Canadians Save on Their Energy Bills (Feb 5)

### **Privy Council Office**

[tinyurl.com/zau6wrux](https://tinyurl.com/zau6wrux)

- Joint Statement from Mexico, Canada and the United States Reaffirming Our Shared Commitment to Address the Regional Challenge of Synthetic Drugs and Firearms Trafficking (Feb 9)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/h8yv846v](https://tinyurl.com/h8yv846v)

- Message from the Minister of Health, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health, and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth of Canada – Sexual Health Week (Feb 12)

[tinyurl.com/4ae29ze9](https://tinyurl.com/4ae29ze9)

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on syphilis (Feb 14)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Energy**

[tinyurl.com/2b2c54y4](https://tinyurl.com/2b2c54y4)

- Ontario Making It Easier to Build Elective Vehicle Charging Stations (Feb 16)

### **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

[tinyurl.com/bdd5tbva](https://tinyurl.com/bdd5tbva)

- Ontario Streamlining Complex Approval Processes (Feb 16)

### **Ministry of Finance**

[tinyurl.com/ysjx9cd7](https://tinyurl.com/ysjx9cd7)

- Ontario Stopping Scheduled Beer Tax Increase (Feb 9)

[tinyurl.com/2ms5djvp](https://tinyurl.com/2ms5djvp)

- Ontario Releases 2023-24 Third Quarter Finances (Feb 12)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/3a8uva49](https://tinyurl.com/3a8uva49)

- Cutting Wait Times, Delivering Better Health Care in Ontario (Feb 9)

[tinyurl.com/3ux34hcd](https://tinyurl.com/3ux34hcd)

- Ontario Protecting People from the High Costs of a Provincial Carbon Tax (Feb 13)



## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/5r67ycpp](https://tinyurl.com/5r67ycpp)

- Tobacco plain packaging progress continues worldwide with 42 countries and territories moving forward with regulations (Feb 6)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/5x37c5z9](https://tinyurl.com/5x37c5z9)

- We need health system solutions now: CMA, CFPC (Feb 7)

### **Canadian Ophthalmological Society**

[tinyurl.com/yc5tuf87](https://tinyurl.com/yc5tuf87)

- Ophthalmological innovation paving the way for diagnosis & treatment of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) (Feb 7)

### **College of Nurses of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/yw5vbx2y](https://tinyurl.com/yw5vbx2y)

- First-Ever Nursing Workforce Census Launches – Data will help inform meaningful change in health system (Feb 13)

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/mhs54hcn](https://tinyurl.com/mhs54hcn)

- FAO releases economic and budget outlook (Feb 13)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/3vfhn63t](https://tinyurl.com/3vfhn63t)

- National poll finds nearly 1 in 4 people in Canada report measures such as skipping doses, splitting pills, not filling prescriptions due to costs (Feb 14)

### **IC/ES**

[tinyurl.com/4jb7uw3b](https://tinyurl.com/4jb7uw3b)

- Heavy cannabis use increases risk of developing an anxiety disorder, study suggests (Feb 5)

[tinyurl.com/b8hcuuhz](https://tinyurl.com/b8hcuuhz)

- Women with heart attacks are less likely to receive crucial therapies and have higher mortality than men (Feb 8)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2dffuhu8](https://tinyurl.com/2dffuhu8)

- Glaring disregard for basic management and contracting practices surrounds the government's ArriveCAN application (Feb 12)

### **Office of the Chief Accessibility Officer**

[tinyurl.com/vnjan2pz](https://tinyurl.com/vnjan2pz)

- Statement from Chief Accessibility Officer Stephanie Cadieux on release of first report on accessibility in Canada (Feb 15)

### **Office of the Federal Housing Advocate**

[tinyurl.com/29xdfuyw](https://tinyurl.com/29xdfuyw)

- Federal Housing Advocate's final report calls for national response to the crisis of encampments (Feb 13)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/mttfyb3s](https://tinyurl.com/mttfyb3s)

- Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario launches Transparency Challenge 2.0 to spotlight government openness (Feb 12)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/4z27344n](https://tinyurl.com/4z27344n)

- OHA Welcomes Federal-Provincial Investment of \$3.1 Billion in Health Care Funding (Feb 9)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2rzk77je](https://tinyurl.com/2rzk77je)

- Federal Minister of Health tables the 2022 Annual Report of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (Feb 16)

### **Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control**

[tinyurl.com/mpht7pkd](https://tinyurl.com/mpht7pkd)

- While Quebec's Order of Pharmacists and British Columbia intervene to protect kids from easy access to nicotine patches, the federal government has yet to restrict their sale and promotion nationally (Feb 9)


### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/35wdf53v](https://tinyurl.com/35wdf53v)

- Nurses central to the agreement signed by the prime minister and premier (Feb 9)



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The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
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Sent via email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on January 29, 2024 in support of Whitby's :

C-2024-012

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 27/24, Request to the Province to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region be received; and THAT Council support the following resolution;  
WHEREAS Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province; and  
WHEREAS planned Regional road construction work to widen Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) from Anderson Street to Baldwin Street (Regional Highway 12) will necessitate reducing Winchester Road to one lane of traffic in one direction over an expected two construction seasons impacting travel times for residents and businesses; and  
WHEREAS the temporary removal of tolls on Highway 407 during Winchester Road construction work would improve overall travel times and alleviate the traffic impacts on surrounding Regional and local municipal roads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Province be requested to temporarily remove tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region during the duration of the planned Winchester Road construction work; and
2. A copy of this request be sent to all Durham local area municipalities, Durham MPPs, and the Minister of Transportation.”

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerks Department, Clerks@Brock.ca.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna  
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

- cc. Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – [laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org)  
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January 16, 2023

Sent via email:

Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation  
[minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)

**Re: Request to the Province to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region**

Please be advised that at the Town of Whitby Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 15, 2024, Committee endorsed the following resolution, which is expected to be formally ratified by Whitby Council at their regular meeting on January 29, 2024. Committee of the Whole is comprised of the Mayor and all Members of Council of the Town of Whitby. This correspondence is being sent prior to formal Council ratification due to its time sensitive nature.

Whereas Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province; and,

Whereas planned Regional road construction work to widen Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) from Anderson Street to Baldwin Street (Regional Highway 12) will necessitate reducing Winchester Road to one lane of traffic in one direction over an expected two construction seasons impacting travel times for residents and businesses; and,

Whereas the temporary removal of tolls on Highway 407 during Winchester Road construction work would improve overall travel times and alleviate the traffic impacts on surrounding Regional and local municipal roads.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Province be requested to temporarily remove tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region during the duration of the planned Winchester Road construction work; and,
2. A copy of this request be sent to all Durham local area municipalities, Durham MPPs, and the Minister of Transportation.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.



Kevin Narraway  
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

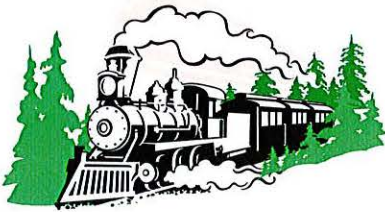
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February 16, 2024

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Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2024-46 from the County of Prince Edward relating to a request to the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Marshall".


Cheryl Marshall  
Clerk-Treasurer

- cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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All Ontario Municipalities



## Village of Merrickville Wolford

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
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### Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its regular meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion endorsing the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

**Resolution #:** R-21-12-02-24  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Ireland

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorse the resolution received from Prince Edward County regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca).

Your truly,

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman  
Clerk



January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE: January 16, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

**WHEREAS** By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

**AND WHEREAS** apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

**AND WHEREAS** fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

**AND WHEREAS** Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

**AND WHEREAS** no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

**THAT** the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown



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Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81**

**DATE: February 13, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch**

**WHEREAS** poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

**WHEREAS** the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

**WHEREAS** people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

**WHEREAS** Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

**WHEREAS** Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

**WHEREAS** OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

**WHEREAS** the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;

**WHEREAS** designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution


Date: February 13, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024- 55

9.1.2 AMO Social and Economic Prosperity Municipality Review

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

 <b>Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division</b>	
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## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**Whereas** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life;

**Whereas** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**Whereas** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**Whereas** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**Whereas** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**Whereas** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**Whereas** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**Whereas** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**Whereas** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; **And further that** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP Victor Fedeli  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Township of Central Frontenac




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February 16, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Please be advised that Council carried a motion, at its meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, in support of Prince Edward County's resolution #2024-46, regarding support for the province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements:

RESOLUTION NO.                    47-2024  
DATE:                                    February 13, 2024  
MOVED BY:                            Councillor Phillip Smith  
SECONDED BY:                        Councillor Susan Irwin

**That** Council Support the resolution from Prince Edward County dated January 22, 2024, regarding support for the province to expand the life cycle of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements;

**And Further That Council** authorize the CAO/Clerk to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable David Piccini Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**CARRIED**

Kind Regards,

Cathy MacMunn AMCT ACST  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
[cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com](mailto:cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com)

- cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- Paul Calandra
- Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skill Development- David Piccini
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- All Ontario Municipalities

CM/jl

Good afternoon,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14th, 2024, passed the attached motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Aparatus.

Thank you,

**Ella Flynn**  
**Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk**  
**Town of Plympton-Wyoming**

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**Subject:** PEC Resolution - Expand the life span of fire apparatus

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The Right Honourable Premier Ford, et al:

Please see the attached resolution from the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. This resolution was approved at the January 16, 2024 Meeting of Council. We kindly ask for a response within 30 days of receipt.

If you have any questions, or would like to set up a meeting on this important matter, please contact the undersigned.

Warmly,

**Catalina Blumenberg** (she/her)

Clerk

The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward

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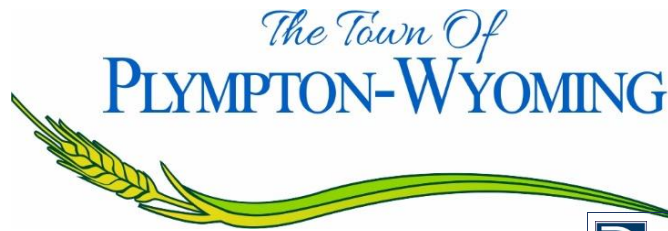
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Aparatus.

**Motion #11**

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett

Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support correspondence item 'r' from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.


**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE: January 16, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

**WHEREAS** By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

**AND WHEREAS** apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

**AND WHEREAS** fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

**AND WHEREAS** Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

**AND WHEREAS** no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

**THAT** the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown



**IT'S HAPPENING.**



DURHAM REGION

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

**Ontario's One Fare Program  
Launching February 26, 2024**



## **New program making it more affordable to transfer between TTC, GO Transit and participating local transit systems**

Taking transit, including transferring from one transit system to another, should be convenient and affordable.

That's why the province, Metrolinx and local transit partners are working together to connect communities across the region. Through Ontario's One Fare Program, taking transit from Brampton to Oshawa or anywhere in between, will be more simple, convenient, and affordable.

Transit riders will only pay once when connecting to and from the TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit.

The One Fare discount will be applied automatically when customers tap a PRESTO card, credit or debit, or PRESTO in Google Wallet to connect between GO Transit, TTC and the participating transit systems.

For an adult who commutes five days a week, this could save them an average of \$1,600 per year.

More affordable transit makes it easier to leave your car at home when commuting to and from work, heading to a sporting event or concert, or visiting family and friends.

## **How Ontario's One Fare Program works:**

PRESTO automatically calculates a 100 per cent discount and applies it to a PRESTO card, credit or debit card or PRESTO in Google Wallet.

- Transfers are valid for two hours for trips started on local transit and within three hours of the start of a GO bus or train trip.
- The payment method used to tap and pay a fare is a customer's proof of payment. Riders approached for fare inspection will need to tap the card, phone or watch used on the inspection device.
- For trips connecting between TTC and GO Transit, the TTC component of the trip will become free, regardless of travel direction (cost of TTC trip is discounted from overall trip cost).
- For trips connecting between TTC and local transit systems, the second portion of the trip will become free (first payment will enable a two-hour free transfer across all systems).

Keep in mind, customers paying fares with PRESTO in Google Wallet, credit or debit card, must tap on and off with the same card.

[Learn more about Ontario's One Fare Program.](#)

## **Metrolinx Commemorates Black History Month**

Metrolinx commemorates Black History Month & celebrates contributions by Ontario's Black community.

Black history is an integral part of our collective history.

Every year, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

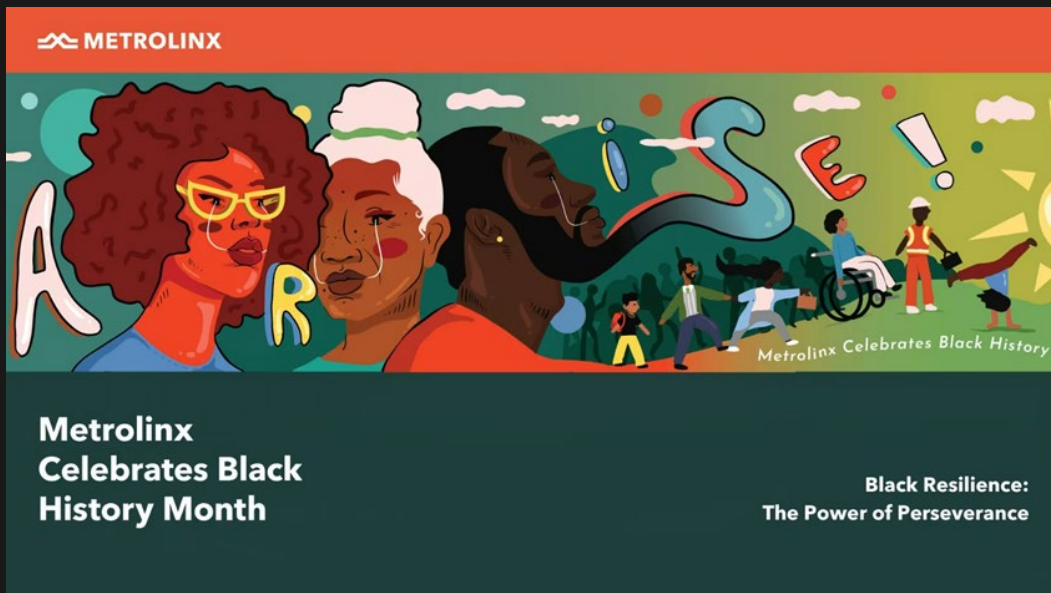
Legacies that have helped shape the world we live in today.

In the late 1800's, Elijah McCoy, a Black Canadian-American inventor from Colchester, Ontario created a lubrication system that allowed railroad steam engines to be lubricated without stopping the train, saving time and money.

More than 150 years later, GO Trains as well as machinery in industries across the world still benefit from his innovations.

By celebrating Black History Month, we aim to continue to reflect and recognize black excellence all while creating space for equity within the organization and the broader community we serve.

This year, our Black History Month theme focuses on Black resilience, and the power of perseverance. And the tagline is defying the odds and reclaiming the narrative.



*A look at the art featured on the special edition Black History Month GO Bus, coming to a station near you. (Metrolinx image)*

## Black History Month GO Bus

As part of our Black History Month efforts, customers should keep their eyes peeled for a newly wrapped GO Bus to commemorate Black History Month.

The special edition bus was unveiled on February 2 and will travel across the GTHA throughout the year – stay tuned for more details on the special GO Bus in the coming days on the Metrolinx and GO Transit social media accounts.

As a sneak peak, check out the artist's concept for the bus above. Read more about this [here](#).

## Introducing New UP Group Passes





**Ride together & save together with UP Group Passes without any age restriction - perfect for family and friends.**

- Groups of 3-5 friends or family can save up to 36% on one-way fares when travelling together to/from downtown Toronto to Pearson Airport.
- Group Passes for Bloor and Weston to Pearson trips are also available. Check out the Standard Fare Table below to see the Group Pass fare details to plan your trip.

Now available online [here](#).

## **Metrolinx partners with ONxpress to transform GO Transit service in the region**



GO Expansion

# Announcement



**New GO Expansion operator will mean more trains, less waiting and faster, more frequent service.**

Metrolinx will soon have a new operations partner with a plan for faster and more frequent service to the region.

Metrolinx has accepted ONxpress' proposal for the operations and maintenance of the GO Transit system beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

This will include operating and maintaining GO Trains, train service planning, introducing new operational technology solutions and providing maintenance services for new assets like electrification and signaling. ONxpress' operations division ONxpress Operations Inc. (OOI), is made up of the European railway operator Deutsche Bahn International Operations and Aecon Concessions.

This is an important milestone for OnCorr, the second and largest piece of the GO Expansion program, as one of two proposals making up the [development phase](#).

Read more [here](#).

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## New Grad Program at Metrolinx



**Coinciding with Metrolinx being recognized as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People, we are looking to attract fresh talent to work with us!**

In June 2024, ten recent graduates will join our Capital Projects Groups (CPG) project delivery teams and rotate through to develop technical and project management skills over a four-year period.

For all available opportunities at Metrolinx please visit our careers website [here](#).

**Upcoming Event: Come to the Canadian Automotive Museum (Oshawa) on Family Day**



On this Family Day, February 19, 2024, come join the Durham Community Engagement team for a Family Day event at the Canadian Automotive Museum (C.A.M.) located at 99 Simcoe St S, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4G7 between 9am and 4pm (free parking on site)!

This event features over 50 cars, including Lightning McQueen from the CARS franchise and learn more about exciting transit projects in Durham Region.

As a PRESTO Perks member, the C.A.M. offers 15% off admission for PRESTO card holders and free entry for kids 5 and under. This event is a unique blend of automotive excitement and community engagement. Don't miss out!

Read more about this event or buy tickets ahead of time [here!](#)

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## Event Highlight: Ongoing and Upcoming Transit In Your Community School Presentations



The Transit in Your Community program is designed to fit within the Grade 5 social studies curriculum. Through this program our team was able to share with students how Metrolinx approaches outreach engagements while planning transit in Durham Region and the GTHA.

By means of an interactive presentation we were able to talk about the Bowmanville Extension project, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project, the GO Expansion project, how different levels of government work together to deliver major transit infrastructure, and safety along the rail corridor!

We will be continuing these presentations throughout Durham Region over the next several months!

If you happen to be an educator who would be interested in having our team present to your students, please send us an email at [DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com).



## Reminder to Stay in the Know

Sign up for [On the GO Alerts](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates on service delays, cancellations, new services and more!

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## Community Engagement: Have questions? We're here for you!

**We're  
Here  
For You**



Do you have questions about GO Expansion, Bowmanville Extension, or other Metrolinx projects in your neighbourhood? Our team is always happy to help!

Feel free to call us, email us or reach out on social media!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOWMANVILLE EXTENSION:**

**416-202-3900**

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## Community Features Call Out

We're looking to spotlight local groups, clubs or organizations that are making a positive impact in Durham Region. [Contact us](#) for a chance to be featured in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

## Stop by and say hi!



We'll be in the community again soon! Drop by and chat with us about the Bowmanville Extension, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit, and GO Expansion!

Please also reach out to let our team know if there are any accessibility related concerns or requests you may require (i.e. ASL interpreter, large-print materials, etc.)

### **Transit In Your Community (TIYC)**

We are also completing school visits across Durham Region to teach elementary school students about the benefits of public transit, the various players involved in building new transit projects, and transit safety. If you happen to be an educator who would be interested in having our team present to your students, please send us an email at [DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com).

### **Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings (Recommended Ages 2+)**

We will be out at local libraries throughout Durham Region to continue our Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings.

- March 11, 2024 - Clarington Library - Newcastle Branch
  - Time: 10:30am
  - Address: 150 King Avenue E, Newcastle, ON L1B 1H5
- March 12, 2024 - Pickering Library - George Ashe Branch
  - Time: 10:00am
  - Address: 470 Kingston Road, Pickering, ON L1V 1A4
- March 13, 2024 - Oshawa Library - McLaughlin Branch
  - Time: 11:00am
  - Address: 65 Bagot Street, Oshawa, ON L1H 1N2
  
- March 14, 2024 - Ajax Library - Audley Branch
  - Time: 10:30am
  - Address: 1955 Audley Road N, Ajax, ON L1Z 0L2
  
- March 15, 2024 - Whitby Library - Central Library Branch
  - Time: 10:30am
  - Address: 405 Dundas Street W, Whitby, ON L1N 6A1

**\*Reach out to your local library for sign-up details and registration!\***

This is where we'll be over the next couple of weeks for community drop-in pop-up tables:

February 19, 2024 - Family Day Event - Canadian Automotive Museum

- Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Address: 99 Simcoe St S, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4G7

### **Door-to-Door Canvassing**

Our team will also be out in Durham Region over the next several weeks performing door-to-door canvassing to let residents know about all of the great projects happening in the area and to answer any questions.

*Please note: Our team always tries our best to make the confirmed dates. However, there are instances where we have to cancel our pop-ups due to staffing shortages or unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs, it will be communicated via our social media channels!*

## **Latest Metrolinx Blog Posts**

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**Cc:** Mark Critch <M.Critch@lsrca.on.ca>

**Subject:** Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, under the Conservation Authorities Act

Good morning select Regional and Municipal Clerks:

I hope you all had a great long weekend!

This email is to advise of some new requirements under the Conservation Authorities Act, specifically around budget approval. This is the first year for these new requirements, as they took effect with the 2024 Budget.

In accordance with O. Reg. 402/22: Budget and Apportionment under the Conservation Authorities Act, (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/220402#BK20>) Approval of Apportionment under subsections 25 (1) and 27 (1) of the Act and Amounts owing under subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act), which states:

**Notice of meeting**

17. (1) An authority shall give notice of a meeting under section 16 to all participating municipalities and to any specified municipality that is entitled to receive notice of the meeting under subsection (2).

(2) The authority shall give notice of a meeting under section 16 to a specified municipality if, after consultations held under section 15, the authority has determined under section 3 of Ontario Regulation 401/22 (Determination of Amounts under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act) made under the

Act that the specified municipality should be required to pay amounts owing under subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act for the budget year in connection with Category 1 CWA/LSPA programs and services.

(3) The notice of meeting shall be given at least 30 days before the meeting.

(4) The notice of meeting shall include,

(a) a copy of the most recent draft of the budget; and

(b) the amount of the reduced operating expenses and reduced capital costs that the participating municipality or specified municipality that is given notice will be required to pay for the year.

Please accept this email as **Notice of the Meeting** of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Conservation Authority's Administrative Offices, located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket. Attached is the most recent draft budget which, in accordance with Section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22: Meeting on the draft budget, was considered and approved by the Board of Directors at their January 26, 2024 meeting.

If you or any members of your Council have any questions concerning this email or this new process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and best regards,

Trish

**Trish Barnett**

Chief of Staff

**Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

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# Draft Budget At-A-Glance

# 2024



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Lake Simcoe Region  
conservation authority





## At-A-Glance

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is a local watershed management organization incorporated under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (1946).

Since our formation in 1951, we have been dedicated to conserving, restoring and managing the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Our jurisdiction, which began in the East Holland River with five municipalities, has grown to include the entire Lake Simcoe watershed with the exception of the City of Orillia and the Upper Talbot River subwatershed.

The Authority is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, appointed within a four-year cycle by its 9 member municipalities. Each year, the Board of Directors elects a Chair and Vice Chair from among its 18 members.

## Our Watershed

The Lake Simcoe watershed is a 3,400 square kilometre area of land that sweeps across 20 municipalities, from the Oak Ridges Moraine in the south to the Oro Moraine in the north, through York and Durham Regions, Simcoe County and the cities of Kawartha Lakes, Barrie and Orillia.

The watershed is delineated by 18 major river systems and many smaller ones that flow through the landscape to the heart of the watershed; Lake Simcoe.

## Board Approved Assumptions - June 23, 2023

1. Inflation: up to 2.00% used only for applicable expenditures (2023: 4.00%)
2. COLA: up to 2.00% (2023: 2.00%) plus applicable step increases
3. Infrastructure levy for Asset Management: up to 0.50% included in Category 1 funding (2023: 0.50%)
4. Investment in Strategic Priorities: 1.50% (2023: 0.00%)
5. No additional new FTEs in 2024, unless they are fully funded through external funding or self generating revenue
6. Tax Levy (Category 1): Up to 2.00% (2023: 2.00%)

## New Funding Categories for 2024: Levy Request for 2024

### Based on Board Approved Assumptions

	2023 Levy in Millions	Increase in Millions	2024 Levy in Millions*	% Increase
Category 1 - Mandatory	5.70	0.11	5.81	2.00%
Category 1 - Mandatory - <i>Lake Simcoe Protection Act</i>	2.46	0.05	2.51	2.00%
Category 2 - Work on behalf of Municipality	0.66	0.01	0.67	2.00%
Category 3 - Funding requested by Authority	0.35	0.01	0.36	2.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9.17M</b>	<b>\$0.18M</b>	<b>\$9.35M</b>	<b>2.00%</b>

\*Pending approval by municipalities and Board of Directors





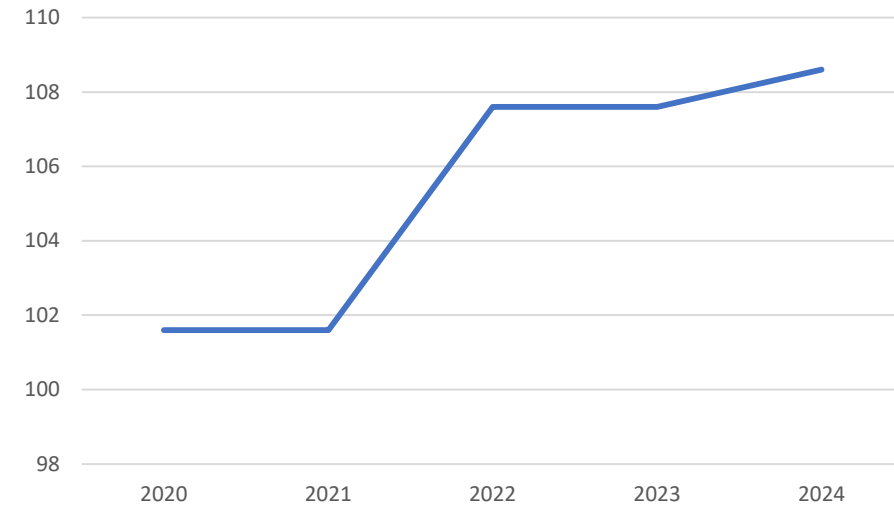
## 2024 Budget Highlights

- Transitioning with Transparency
- Renewed Vision for 2022-2024
- Authority spending increase is below inflation

The Authority continues to demonstrate respect for the taxpayer by only requesting modest levy increases for 2024 and not adding any new levy funded FTEs. Our focus in 2024 will be implementation of our strategic plan and transitioning to changes from the review of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

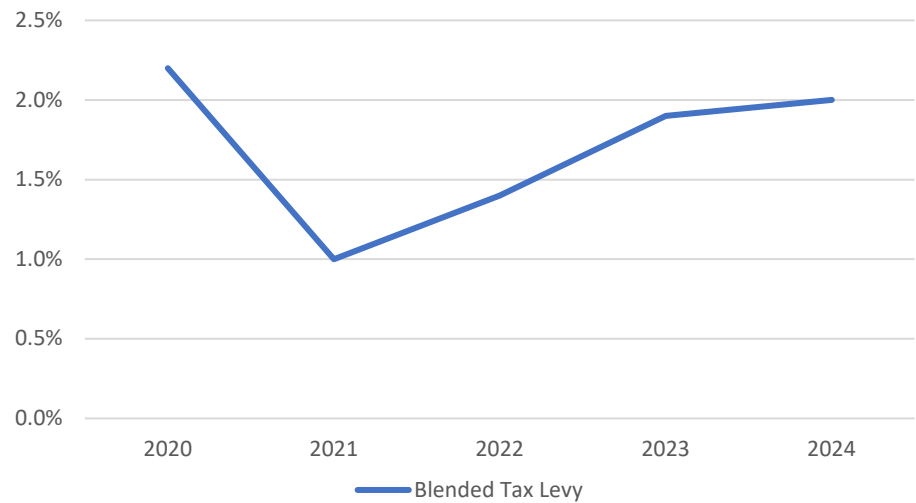


### Respecting the Taxpayer: Number of FTEs over 5 Years\*



\*All additions funded by fees or grants.

### Responsible Increases for 5 years



# 2024 Draft\* Capital and Operating Budget

For the period January - December 31, 2024

<b>Consolidated Summary</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2023 (Millions)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2024 (Millions)*</b>
<b><u>Revenue:</u></b>		
Category 1 - Mandatory	5.7	5.8
Category 1 - Mandatory - <i>Lake Simcoe Protection Act</i>	2.5	2.5
Category 2 - Work on behalf of Municipality	0.7	0.7
Category 3 - Funding requested by Authority	0.3	0.4
Provincial and Federal Funding	2.4	1.6
Revenue Generated by Authority	11.2	13.5
Other Revenue	0.2	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>		
Corporate Services	5.7	5.6
Ecological Management	3.4	2.4
Education & Engagement	0.9	0.9
Greenspace Services	1.0	1.0
Planning & Development Services	5.2	4.8
Water Risk Management	2.4	2.2
Watershed Studies & Strategies	1.1	1.1
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>18</b>
Internal Fee for Service	(2.9)	(3.1)
Capital & Project Expenditures	5.9	10.0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>24.9</b>
<b>Required Draws to/(from) Reserve</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Expenditures)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Draft budget only, pending approval by our Board of Directors. Staff will continue to work with budget holders to finalize the 2024 budget.



## Investing in Lake Simcoe

Budget Submissions*	2023 Restated Budget (in 000s)	2024 Proposed Budget (in 000s)					2025 Outlook (in 000s)
		Category 1 Core	Category 1 LSP	Category 2	Category 3	TOTAL	
York Region	6,015	3,798	1,569	534	231	6,133	6,256
Barrie	1,450	951	401	66	58	1,476	1,506
Durham Region	509	335	142	23	20	521	531
Bradford West Gwillimbury	454	304	122	21	18	465	474
Innisfil	400	263	110	18	16	408	416
Oro-Medonte	92	57	30	4	3	94	96
Ramara	79	53	21	4	3	80	82
Kawartha Lakes	57	20	35	1	1	59	60
New Tesumseth	45	28	14	2	2	46	47
Orillia (new for 2024)	66	-	67	-	-	67	68
<b>Total Municipal Investment</b>	<b>\$ 9,166</b>	<b>\$ 5,810</b>	<b>\$ 2,510</b>	<b>\$ 674</b>	<b>\$ 354</b>	<b>\$ 9,349</b>	<b>\$ 9,535</b>
<b>Increase in Investment</b>						<b>\$ 183</b>	<b>\$ 187</b>
<b>Increase as a percentage</b>						<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

\* Subject to Board of Directors approval, totals will not change but re-allocations between programs may occur.



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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:09 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Land Acknowledgement

R. Purnwasie, Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach\*, Oshawa  
D. Campbell\*, Whitby  
P. Chandwani\*, Whitby  
W. Henshall\*, Whitby, attended the meeting at 1:57 PM  
M. Lloyd\*, Oshawa  
Councillor McDougall\*  
J. McEwen\*, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
R. Purnwasie\*, Ajax, Chair  
L. Williams\*, Pickering, attended the meeting at 1:18 PM  
**\*denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Blum, Scugog  
S. Sones, Whitby

#### Staff

Present: N. Dash\*, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Hines\*, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**\*denotes staff participating electronically**

### 3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

N. Prasad called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by J. McEwen,  
That R. Purnwasie be nominated for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

N. Prasad asked if R. Purnwasie wished to stand. R. Purnwasie indicated she would stand.

R. Purnwasie was acclaimed as the Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by P. Chandwani,  
That D. Campbell be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,  
That J. McEwen be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by M. Lloyd,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

N. Prasad asked if D. Campbell wished to stand. D. Campbell indicated she did not wish to stand.

N. Prasad asked if J. McEwen wished to stand. J. McEwen indicated he would stand.

J. McEwen was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

R. Purnwasie, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### 4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 6. **Presentations**

##### A) Neisha Mitchell, CNIB re: Get on Board Report: Results from Accessible Transit Campaign Fall 2023 – Summary of Findings provided to AAC

Neisha Mitchell and Magda Madsen, CNIB, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to CNIB's Get on Board Transit Campaign Overview.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Consultations with the Community
- Get on Board Transit Campaign
- Key Summary Comments
- What we Learned from the Town Hall
- What we Learned
- Wrap up/Contact Us

N. Mitchell stated that the Get on Board Campaign kicked off in late August 2023. She stated that between January and June 2023, CNIB embarked on a consultation with the blind, partially sighted and key stakeholder community members and hosted 45 consultations with over 1300 participants. They deployed 3 surveys in 9 different languages with over 400 respondents; executed a 6-week text message campaign with over 6000 responses; and held focus groups with over 125 participants. She advised that 3 key themes emerged from the engagement which formed the strategic commitments in CNIB's new Strategic Plan, "The Way Forward 2023-2028".

N. Mitchell stated that a key focus from the community members was on accessible transit and conventional transit and how it can be made more accessible for blind, partially sighted and deaf blind community members. She advised that 3 campaign activities were hosted: Transit Ride-Along; Secret Rider Survey; and Transit Town Halls and provided an overview of the comments received from the campaign. She stated that the key takeaways are as follows:

- Bright lime green seats made locating an empty seat easier for someone partially sighted;

- Location of the bus shelter entrance was a challenge;
- Volume needs to be increased on stop announcement as it is challenging to hear when air conditioning or heat is on; and
- Updated and detailed training on various disabilities is important for new and existing drivers.

She further stated that the following comments were provided at the Town Hall:

- Community members felt uncomfortable and unsafe when taking public transit and would rather take uber or rely on friends and family;
- Some community members remain isolated;
- Bus shelters do not have lights or signs which make it difficult to commute in the dark;
- Improper snow shovelling can cause problems and issues;
- Due to the change of specialized services, many community members do not quality;
- Community members stress that the criteria around having a support person should be the applicant's choice and not be mandatory; and
- It is important to have public education and awareness (more specialized training for DRT staff, public awareness campaigns, blindness etiquette, priority seating, etc.).

Discussion ensued with regards to the various challenges in taking public transit; whether drivers are trained in accessibility so that the riders feel supported when using the service; whether riders can connect with DRT for training; the importance of snow clearing and adequate lighting at bus stops; the possibility of doing the transit ride-along again; whether there is an opportunity to look at other reports from other Regions; the committee's comments should be provided to the Transit Advisory Committee; and the importance of having transit staff engage with various groups as part of their mandate.

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **A) Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan 2024**

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A copy of the 2024 Annual Work Plan was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

Discussion ensued and it was recommended that changes be made to the wording included in the 2024 Workplan with regards to the following:

- The proposed Activities under the Priority Area of 'Facilities and Site Plan Review'
- The proposed Activities under the Priority Area of 'Advise Council'
- The proposed Activities under the Priority Area 'Subcommittees'
- The proposed Activities under the Priority Area 'Accessibility Report'
- The proposed Activities under the Priority Area 'Advocacy'

It was the consensus of the committee that the Workplan be circulated to the committee with the proposed amendments within the next few days.

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

B) Updated Terms of Reference

A copy of the 2024 Updated Terms of Reference was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda.

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by M. Lloyd,  
That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2024 updated Terms of Reference as contained in Attachment #4 to the agenda, be adopted.

CARRIED

**8. Correspondence**

A) Letter from Peterborough AAC dated November 15, 2023 regarding Accessibility of eScribe Software

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That the correspondence from the Peterborough Accessibility Advisory Committee dated November 15, 2023 be forwarded to the Regional Clerk with a request that it be forwarded to the Municipal Clerks of the lower tier municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by A. Beach, Seconded by J. McEwen,  
That Items 9.A) to 9. E) and Item 11 be deferred to the meeting scheduled for March 26, 2024.

CARRIED

**9. Information Items**

A) Site Plan Sub-Committee Update

This item was deferred.

B) Education Sub-Committee Update

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This item was deferred.

C) Transit Advisory Committee Update (TAC)

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This item was deferred.

D) Durham Region Equity Audit Recommendations

This item was deferred.

E) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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This item was deferred.

**10. Reports for Information**

There were no reports to consider.

**11. Other Business**

A) Sub-Committees Overview and Membership

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This item was deferred.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by D. Campbell,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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R. Purnwasie, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

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N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council



## **DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES**

### **Location**

Virtual

### **Date & Time**

February 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee was held on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. This meeting was also livestreamed on <https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region>. Comments and questions from members of the public observing the meeting can be emailed to [dnhc@durham.ca](mailto:dnhc@durham.ca).

### **Attendance**

#### **Members**

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) (Chair)  
Lisa Fortuna, DRHD  
Caitlyn Paget, DRHD  
Phil Dunn, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)  
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)  
Loc Nguyen, OPG  
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University (OTU)  
Susan Ebata, Public Member  
Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul, Public Member  
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member  
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Public Member  
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member  
Bill Rattan, Alternate Public Member  
Adam de Grosbois, Alternate Public Member  
Madison Kidd, Youth Public Member  
Madisen Wood, Youth Public Member

#### **Presenters & Staff**

Dianne San Juan, DRHD (Secretary)  
John Henry, Region of Durham, Regional Chair and CEO  
Sendi Struna, DRHD  
Helen Tanevski, DRHD  
Marilena Michienzi, OPG  
Mary LaChapelle, Durham Emergency Management (DEM)  
Michael Munro, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO)  
Lindsay Hamilton, OPG  
Roger Inacio, Region of Durham, IT- Service Delivery



## **Regrets**

Janice Dusek, Public Member  
Veena Lalman, Public Member  
Hardev Bains, Public Member  
Jane Snyder, Public Member

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement by Dr. Kyle.

Dr. Kyle mentioned that observers who have questions concerning presentations should email or discuss their requests with Dianne San Juan, DNHC Secretary, at [dnhc@durham.ca](mailto:dnhc@durham.ca).

Dianne will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the observers' questions. Dianne will report back to Dr. Kyle the outcomes of the questions received.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was adopted.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the November 17, 2023 meeting were adopted as written.

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **3.1 Darlington Nuclear Community Advisory Council, Notice of Participation at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Public Hearing 2024-H-02 and Written Submission**

Received from Francis Gillis, Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited on December 13, 2023; a copy of the submission to the CNSC which outlines the Darlington Nuclear Community Advisory Council's (CAC) intent to appear at the Public Hearing 2024-H-02 and to provide the associated written submission to support the applicability of the Darlington New Nuclear Project Environmental Assessment and Plant Parameter Envelope to the Selected Reactor Technology, the General Electric Hitachi (GEH) BWRX-300 reactor.

### **3.2 Additional information to support CNSC November 17, 2023 DNHC Presentation**

Information received from Nicole Simon (Senior Project Officer, Advanced Reactors Licensing Division, CNSC) on December 21, 2023 and emailed to the Committee on December 22, 2023.

## **4. Presentations**

All meeting presentations will be made available on the [Council and Committee Meetings Calendar](#). PDF files for each presentation can be accessed using the agenda HTML link and a video recording of the meeting can be viewed using the webstreaming link that will be provided approximately two weeks after this meeting date.

### **4.1 Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablet Distribution Program**

Presented by Sendi Struna, Manager, Health Protection Division, Durham Region Health Department

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Potassium Iodide tablets
- Legislative requirements
- KI Tablet distribution program
- Public Awareness Campaign

Key messages from awareness campaigns:

- Anyone within 10 KM of a nuclear generating station (NGS), should have a supply of KI tablets
- Anyone within 50KM can order a FREE supply of KI tablets
- In the highly unlikely event of a nuclear emergency, KI tablets are key to keeping you safe
- Call the DRHD if you have any questions or need assistance with ordering tablets: Durham Health Connection Line: 905-668-2020 or 1800-841-2729 or email [health@durham.ca](mailto:health@durham.ca)

More information: [PrepareToBeSafe.ca](http://PrepareToBeSafe.ca)

There were no questions following the presentation.

### **4.2 Durham Emergency Management (DEM) Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Program**

Presented by Mary La Chapelle, Acting Deputy Director, DEM

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Nuclear program activities and 2024 plans were discussed
- Details of DEM's nuclear program activities, such as nuclear plans, training, exercises and drills, committees and working groups, public education and awareness and alerting, were discussed
- At The Ready Campaign launched during Emergency Preparedness week, 2023; order your guide from <https://forms.durham.ca/Order-your-At-The-Ready-guide>
- Collaborating with the City of Toronto and OPG on the Nuclear Public Education Plan with an integrated communications framework to amplify messaging, identify synergies, coordinate strategic decisions, and share resources
- Conducted annual test of the public alerting landline mass notification system; public alerting outdoor sirens were also updated and tested successfully

### Questions:

**Adam de Grosbois: Is there a reason we don't utilize the Emergency Alert system (similar to Amber Alerts)? A lot of folks don't have landlines anymore and rely strictly on cellphones. It would also help those who are not able to hear the alerts.**

Mary La Chapelle: If there was a nuclear emergency, or any type of emergency, Alert Ready would be included in the response and is issued by Province of Ontario. Alerts are geotargeted for the impacted area. DEM has a process in place for this.

**Lubna Nazneen: What kind of exercises are done at schools in Durham?**

Mary La Chapelle: DEM reviews nuclear plans from school boards to ensure they meet legislative requirements and are in line with Durham's plan and the provincial plan. Individual school boards are responsible for their own nuclear exercises. Planning involves evacuation of children and parents meeting their children at the temporary holding center.

**Susan Ebata: Is there reference in the plan for areas outside 10 km but within 50 km of the NGSs? Are there procedures included in any of the plans (provincial, Durham, or Darlington or Pickering NGSs) for the Town of Whitby?**

Mary La Chapelle: For areas outside of 10 km, it would fall in the ingestion planning zone or contingency planning. The response would depend on the event and which zone is impacted, along with other considerations.

Sendi Struna: Distribution of KI tablets is not mandatory outside of 10 km and within 50 km of NGSs. KI tablets are free for these residents and they are able to order them online. Please visit the [PrepareToBeSafe.ca](https://PrepareToBeSafe.ca) website, you can enter your postal code and it will tell you if you are eligible for KI tablets. Alternatively,

you may also call the Durham Region Health Department, Durham Health Connection Line: 905-668-2020 or 1800-841-2729 or email [health@durham.ca](mailto:health@durham.ca). In the event there was a nuclear incident, there would be time to determine if and when an area needs to ingest KI tablets. The Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Kyle will decide if it is necessary to take KI tablets. This information will be disseminated through all media channels.

Mary LaChapelle: The province would lead the response to a nuclear event and provide instructions for KI tablets. DEM will share these instructions with the impacted communities, using the indoor public alerting system, social media, websites, etc.. The Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) outlines roles and responsibilities, but it is not so detailed, to allow for flexible response in different scenarios.

#### **4.3 Progress Report by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2023 and its Plans for 2024 in Durham Region in Ontario**

Presented by Marilena Michienzi, Section Manager, Site Emergency Preparedness Implementation, OPG

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Introduced new Senior Manager for Emergency Management, Ghulam Khawaja
- Enterprise Emergency Management mandate, 2023 highlights, and 2024 priorities were discussed
- OPG practices the response capability through 10+ simulated emergencies every year and maintains plans, equipment, and facilities to ensure this capability is sustained
- Exercise Unified Command 2023 – a 3-day large scale nuclear exercise at Pickering NGS; to test interoperability and elements of each organization’s respective emergency plans; included participation from OPG, CNSC, provincial EMO, Durham Region, Pickering Fire and Centennial College; each NGS must do this every three years
- KI tablets were distributed through orders via [preparetobesafe.ca](http://preparetobesafe.ca) and the New Neighbors program (for residents within 10 km of the NGS), as well as orders from interested members of the public within the 50 km zone
- In 2024, will continue with drills and exercises, maintaining partnerships with external partners, Indigenous engagement, investigating new innovations and technologies, new small modular reactor design emergency management practices, transition plans for emergency response at the Pickering NGS, and KI program

Reports are available at [opg.com/nuclearsafety](http://opg.com/nuclearsafety).

There were no questions following the presentation.

#### **4.4 Updates by Emergency Management Office (EMO), concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2023 and its Plans for 2024 in Durham Region**

Presented by Michael Munro, Senior Manager, Nuclear, Radiological & Scientific Response Programs, EMO

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of Nuclear Emergency Management Program (NEMP), activities in 2023 and deliverables in 2024
- Nuclear exercises in 2023 and upcoming nuclear exercises were discussed
- International Atomic Energy Agency Emergency Preparedness Review – 6-year audit of the NEMP and all elements; report is available on the IAEA website
- In the process of revising and updating the PNERP – concurrently working on First Nations and Indigenous Community consultations and stakeholder/public consultations in 2024; cabinet approvals and publication in targeted for winter 2024/2025
- Working on a province first recovery plan, between all ministries as well as municipal and utility partners

There were no questions following the presentation.

## **5. Communications**

### **5.1 Community updates at Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear**

**Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Corporate Relations, Pickering Nuclear** provided community updates for Pickering and Darlington NGS:

- Pickering refurbishment announcement for units 5-8
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – CNSC hearing wrapped up Jan 2024, regarding applicability of the environmental assessment for the project to the selected SMR technology; Durham representatives presented as willing host communities; CNSC decision is required before OPG can move further to a license to construct for the project; hearing outcome is expected in the next few months
- Bring Back the Salmon educational hatchery launched on January 26th, in partnership with Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)
- Build what you can event – OPG teams built structures with non-perishable food items; food collected were donated to Feed the Need Durham
- December 2023 food and toy drives

- February 21 and 28 – Pickering is hosting community information sessions; information about these sessions is available on [www.opg.com](http://www.opg.com)
- Neighbours Newsletter to be delivered to homes shortly

There were no questions received during the meeting.

## **6. Other Business**

Dr. Kyle discussed the following Committee updates:

1) Dates for 2024 DNHC meetings are as follows:

April 19, 2024

June 21, 2024

September 13, 2024

November 29, 2024

2) Other updates

- All meeting presentations will be made available on the Regional Council and Committee Meetings Calendar. This can be navigated to via the “DNHC meetings, agendas, presentations and minutes” tab on our webpage [durham.ca/dnhc](http://durham.ca/dnhc). A video recording of meetings can be viewed using the webstreaming link provided approximately two weeks after each meeting. Posting of the video recording for this meeting will be delayed due to technical issues.

## **7. Next Meeting**

### **Date & Time**

April 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Virtual via Teams

## **8. Adjournment**

2:50 PM