



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Meeting of Regional Council Revised Agenda

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council Chambers
Regional Headquarters Building
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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re: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax (2018-COW-101)

Recommendation: Motion to adopt recommendations A), B), C), and D) contained in CC 05.

- *7.3 CC 06 Confidential Memorandum from Kelly McDermott, Senior Solicitor
re: an Update to Report #2024-A-3: Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services – Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations with respect to CUPE Local 1785, and CUPE 132; and Approval for Management/Exempt Group to Adopt Annual Economic Increase Mirror Language

Recommendation: Refer to consideration of Item #3 of Report #1 of the Finance & Administration Committee [Item 9.1 on the agenda]

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There is no Unfinished Business

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14.1 2024-006

Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2, and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630 for the purposes of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence CC 05, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on February 28, 2024.

15. Confirming By-law

15.1 2024-007

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 28th day of February, 2024.

16. Adjournment

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Regional Chair Henry 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 large Métis communities and growing Inuit communities 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

The following members were present:

Councillor Anderson

Councillor Ashe

Councillor Barton attended the meeting at 11:10 AM

Councillor Brenner

Councillor Carter left the meeting at 2:20 PM

Councillor Chapman, left the meeting at 2:20 PM

Councillor Collier* left the meeting at 11:00 AM

Councillor Cook

Councillor Crawford left the meeting at 12:02 PM

Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb* left the meeting at 2:20 PM
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri, left the meeting at 2:20 PM
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy left the meeting at 2:20 PM
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid left the meeting at 2:45 PM
Councillor Woo attended the meeting at 11:00 AM and left the meeting at 2:20 PM
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada left the meeting at 1:18 PM
Regional Chair Henry

*** indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person**

All members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Leahy, Nicholson, and Pickles

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

4. Presentations

Chair Henry provided opening remarks and thanked members for attending today's Special Council Meeting to provide direction on Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan. Chair Henry added that strategic planning is a critical component for all organizations and provides a framework to guide programs and services.

Sandra Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives, provided opening remarks and advised that Durham Region's Strategic Plan is the guiding document that outlines how the Region delivers service excellence through leadership, collaboration, innovation and environmental stewardship.

Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO, provided reflections on the current 2020-2024 Durham Region Strategic Plan, and noted that the plan enabled the Region to make significant advancements in all five goal areas including:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity

- Social Investment
- Service Excellence

E. Baxter-Trahair stated that it is important to continue to communicate these program successes and advised that in March 2023, the Region brought the first Durham Region Strategic Plan Community Dashboard to Council. This public-facing dashboard shows the Region's progress towards achieving the goals, with updates on key performance metrics and trends.

E. Baxter-Trahair advised that the Region is currently collecting 2023 year-end data and plan to bring an update to Council in the Spring.

S. Austin stated that comparable to the current Strategic Plan, the 2025 Plan will be informed by Council's input, by the community through public engagement and by staff conversations.

S. Austin advised that the Region is taking a new approach to strategic planning by applying strategic foresight methodology to help imagine and design possible and preferred futures and noted that this approach is particularly useful when circumstances are "unpredictable".

S. Austin further advised that KerrSmith Design has been contracted to support Council with this work. S. Austin noted that KerrSmith Design is a multidisciplinary research and innovation studio specializing in Foresight and Design with over 25+ years of strategic planning and strategic foresight experience. Over the last several weeks, KerrSmith Design has led members from the Strategic Plan Steering Committee and Advisory Group through the required preparations to bring Council together today.

S. Austin advised that following today's planning workshop, staff will take direction to advance project planning and will continue to execute the engagement phase, which includes launching the community engagement and consultation activities in March. A "What We Heard" report, will be presented to Committee in June 2024 which will summarize all the engagement completed between now and the Spring. The information will be used to develop the Strategic Plan over the summer and staff will bring forward the recommendations to Council for review and approval before the end of 2024.

Councillor Crawford provided comments as one of Council's representatives on the Steering Committee and noted that the committee participated in a number of sessions, and that priorities kept shifting, which is a reflection of the Region's current reality.

4.1 Helen Kerr, Co-President and Nigel Smith, Co-President, KerrSmith Design re:
Developing Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan

Helen Kerr provided welcome and introductions.

H. Kerr outlined how a Futures Informed Strategy is created and outlined major world events over the past five years.

H. Kerr and S. Austin responded to questions from members of Council with respect to what the level of staff engagement will be in strategic planning, and whether possible “downstream consequences” will be contemplated as part of the strategic planning process.

H. Kerr outlined the Region’s current status in the strategic planning process.

H. Kerr asked Council to participate in an exercise in ‘Understanding the Current Context’ by providing observations about current concerns in the Region. Members noted concerns including homelessness, housing affordability, embracing diversity, media independence, the use of technology, climate change, addiction, food insecurity, mental health, political concerns, prioritization of resources, and cultural shifts.

H. Kerr observed that many of the concerns raised were systemic and interconnected.

Council recessed at 10:50 AM and reconvened at 11:00 AM.

H. Kerr spoke about “Framing the Future We Want” and asked members to make note of what they would like to see in Durham Region in the future. Members provided ideas including being innovative but also thoughtful; sustainability; government funding from all levels of government for what they are responsible for; creating villages and limiting sprawl (intensification in core areas); active transportation; affordable housing mix; partnerships with all levels of government and with community agencies; liveable communities with services, greenspace and infrastructure to support them; strategic provision of services and funding (reduce duplication); vibrant downtowns; a sense of community/kindness; providing leadership towards a civilized, customer centric governance model; and attracting well paying jobs and economic development to the Region.

H. Kerr outlined the process they use which includes looking at a ‘future vision’ which is used as a lens to assess possible choices; ‘exploratory futures’ which are used as a lens to assess possible impacts; and a ‘preferred future’ which can be used for the strategy.

H. Kerr reported on the results of the Strategic Planning survey that Council members completed and asked members to share what they think is missing from the current strategic plan. Members commented on making sure that plans are actionable; looking at what we do not want to be; making sure plans are measurable; resiliency; and keeping things simple and understandable.

A question was raised about whether the Region has been measuring the successes of the current Strategic Plan. S. Austin and E. Baxter-Trahair advised that the extent to which the Region has made progress or delivered on specific actions is measured, there are individual key performance indicators, and the data is available in a publicly accessible dashboard.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Kerr

(1) That Council recess for lunch.

CARRIED

Council recessed for lunch at 12:02 PM and reconvened at 12:31 PM.

The Clerk conducted a roll call following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Anderson, Ashe, Crawford, Leahy, Nicholson, and Pickles.

Councillors Anderson and Ashe attended the meeting at 12:36 PM.

H. Kerr spoke about “Developing Strategic Pathways to Achieve our Goals” and outlined the current Strategic Plan goals. H. Kerr advised that most members indicated that they wanted to keep the same goals and asked members to think about how those goals might change moving forward and whether there are other goals that should be addressed. Members formed three break-out groups to discuss the Strategic Plan goals.

Council recessed into break-out groups at 12:40 PM and reconvened at 1:45 PM.

Break-out groups discussed three main areas:

- How the current Strategic Plan goals are impacted by emergent issues
- Identifying any goals that are not currently included in the plan
- Ranking the goals in order of importance

One representative from each group provided a debrief on what was discussed during the break-out session. Representatives advised that discussions occurred with respect to:

- Revitalizing waterfront areas;
- The speed in which we can do business;
- Taking advantage of green energy opportunities;
- Competing with the City of Toronto;

- Aligning Durham Region municipalities;
- Environmentally friendly building techniques;
- Using existing technology to promote green initiatives;
- The risks of Electric Vehicles on roads – building infrastructure to match;
- The need for jobs closer to home;
- Capitalizing on and celebrating diversity;
- The importance of social investments e.g. community events;
- The use of AI technology;
- Focussing funding requests to higher levels of government;
- Housing vulnerable populations;
- Global unrest;
- Liveable communities;
- Corporate partnerships;
- Changing the “Environmental Sustainability” goal to ‘Environmental Responsibility’;
- Active transportation and promoting healthy living;
- Venture capital to keep new business start-ups in the Region and attract new business;
- Social investments for groups in need e.g. seniors;
- The importance of timely communications, measurable outcomes and opportunities for public participation;
- The descriptions for goals need to change to match the ultimate goals;
- Creating a happy and innovative environment for staff so that we can achieve the goals – including using advances in technology, making it clear that mistakes are welcome and innovation encouraged;
- Looking at legislative amendments;
- Government advocacy to gain supports to provide services;
- Economic prosperity should be a lead goal;
- The need to hear from the community and staff about emerging issues; and
- Countering misinformation.

Comments were made with respect to budgeting for strategic initiatives; the need for economic prosperity to achieve all goals; the importance of having some flexibility built into strategic planning; and advocating to other levels of government for funding for priorities that are not under the Region’s financial mandate.

Council recessed at 2:20 PM and reconvened at 2:30 PM.

H. Kerr advised that the timeline for the Strategic Plan needs to be established and it is currently a 5-year plan. H. Kerr asked for input from Council on the timeline. Comments were made with respect to having a 4-year plan with a 1-year offset from the beginning of a term of Council; and that 4 years may be too short to make significant progress on the ambitious goals in the Plan.

A question was raised with respect to how long the timelines are for other municipality's Strategic Plans. H. Kerr advised that some Strategic Plans are for longer time periods with built-in flexibility to make amendments if needed. S. Austin advised that implementation plans could be reviewed before the end of the term for the Plan.

H. Kerr solicited feedback on how the Region can ensure success of the Plan and noted the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Comments were made with respect to using public engagement and KPIs, and annual reporting tied to the budget process.

A question was raised with respect to how much the public typically engages on the Plan, and whether their priorities generally align with Council's priorities. S. Austin advised that public engagement was significant for the current Plan and that priorities were mostly in line with those of Council when scoped appropriately.

H. Kerr asked members to think about whether there is anything in particular they think the public should be asked in the public engagement survey and advised that suggestions could be sent to S. Austin. A question was raised with respect to the types of surveys that will be used and whether the surveys will provide education to the respondents as well as soliciting engagement.

H. Kerr outlined next steps including public consultations and community surveys; exploration of alternative futures; drafting strategic directions based on all feedback; and reporting back to Council.

5. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cook, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(2) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

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All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillor Carter.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Regional Chair Henry stated that Hospice Awareness Day in Durham Region was celebrated on Monday, January 29th with the raising of 3 flags for each of their locations in Durham Region: Clarington, Port Perry and Whitby. He stated that the Marigold Hospice Care build in Clarington is now underway. Tendering is complete; the construction contract has been awarded and they anticipate beginning operations in 2025. He stated that fundraising continues for the building as well as the medical equipment and supplies.

Regional Chair Henry also stated that Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham, located in Port Perry, currently serves every community in the Regional Municipality of Durham and is currently the only hospice residence in the Region. He stated that it was nominated by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce as a finalist for the 2024 Business Excellence Awards in the category of Community Engagement.

Regional Chair Henry further stated that Hospice Whitby, which is also known as Roger Anderson House, will be going to tender shortly and is hoping to celebrate a ground breaking in the Spring. He stated that hospices provide support and comfort to families facing end-of-life illnesses and depend on fund-raised dollars from community members.

Regional Chair Henry stated that February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month in Durham Region. He stated that Black History Month is a time to recognize the positive impact of Black contributions to the Region and Canada. He stated that on February 1st, Durham Region and community partners will come together to celebrate Black History Month at Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex in Pickering. The theme is “Together We Rise Durham: Black History, Intersectionality and Joy” and the evening will include live music, performances and a panel discussion.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(1) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on December 20, 2023;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 17, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Recognition of Local Residents for their Help and Efforts in Saving the Life of Mr. Jim Stanger on April 21, 2023

Regional Chair Henry stated that the Region would like to recognize 8 individuals for saving the life of Jim Stanger. He advised that Jim Stanger collapsed when he suffered a cardiac event while jogging at the Heber Down Conservation Area in Whitby. The 8 individuals responded quickly to provide CPR and placing a call to 911, while others ran for help towards a nearby street, where they saw a Whitby Fire Services Firetruck who had been called out on a false alarm.

The following individuals were recognized and thanked by Regional Chair Henry, Dr. Kyle, and Deputy Chief Jake Svanda on behalf of Regional Council:

- Jim Stanger
- Shelly Dennis-Gordon
- Shelly Edwards
- Brenda Bemis
- Aranka Mason
- Patrick Meade
- Bill Woolley
- Liza Smith

5.2 Mackenzie Dupont, Case Coordinator and Ashley Johns, Case Coordinator, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division re: Ontario Works: Trusteed Youth Program

Lisa McIntosh, Director, Income and Employment Support, introduced Mackenzie Dupont, Case Coordinator and Ashley Johns, Case Coordinator, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, who provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Ontario Works: Trusted Youth Program.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Ontario Works: Supporting and Empowering Youth
- Trusted Youth (TY) Program
- Trusted Youth
- Program Benefits for 16-17 year old Youth
- Trustee Youth Program Partnerships
- Current Youth Served
- Challenges
- Measures of Success
- Community Feedback

L. McIntosh responded to questions from members of council.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

7. Communications

CC 01 Memorandum dated January 11, 2024 from Adnan Naeem, Solicitor re: By-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(2) That Council Correspondence CC 01 from Adnan Naeem, Solicitor regarding By-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, be received for information.
CARRIED

CC 02 Memorandum dated January 31, 2024 from Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk re: Repeal and Replacement of Deputy Clerk "Pro Tem" By-law

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(3) That Council Correspondence CC 02 from Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk regarding the Repeal and Replacement of Deputy Clerk "Pro Tem" By-law, be received for information.
CARRIED

CC 03 Memorandum dated January 24, 2024 from Alexander McPherson, Solicitor re: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Liberty Street (Regional Road 14) Road Rehabilitation and Urbanization Project from Longworth Avenue to Concession Road 3, in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-COW-29)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,

- (4) That recommendations A), B), C) and D) as stated in Council Correspondence CC 03 from Alexander McPherson, Solicitor regarding Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Liberty Street (Regional Road 14) Road Rehabilitation and Urbanization Project from Longworth Avenue to Concession Road 3, in the Municipality of Clarington, be adopted.

CARRIED

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

There are no reports related to Delegations/Presentations.

9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions

9.1 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

1. Approval to Accept One-Time Federal Funding for Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Provided by Infrastructure Canada (2024-SS-1)
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[CARRIED]

- A) That approval be granted to accept one-time Federal funding from Infrastructure Canada in the amount of up to \$1,831,412 for the period of November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, to be expended in accordance with the Reaching Home guidelines; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Social Services be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements related to the Reaching Home program in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (5) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #1 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2 Report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-1)
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[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-P-1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report #2024-P-1; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-1 be forwarded to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and Durham's Area Municipalities.
2. Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-2)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2024-P-2 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report #2024-P-2; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-2 be forwarded to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee and Durham's Area Municipalities.
3. Durham Active Transportation Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-3)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2024-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Active Transportation Committee 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-P-3; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-3 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, Conservation Authorities, and Durham's Area Municipalities.
4. Smart Mobility Durham 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-4)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-P-4 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Smart Mobility Durham's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan;
- B) That Smart Mobility Durham's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 2 to Report #2024-P-4; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-4 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, and the Area Municipalities.

5. Durham Region's Active Transportation Progress Report 2022-2023 (2024-P5)
[CARRIED]

That Report #2024-P-5 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received by Council for information.

6. Tourism Delivery in Durham Region and Comments on Central Counties Tourism Draft 2024-2025 Business Plan (2023-EDT-2)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-EDT-2 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be submitted to Central Counties Tourism as Durham Region's comments on their draft 2024-2025 Business Plan, and that Central Counties Tourism be advised that Durham Tourism (Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism Division) remains the preferred Destination Management Organization for Durham Region;
- B) That the Region continue to collaborate with Central Counties Tourism and area municipal tourism staff and organizations to promote, support, and develop the tourism industries in Durham Region; and
- C) That Report #2024-EDT-2 be sent to all other municipalities covered by the work of Central Counties Tourism, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, and Durham's area municipalities.

7. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act
[CARRIED]

That Regional Council be advised of Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) being in support of Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act and that it be received for information.

8. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) Battery Storage Sites
[CARRIED]

That Regional Council be advised of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) not being in support of battery storage sites being located on, or adjacent to, agricultural land in Durham Region.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (6) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 8 inclusive of Report #1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.3 Report of the Works Committee

1. Appointment of Additional Risk Management Official as required by the Clean Water Act, 2006 (2024-W-1)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Regional Council appoint Shelly Cuddy as Risk Management Official under the Clean Water Act, 2006, Part IV, Sec.47(6);
 - B) That the Regional Clerk issue a certificate of appointment bearing the clerk's signature to the Risk Management Official as appointed by Regional Council;
 - C) That the necessary by-laws be amended to affect the appointment;
 - D) That the Regional Clerk circulate Report #2024-W-1 of the Acting Commissioner of Works to Source Protection Authorities with a request to obtain Section 88 Powers of Entry for Regional staff for the purposes of inspection as defined in the Clean Water Act, 2006; and
 - E) That the Regional Clerk circulate Report #2024-W-1 to the Clerks of local municipalities and Chairs of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe, Trent Conservation Coalition and Credit Valley Toronto and Region Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committees.
2. Sole Source Purchase of System Integrator Services from Talan (formerly Createch) for the upgrade of IBM's (the vendor) Enterprise Maintenance Management System (Maximo) to IBM's (Maximo Application Suite (MAS) Platform) (2024-W-2)
[CARRIED]

- A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Talan (formerly Createch) for the provision of System Integrator Services for the upgrade of the existing IBM's Enterprise Asset Management Software (Maximo) to be compatible with the Software provider's (IBM) most recent platform, Maximo Application Suite (MAS), for a total project estimated amount of \$751,250* to be funded within the approved project budget; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents for the negotiated agreement.
(*) before applicable taxes

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (7) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 2 inclusive of Report #1 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.4 Report of the Committee of the Whole

- 1. Courtice Transit-Oriented Community District Energy System Preliminary Business Case Update (2024-COW-1)

[CARRIED]

- A) That Regional Council endorse in principle the concept of a district energy system (DES) in the Courtice Transit-Oriented Community (CTOC) that leverages waste heat from Regional infrastructure in the adjacent Clarington Energy Park, as outlined in Report #2024-COW-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-1;
- B) That Regional Council direct staff to work with staff from the Municipality of Clarington to incorporate the DES concept into the CTOC Secondary Plan to support the future implementation of a DES focused on serving new development in the CTOC Major Transit Station Area (MTSA);
- C) That Regional Council direct staff to evaluate potential grant and low-interest financing options that might be available to support the proposed CTOC DES project concept; and

- D) That Regional Council direct staff to evaluate ownership and governance models for the CTOC DES in collaboration with the Municipality of Clarington, landowners in the area, as well as potential energy utility partners, and report back to Council in mid-2024 with a recommendation as well as an updated and refined preliminary business case, identifying Regional financial, business planning and budget implications, opportunity costs and assessment of risk and potential mitigation strategies based on refined project timing and implementation strategies.
2. Durham Region's Response to provincial consultation on proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 316/07 related to the establishment of a recreational class provincial park within the Township of Uxbridge (ERO Posting #019-7733) (2024-COW-2)
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- [CARRIED]

- A) That the following Regional staff comments be endorsed and forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #019-7733 related to the establishment of recreational class provincial park within the Township of Uxbridge:
 - i) It is requested that the Region be included in any stakeholder advisory committees and/or working groups related to park management planning, to ensure regional interests are recognized;
 - ii) It should be made clear how the province envisions the connections between the individual parcels of proposed park, as this will likely require coordination on implementation and maintenance between the Region, Province, Township of Uxbridge, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and private landowners;
 - iii) It is requested that the province consult with the Region on potential land rights that may be required to accommodate potential future Regional infrastructure projects in the park area;
 - iv) The list of permitted uses within specific locations in the park should be clarified to ensure no negative impacts on significant natural features;

- v) The province, in partnership with the Region and Township of Uxbridge, should investigate trail and cycling connections between the proposed park and other significant tourism areas (e.g., Rouge National Urban Park, Durham Region Forest, CN Rail Trail) to support and strengthen sustainable tourism and active transportation initiatives within the Township and wider region;
 - vi) Access points for the proposed park should be identified, to assist Regional staff in understanding alignment with current and future plans for active transportation connectivity and cycling tourism;
 - vii) An analysis of increased traffic volumes from various modes and road users from within and outside Durham should be conducted to determine required modifications to planned and existing transportation infrastructure, as identified through the Regional Transportation Master Plan, Regional Cycling Plan, and Regional Official Plan. This analysis should also address potential impacts and mitigation measures on the Regional road network, Strategic Goods Movement Network, and on the surrounding community;
 - viii) Protection and conservation of the land as a publicly accessibly provincial park supports resident wellness and economic prosperity by enhancing biodiversity and air and water quality, providing increased access to green space and opportunities for physical activity and social connection, and providing a new opportunity to attract tourism and generate increased visitor spending at locally owned and operated businesses; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-2 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development be forwarded to the Township of Uxbridge and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

3. Family Physician Recruitment Program (2024-COW-3)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the recommendations contained within the Family Physician Recruitment Strategy (Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-3 of the Commissioners of Planning & Economic Development and Finance) be endorsed, being the creation of a Durham Region-wide program to attract and retain family medicine trainees and family physicians to Durham, and the hiring of a full-time permanent family physician recruiter by the Durham Ontario Health Team (DOHT);

- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be directed to identify a source for one-time funding of up to \$55,000 in the 2024 budget subject to an extension agreement between the Durham Economic Development Partnership, the Region and Area Municipalities, through the Clarington Board of Trade;
 - C) That a total contribution from the Region and local municipalities of up to \$225,000 annually, beginning in 2025 (with annual escalation by CPI plus 2 per cent), be approved for the Physician Retention and Recruitment Strategy in three-year increments and conditional upon the program meeting established performance metrics, annual financial participation by the local area municipalities, and further subject to an annual update to Council and Council approval annually of the annual Business Plans and Budget, to the DOHT for the delivery of this program;
 - D) That area municipalities be requested to participate in a reasonable cost-sharing arrangement, whereby the core funding for this program would be shared between the Region and the area municipalities annually, and report back to Regional Council at the appropriate time;
 - E) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any funding agreements, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, necessary to implement these recommendations; and
 - F) That Report #2024-COW-3 be provided to Durham Region's area municipalities and to the Durham Ontario Health Team.
4. Approval of Memoranda of Understanding between Durham Region and Partner Conservation Authorities (2024-COW-4)
[CARRIED]
- A) That separate Memoranda of Understanding be entered into between the Region of Durham and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority;
 - B) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Memoranda of Understanding, substantially in the form as attached to Report #2024-COW-4 of the Commissioners of Planning & Economic Development and Finance as Attachments #1 to 5 subject to any immaterial amendments, and any future amendments or ancillary documents that may be required, all in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance and the Regional Solicitor; and

- C) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-4 be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Durham Region's area municipalities, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.
5. Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land in close proximity to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (Hubble Property) (2024-COW-6)
Municipality of Clarington (Hubble Property) (2024-COW-6)
[CARRIED]
- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$66,286, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 11.58 hectares (28.62 acres) of land located in close proximity to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (Hubble property), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.
6. Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (3029 Regional Road 20) (2024-COW-7)
Municipality of Clarington (3029 Regional Road 20) (2024-COW-7)
[CARRIED]
- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$584,096, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 60.61 hectares (149.78 acres) of land located adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (3029 Regional Road 20), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Nicholson,
(8) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 6 inclusive of Report
#1 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

11. Notice of Motions

- 11.1 Motion to Request the Province of Ontario to Temporarily Remove Tolls on
Highway 407 in Durham Region
[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY]
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Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(9) 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;

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.

Be it therefore resolved that:

The Province be requested to temporarily remove tolls on Highway 407 in
Durham during the duration of the planned Winchester Road construction
work; and

A copy of this request be sent to all Durham local area municipalities,
local MPPs and the Minister of Transportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook

No

None

Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Carter

Declarations of Interest: None

- 11.2 Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Commit to Undertake with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a Social and Economic Prosperity Review to Promote the Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances Across Ontario
[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(10) 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 supporting asylum seekers and addressing the homelessness, 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;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Chair write a letter on behalf of Council to the Premier of Ontario requesting 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;

That a copy of this motion and the supporting letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local MPPs and the local area municipalities in Durham Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall

No

None

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Carter

Declarations of Interest: None

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered.

13. Announcements

Various announcements were made relating to activities and events within the Region and area municipalities.

14. By-laws

2024-001 Being a by-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 01, Item #7.1 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

2024-002 Being a by-law to appoint risk management officials and risk management inspectors for the purpose of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 1st Report of the Works Committee presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

2024-003 Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk for The Regional Municipality of Durham.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 02, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

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| 2024-004 | Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Lot 10, Concession 3, in the Geographic Township of Darlington, in the Municipality of Clarington, in the Regional Municipality of Durham and described further as Part 1 on Reference Plan 40R-31987. |
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This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 03, Item #7.3 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(11) That By-law Numbers 2024-001 to 2024-004 inclusive be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

- 2024-005 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 31st day of January, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(12) That By-law Number 2024-005 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on January 31, 2024 be passed.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(13) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:32 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier*, left the meeting at 10:30 AM
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb*
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

*** denotes staff participating electronically**

All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Cook and Wotten.

Councillor Cook was absent due to municipal business.

Staff

Present: S. Austin, C. Bandel, E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Burgess, B. Bridgeman, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Dixon, S. Dessureault, S. Foroutani, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, B. Holmes, S. Hickman, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R.J. Kyle*, L. McIntosh, G. Muller, A. Robins, J. Siciliano, N. Taylor, and T. Tyner-Cavanagh

***denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Reports

Government Relations 2024 Priorities (2024-COW-8)

Report #2024-COW-8 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Discussion ensued with regards to when a list of tangible key advocacy activities will be provided; the structure of the Durham Advocacy Day at Queen's Park and who will be involved; and the layout of the 2024 government relation priorities report and when it can be expected.

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(11) That Report #2024-COW-8 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

Full Day Housing and Homelessness Education Session

- a. Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, and Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services Re: Welcome and Introduction

Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, provided an introduction to the full-day Education Session on Housing and Homelessness.

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services continued the presentation and provided an overview of why the Committee is here today, and the outline of the agenda for the education session.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Municipal Service System Manager: Housing & Homelessness
- Why We Are Here Today
- Agenda
 - Housing
 - Homelessness

- b. Ray Sullivan, Executive Director, Canadian Housing and Renewal Association Re: Investments and Economic Benefits to Community Housing

This item was considered later in the meeting. [See page 5 of these minutes.]

- c. Alan Robins, Director of Housing Services, and Gary Muller, Director of Affordable Housing Development & Renewal, Re: Regional Housing Development Updates

Alan Robins, Director of Housing Services and Gary Muller, Director of Affordable Housing Development & Renewal provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Regional Housing Development Initiatives.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Affordable Housing Development and Renewal
- Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC): Approaching Revitalization
- Malaga Drive
- Christine Crescent
- The Ritson School
- 590-650 Rossland Road
- At Home Incentive Program (AHIP) Guidelines: Building Needed Capacity
- DRLHC Modernization

A. Robins and G. Muller responded to questions in regards to what meaningful modernization for the housing corporation and meaningful participation from other levels of government looks like; the prospect of high-rise buildings being located at the properties highlighted in the presentation; the opportunity to acquire developer's plans that are no longer beneficial to the developer; how feasible it would for the Region of Durham to purchase units from current developments to turn into affordable housing units; when to expect concrete development at the Ritson School and 590-650 Rossland Road properties; the plan for the building situated on the Ritson School

property; the number of affordable houses that have been built since the last term of Council; looking for alternative housing for the residents who currently reside at Malaga Drive and Christine Crescent; the maximum number of affordable units that could be created based on the proposals that have been received from the At Home Incentive Program; what the composition of a mixed-income community for low to moderate income households might look like in the Region of Durham; concerns with the configuration and grading of the Christine Crescent property in regards to pedestrian access to Chopin Park; the possibility of the Region of Durham partnering with private sector affordable housing developers that currently provide affordable housing; the financial strategy that will be implemented to ensure ongoing maintenance of the new units once they are constructed; the number of affordable units and monetary value that would be needed to satisfy the Region of Durham's current and future needs; and how modular homes and transitional housing will be integrated in Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation projects.

d. Graeme Hussey, President, Cahdco Re: Opportunities and Challenges of Developing Affordable Housing

Graeme Hussey, President, Cahdco provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Opportunities and Challenges of Developing Affordable Housing.

Highlights from the presentations included:

- Cahdco
- What We Do
- What is Affordable Housing?
- Types of Housing
- Who Lives in Affordable Housing?
- Housing Affordability
- Needs Assessment
- Project Types
 - Retrofit/Renovation
 - Acquisition
 - New Development
- Project Components
- The Development Team
- The Development Process
- Financial Basics
- The Juggling Act
- The Feasibility Cycle
- Capital Budget
- Financial Sources
- Operating Budget
- Takeaways

G. Hussey responded to questions with regards to converting office spaces into affordable housing; the key components to the success the City of Ottawa and the City of Toronto have had in regards to obtaining Federal funding; the agreements that are put into place when a non-profit organization receives grant support for affordable housing properties; and the accuracy of the average one-bedroom unit monthly rent rates provided in the presentation.

b. Ray Sullivan, Executive Director, Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, Re: Investments and Economic Benefits to Community Housing

Ray Sullivan, Executive Director, Canadian Housing and Renewal Association provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Investments and Economic Benefits to Community Housing.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Increasing the supply of community housing benefits everyone
- We need to double the supply of community housing in Canada
- We need to double the supply of community housing in Ontario
- The impact of community housing on productivity
- Community Housing
 - Non- inflationary
 - 2 years payback in GDP impact
 - Increase standard of living for everyone
- The impact of Community Housing on productivity
- Increasing the supply of community housing benefits everyone

Chair Henry asked that R. Sullivan be invited back to present at a future Health and Social Services Committee meeting.

e. Lunch Break

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(12) That the Committee recess for lunch.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:29 PM and reconvened at 1:01 PM

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Collier, Cook, and Wotten.

f. Tim Ritcher, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Re: Conceptualizing Homelessness

Tim Ritcher, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Conceptualizing Homelessness.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness
- The Challenge
 - The loss of housing we're experiencing today is higher than that from our largest natural disasters
- Homelessness is not caused by mental illness or addiction – or any personal fault or failing
- The Rise of Modern Mass Homelessness
- The National Housing Accord
- Homelessness is an Un-Natural Disaster
- Strong Local Leadership
- A Command Centre & Coordinated System
- Deal with the Crisis and Keep People Safe
- Housing Focused Community Mobilization
- Prevention
- Local Leadership is Supported by Senior Governments
- Built for Zero Progress Across Canada

T. Ritcher responded to questions with regards to resources that can assist with guiding the community through the changes happening in Durham Region related to housing and homelessness.

g. Jocelyn Siciliano, Area Manager, Income Support Re: People with Lived Experience

Jocelyn Siciliano, Area Manager, Income Support provided a video regarding People with Lived Experience. The video highlighted the life of Tom Regehr, Durham Region resident, who has experienced homelessness throughout his life and his personal hardships.

T. Regehr was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions in regards to his personal experience with homelessness, navigating the shelter systems and addiction.

Maria Atkins, Durham Region resident, was in attendance at the meeting and also shared her personal experience with substance dependency, homelessness, microhomes, and navigating the shelter system.

M. Atkins responded to questions in regards to microhomes in the Region of Durham, her journey through withdrawal management, and experience with homelessness.

h. Sahar Foroutani, Service System Manager, Income Support Re: Homelessness in Durham

Sahar Foroutani, Service System Manager, Income Support provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Homelessness in Durham.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Homelessness System: A Continuum of Care
 - Emergency Shelters
 - Supports and Services
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Housing & Related Services
- Housing First Model
- Coordinated Access System & By-Name List
 - The Components of a Coordinated Access System
 - Why is it important?
- By-Name List
- Durham's Homelessness Outreach Services
- System Strategy and Decision Making

S. Foroutani responded to questions with regards to the data related to homelessness in the Region of Durham being collected, how it is being collected and what will be shared; the steps being taken to connect with surrounding communities across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) when the Region of Durham's emergency shelters are at capacity; the measures being implemented to register individuals currently facing homelessness on the by-name list; how often the questions on the by-name list are updated and reviewed, and are resources given to support filling out the by-name list; and are best practices from surrounding Municipalities being reviewed and incorporated.

i. Wrap-Up and Questions

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou thanked those who provided presentations and the Committee for being part of today's full-day session on Housing and Homelessness.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(13) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk

January 26th, 2024

Region of Durham
John Henry, Regional Chair
605 Rossland Road East, P.O. Box 623
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Re: Notice of 2024 Appointment of a Representative to the RAWF Board of Governors

Dear Mr. Henry,

The Board of Governors of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada will meet for The Royal's Annual General Meeting, on Thursday, April 11th, 2024. As a member association of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Region of Durham may name one (1) representative to The Royal's Board of Governors for the 2024 year.

Your representative, together with other appointed Governors and representatives, will constitute the Board of Governors of the Association for 2024. Governors are invited to raise issues pertinent to the interests of their respective organizations as they relate to the business of the Association. Governors will also be updated on financial matters and the strategic directions of the Fair as well as participate in the election of the Board of Directors.

Please complete and return the accompanying form as confirmation of your membership in the Association and your representative's appointment to the Board of Governors for 2024. If you fail to notify us, your organization will not be entitled to membership in the Association for the current fiscal year. Please submit the name of a representative, as appointed by your organization, **no later than March 15th, 2024**, so that we may notify your representative of the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

We look forward to your support and participation.

Sincerely,



Ray Stanton
President and Chairman



The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE – 2024

PLEASE RETURN BY MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX BY MARCH 15, 2024 TO

JENNIFER TATTERSALL, Secretary to The Board
The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association
39 Manitoba Drive, Exhibition Place,
Toronto, ON M6K 3C3
FAX 416-263-3488
jtattersall@royalfair.org

We have appointed the following representative from

Organization Name: _____

To The Board of Governors of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada for 2024:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (with area code): _____

E-mail address: _____

CERTIFIED BY (Organization Official):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (with area code): _____

E-mail address: _____

Dated: _____



Interoffice Memorandum

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Municipality of Durham
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**Jason Hunt
Regional Solicitor and
Director of Legal Services**

Date: February 28, 2024
To: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk
From: Alexander McPherson, Solicitor
Re: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax (2018-COW-101)

On June 13, 2018, Regional Council adopted the recommendations in the Seventh Report of the Committee of the Whole – Item #16 (2018-COW-101).

Regional Council granted staff the authority to serve and publish Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate the property requirements as described in Recommendation A) of Report #2018-COW-101 and to forward to the Ontario Land Tribunal any requests for hearings received.

These notices have been served and published according to the *Expropriations Act*. The Region did not receive any requests for a hearing on this application.

With the Region having met those *Expropriations Act* conditions, I recommend that Regional Council approve the expropriation application by adopting the draft resolution (Attachment #1).

If Regional Council approves the application, please present the draft expropriation by-law to Regional Council (Attachment #2). The lands are designated on the reference plan (Attachment #3).

Attachments

- Attachment #1: Draft resolution approving this expropriation
- Attachment #2: Draft expropriation by-law
- Attachment #3: Reference Plan 40R-31987

Resolution

RE: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax (2018-COW-101)

In the matter of an application by The Regional Municipality of Durham for approval to expropriate land being

All estate, right, title and interest in Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630,

for the purposes of construction of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road), in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax, from Regional Road 38 (Whites Road) to Regional Road 23 (Lake Ridge Road), and all related construction activities as ancillary to the construction,

- A) That Regional Council, as approving authority under the *Expropriations Act*, approves the application to expropriate the following lands:

All estate, right, title and interest in Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630, being the lands described in the application.

- B) That Regional Council authorizes all steps necessary to comply with the *Expropriations Act* or to cause those steps to be taken, including, but not limited to, the preparation, registration and service of expropriation plans and forms.
- C) That Regional Council grants authority to the Regional Chair and Clerk to sign any forms or plans as may be required under the *Expropriations Act* to give effect to the expropriation.
- D) That the necessary expropriation by-law be presented to Regional Council for adoption.

As more than 30 days have passed after service and first publication of the notice of application for approval to expropriate the lands described in the application, and since no party with an interest in the lands has notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham approves the expropriation and grants a certificate of approval.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

By-law Number 2024-006
of The Regional Municipality of Durham

Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2, and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630.

Whereas the *Expropriations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26 requires an expropriating authority to seek approval from its approving authority to expropriate property.

And whereas under the *Expropriations Act*, The Regional Municipality of Durham is an expropriating authority and the approving authority is Regional Council.

And whereas the approval to expropriate is obtained by Regional Council's passing of the required expropriation by-law.

Now therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham hereby enacts as follows:

1. All estate, right, title and interest in the lands described as Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2, and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630, is hereby expropriated for the purposes of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road), in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax, and all related construction activities as ancillary to that construction.
2. Regional staff shall take all steps necessary to comply with the *Expropriations Act*, or cause those steps to be taken, including, but not limited to,
 - a) the preparation of expropriation plans for the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk to sign;
 - b) the registration of that plan in the land registry office;
 - c) the preparation of forms for the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk to sign; and
 - d) service of those forms following registration of the expropriation plan.
3. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk may sign any forms or plans as may be required under the *Expropriations Act* to give effect to the expropriation.

This By-law Read and Passed on the 28th day of February, 2024.

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

A. Harras, Regional Clerk

Report #1 of the Finance & Administration Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

February 28, 2024

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report, 2024 Workplan and Revised Terms of Reference (2024-A-1)
 - A) That Report #2024-A-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information as The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved; and
 - C) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's Revised Terms of Reference be approved.
2. Repeal of Public Notice By-law and Approval of new Public Notice Policy (2024-A-2)
 - A) That the Public Notice Policy included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-A-2 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be approved;
 - B) That the Regional Clerk, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, be granted the authority to amend the Public Notice Policy as required; and
 - C) That Public Notice By-law #82-2007 be repealed.
3. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services – Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations with respect to the CUPE Local 1785, and CUPE Local 132; and Approval for Management/Exempt Group to Adopt Annual Economic Increase Mirror Language (2024-A-3)

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2024-A-3 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leahy, Vice-Chair, Finance & Administration Committee

Report #2 of the Health & Social Services Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

February 28, 2024

The Health & Social Services Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Primary Care Outreach Program ([2024-MOH-1](#))

- A) That the Region of Durham advocates for the provincial government to provide sustained provincial funding for the expansion of the Primary Care Outreach Program to meet the growing needs of Durham Region residents experiencing homelessness and needing urgent health care, mental health and addictions supports; and
- B) That a letter from the Regional Chair on behalf of Regional Council, along with a copy of Report #2024-MOH-1 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, all Durham MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), for their information and consideration.

2. Motion Calling on the Province to Increase Ontario Works Rates

Whereas the Region of Durham is one of the fastest growing communities in Ontario;

And whereas Ontario Works financial assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 and economic challenges are disproportionately impacting our vulnerable residents by contributing to increasing income insecurity, housing unaffordability, homelessness and food insecurity;

And whereas a basic income program can ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to addressing income inequality and financial instability;

And whereas Ontario Works recipients only have a \$200 income exemption compared to \$1000 for recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program;

And whereas improved financial stability would result in improved social, economic and health outcomes for Durham's vulnerable residents as well as increased opportunities for vulnerable residents to contribute to and invest in their local economies;

And whereas Social Assistance Modernization was introduced by the province with the intention to reduce municipal administrative burden to allow staff to focus efforts on providing intensive stability supports for vulnerable residents;

And whereas administrative efficiencies for municipalities have not been realized under the Social Assistance Modernization;

And whereas the Social Assistance Modernization program has had unintended consequences including delays to processing applications and eliminating essential people-centred supports such as bus fare that are jeopardizing individuals' ability to move out of poverty;

And whereas leadership is urgently needed from the provincial government to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive and inclusive plan to address increasing levels of poverty for people living in Ontario, in particular for those receiving Ontario Works;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham calls on the provincial government to urgently increase Ontario Works rates to a liveable rate and commit to indexing rates to inflation annually in line with the Ontario Disability Support Program; and further that the Ontario Works earning exemption be aligned with the Ontario Disability Support Program to allow individuals in the workforce to keep more of their earning and potentially encourage more participation in the workforce;

That the Region of Durham calls on the provincial government to evaluate the effectiveness of Social Services Modernization in consultation with Municipal Service Managers, particularly to what extent the partial upload of the Ontario Works application process has resulted in streamlining, efficiencies and maintained service standards;

That the province ensure an adequate level of employment services funding is maintained by restoring funding within the Ontario Works program that was reduced as a result of the transfer of responsibility for employment services to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) Service System Managers; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, Minister of Finance, Durham Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair, Health & Social Services Committee

Report #2 of the Planning & Economic Development Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

February 28, 2024

The Planning & Economic Development Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Final Report and Legacy Fund (2024-EDT-5)

 - A) That the Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund of \$145,579 be distributed as follows:
 - i) Durham Community Foundation “Durham Region Adaptive Sport & Recreation Legacy Fund”: \$112,000;
 - ii) Adaptive Sport Festival: \$30,000;
 - iii) Community Tree and Shrub Planting: \$3,579; and
 - B) That, prior to the distribution of funds to any agency receiving funding from the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund, the Region enter into an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding which prescribes appropriate reporting requirements, and which are otherwise in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance.
2. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas

That as the introduction of chickens within urban and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets) can result in the potential spread of Avian Influenza and other diseases to livestock in the Region, particularly poultry farms;

And that backyard chickens attract pests and predators, resulting in conflicts between predatory animals and chickens, and additional vectors for spreading disease;

Therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council be advised that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) does not support permitting chickens being kept in urban settlement areas and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets); and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee

Report #2 of the Works Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

February 28, 2024

The Works Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Lease Extension and Amendment Agreement with 2381502 Ontario Inc., Operating as Midtown Centre for Premises occupied by Social Services Department, Income and Employment Support Division, located at 200 John Street in the City of Oshawa ([2024-W-3](#))

 - A) That the Lease Extension and Amendment Agreement with 2381502 Ontario Inc., for the premises located at 200 John Street, in the City of Oshawa, containing 15,776 square feet of office space, be approved with the following terms and conditions:
 - i) The term is for a period of two years, commencing May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2026, with the option to renew the lease for an additional two years under the same terms and conditions except the rental rate, which is to be negotiated at time of renewal;
 - ii) The annual rental rate for the two years is \$236,640* based on a rate of \$15.00* per square foot per annum;
 - iii) The Regional Municipality of Durham will be responsible for all operating costs for the leased space, including utilities, security and its proportionate share of the common area maintenance costs and taxes; and
 - B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with this Lease Agreement.
(*) excludes applicable taxes
2. Sole Source Procurement of Plow and Grader Blades and Maintenance Parts for Maintenance Operations and Fleet Services ([2024-W-4](#))

 - A) That a sole source contract be awarded to Valley Blades Ltd. for the supply of plow and grader blades and maintenance parts for the Fleet Services Division and the five (5) Maintenance Operations Depots (Ajax/Pickering, Oshawa/Whitby, Orono, Sunderland, and Scugog Depots) for a one (1) year term, with the option to extend for an additional four (4) one (1) year terms, with an upset limit of \$400,000* (\$80,000* per annum), to be financed through the Winter Maintenance program Business Plans and Budget; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the

necessary documents related to the contract.
(*) before applicable taxes

Respectfully submitted,

D. Barton, Chair, Works Committee



Durham Region Transit Report

To: Durham Region Transit Executive Committee
From: General Manager, Durham Region Transit and Treasurer Durham Region Transit
Report: #2024-DRT-03
Date: February 7, 2024

Subject:

2024 transit fares

Recommendations:

That the Transit Executive Committee recommends to Regional Council that the proposed transit fares (Attachment 1) be approved and implemented July 1, 2024;

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from TEC and Council for proposed fare increases to be included in the 2024 DRT Business Plans and Budget.

2. Background

- 2.1 DRT's long-term fare strategy was approved by the Transit Executive Committee in December 2019 based on a number of key principles, including:

- Recognizing fare pricing influences service use
- Applying fare increases to the standard (adult) single-ride fare and translating increases to other fare concessions and products
- Providing choice for customers through incentives offering value for frequent use
- Incentivizing and prioritizing electronic fare payment
- Minimizing oversight of fares by bus operators
- Ensuring sustainability of discounted fare programs

- 2.2 Since 2019, DRT has made significant advancements in the modernization of its fare products, such as the discontinuation of paper period passes and expansion of electronic payment options. This includes more than doubling the use of PRESTO

electronic fare payment system by customers from less than 40 per cent in 2019 to more than 90 per cent in 2023. For customers paying fares in November 2023 using PRESTO, 37 per cent paid each trip through the electronic purse on their PRESTO card, 22 per cent loaded a monthly period pass onto their PRESTO card, 37 per cent used the PRESTO electronic ticket app on their smartphone (the majority of which are comprised of post-secondary students whose U-Pass is made available through the app), and 4 per cent paid each trip using PRESTO Open Payment.

- 2.3 DRT also continues to offer discounted fares and incentives to attract and encourage more frequent transit use among key market groups. This includes seniors who benefit from reduced cost fares providing discounts of up to 60 per cent in the case of monthly passes, all children aged 12 years and under who continue to ride DRT services at no cost, and youth for whom regular fares and passes are already reduced compared to standard adult fares. Additional options for youth provide further savings to incentivize more regular use, including the Youth Summer 2-for-1 pass and the Y10 Youth Loyalty Pass providing an additional savings of more than \$180 over the ten-month school year (based on the current fees) when a pass is purchased for each month. DRT's bulk purchase program for school boards in Durham was introduced in 2022 offering further savings on already reduced youth passes to encourage more secondary school students in Durham to access public transit for travel to and from school. In addition, DRT is currently exploring a new employer pass program to further incentivize transit use across the Region.
- 2.4 The Transit Assistance Program (TAP), now a permanent pass product, was introduced by DRT in late 2019 as a pilot program making reduced cost transit available to all social assistance clients in Durham, including Ontario Works clients who had been ineligible for the existing Access Pass. TAP uses the PRESTO electronic fare payment system card, removing the stigma of having a separate, identifiable fare product, while providing a 61 per cent reduction on standard monthly fare costs. TAP also leverages the benefits of the PRESTO electronic fare card in providing protection for lost cards and the flexibility for customers to pay-as-they-go and carry-over unused funds to the next month or opt for the simplicity of a pay-up-front monthly pass.
- 2.5 In February 2023, Council approved the DRT fare structure where annual fare adjustments are linked to changes to the base fare on a proportional or trip equivalent basis. This approach ensures that fare adjustments are applied on a consistent basis across fare categories and maintain established discount rates.
- 2.6 DRT's best value fare product is the Universal Pass (or U-Pass) provided to all full-

time post-secondary students at Durham College, Ontario Tech University and Trent University (Durham campus). Under the U-Pass agreement with the post-secondary institutions, all full-time students pay a fee as part of their mandatory ancillary fees and are provided with a transit pass for the semester. The approved U-Pass rate for the period September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, is \$152.85 per four month semester. The cost of a U-Pass is equivalent monthly to a nearly 70 per cent discount on a standard adult pass and is \$9.40 less per month than DRT's TAP pass, and the discount would increase to \$12.19 less per month under the proposed fare increase. DRT staff will begin negotiating a new multi-year U-Pass agreement with the post-secondary institutions in 2024 and will be seeking Council approval in advance of the 2025 Business Plan and Budget.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 Financing of the DRT 2023 approved budget included \$29.2 million from transit fares, or 14.5 per cent of the \$199.2 million gross transit budget. Transit fares were budgeted to include \$21.9 million (75 per cent) from PRESTO and cash fares, \$6.9 million (24 per cent) from the U-Pass program and \$0.4 million (1 per cent) in recoveries for ODSP passes. Transit Fares fund approximately 26 per cent of budgeted gross operating expenses. As reported in the consolidated budget status report through November 30, 2023 (#2024-INFO-01), fare revenues are expected to be in a \$1.7 million surplus position for 2023, mainly attributed to higher than anticipated ridership and enrolment at post-secondary institutions.
- 3.2 DRT's operating revenue/cost ratio (R/C ratio) is projected to be approximately 32 per cent for 2023, compared to an R/C ratio of 37 per cent for 2019 and 2018. The lower R/C ratio in 2023 can be attributed to several factors.
- a. While monthly transit ridership throughout Fall 2023 exceeded 2019 levels, 2023 annual ridership is expected to be 2 per cent below 2019 levels.
 - b. 124 per cent increase in free rides since 2019 that coincides with adopting a fare free child concession for customers 12 years of age and younger.
 - c. U-Pass rate lower than required to ensure U-Pass revenue proportionally funds DRT service levels across the Region to meet ridership demand.
 - d. Fare revenue has not kept pace with increasing operating costs. DRT's budgeted gross operating expenditures have increased 18.4 per cent from 2019 to 2023, while fare revenue has decreased 1.3 per cent since 2019.
- 3.3 The approved 10-year Transit Service and Financing Strategy included a 13 per cent increase in planned transit service levels for 2024, or 69,882 service hours, to respond to ridership pressures, reliability challenges, and service enhancements for existing and growing communities across the Region. The annual service level

investments highlighted in the 10-year strategy are planned to increase DRT services by 127 per cent by 2032 and improve Durham Region's Revenue Hours Per Capita investment to 1.4 from the current 0.9. Importantly though, these forecasted service levels require senior government funding and subject to annual investment approvals through the Region's business planning and budget process.

- 3.4 To minimize impacts on the property tax levy, and in response to continued inflationary pressures, service growth planned within the approved 2023-2032 Service and Financing Strategy, and the need to restore services suspended in January 2023, DRT proposes an adjustment of \$0.25, or 7.5 per cent, on the base fare with corresponding adjustments to the other fare categories based on the approved fare structure. The fare adjustment will result in an estimated \$0.95 million increase in fare revenue in 2024, with an annualized revenue increase of approximately \$1.9 million.
- 3.5 The proposed 2024 DRT fare increase will result in fares consistent with transit agencies in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) as summarized in Table 1. While they are not increasing fares in 2024, the Toronto Transit Commission is generally not used as a comparator to DRT. Ridership across other GTHA transit agencies now surpasses pre-pandemic levels and additional service levels are required to accommodate increasing transit ridership.
- 3.6 Based on the five transit agencies listed in Table 1, DRT ranks as the fourth lowest cost monthly pass, second lowest cost single ride PRESTO fare, and the highest cash fare. DRT cash fare revenues continue to decline annually as residents transition to the PRESTO fare payment system and its associated benefits, including paying a lower fare.

Table 1: 2024 fares for transit agencies in the GTHA

Transit Agency	PRESTO (Adult)		Cash Single Ride (Adult)
	Single Ride	Monthly Pass	
Durham Region Transit (proposed July 1, 2024)	\$3.60	\$129.60	\$4.60
MiWay (April 1, 2024)	\$3.40	\$141.00	\$4.25
Brampton (2023) ¹	\$3.40	\$141.25	\$4.50
Hamilton (proposed 2024)	\$2.80	\$123.20	\$3.50
York Region Transit (January 1, 2024)	\$3.88	\$155.20 ²	\$4.25

¹ Brampton transit increased fares 10 per cent in 2023, no increase in 2024

² Fare capping introduced January 1, 2024 where travelers can ride YRT for free after 40 trips when using PRESTO

3.7 The full proposed DRT fare table is included as Attachment 1.

4. Previous Reports

4.1 2019-DRT-25 Durham Region Transit Fare Strategy

4.2 2019-DRT-16 Update on DRT Kids Ride Free Incentive Pilot Program

4.3 2022-DRT-07 Youth monthly pass incentives for the 2022/23 secondary school term

4.4 2023-F-5 Transit Service and Finance Strategy, approved by Council on March 1, 2023

4.5 2023-DRT-26 U-Pass Agreement Extension, approved by Council on November 28, 2023

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Goal 1 - Environmental Sustainability

The proposed fare increase will support DRT's expansion of sustainable and active transportation through service enhancements. DRT will enhance capacity of the route network, which will increase service availability, as well as to support fleet electrification through adoption of zero emission technologies.

b. Goal 3 - Economic Prosperity

The proposed fare increase will enable DRT to enhance services in key growth areas, which will position Durham Region as the location of choice for businesses, and connecting people to employment, education and tourism opportunities.

c. Goal 4 – Social Investment

The proposed fare increase will ensure all residents receive access to essential services through an equitable fare structure. DRT will also continue to offer fare incentive programs for children, youth, seniors, and persons receiving social assistance benefits, in addition to U-pass and bulk purchase program for school boards.

d. Goal 5 – Service Excellence

The proposed fare increase will enable DRT to continue to invest in service enhancements that will reduce wait times, reduce reliance on personal vehicles, and to meet Durham's rapidly growing population. As customer expectations for public transit continue to rise, service enhancements will be planned around exceeding these expectations to ensure that public transit remain the top travel option for many riders across the network.

6. Financial Summary

- 6.1 The proposed fare adjustment of \$0.25, or 7.5 per cent on the base fare with corresponding adjustments to the other fare categories based on the approved fare structure, will assist in offsetting a portion of the inflationary pressures and increases in service levels service planned for the 2024 budget.
- 6.2 The proposed fare increase is estimated to generate an additional \$0.95 million in fare revenues in 2024 (based on a July 1, 2024, effective date), with an annualized revenue increase estimated at \$1.9 million.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 DRT continues to face increasing cost pressures to sustain a transit network to meet the demands for public transit in one of Ontario's most rapidly growing municipalities. The proposed fare increases and associated additional revenues will partially mitigate increasing cost pressures and enable DRT to maximize services and

progress towards planned service levels of the 10-year transit service and financing strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

William Holmes
General Manager, DRT

Original signed by

Nancy Taylor
Treasurer, DRT

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



Attachment #1: 2024 Proposed Fares Table

Fare Category		Current Fare	DRT Fare Structure	Proposed Fare effective July 1, 2024	Per cent Change
Adult	Single Ride (Presto Card and E-Ticket)	\$3.35	Base Fare	\$3.60	7.5%
	Single Ride (Cash and Open Payment)	\$4.35	\$1.00 over base	\$4.60	5.7%
	Monthly Pass	\$120.60	36 trips at base fare	\$129.60	7.5%
Child (aged 12 years and under)	All Rides	Free	NA	NA	NA
Youth (aged 13-19 years)	Single Ride (Presto Card and E-Ticket)	\$3.00	90 per cent of base fare	\$3.24	8.0%
	Single Ride (Cash and Open Payment)	\$4.35	Equivalent to Adult cash fare	\$4.60	5.7%
	Monthly Pass	\$96.50	80 per cent of Adult pass	\$103.68	7.4%
	2-for-1 Youth Summer pass	\$96.50	80 per cent of Adult pass	\$103.68	7.4%
	Y10 (10 month loyalty pass)	\$78.40	65 per cent of Adult pass	\$84.24	7.4%

Fare Category		Current Fare	DRT Fare Structure	Proposed Fare effective July 1, 2024 ¹	Per cent Change
Senior (aged 65 years and over)	Single Ride (Presto Card and E-Ticket)	\$2.20	66 per cent of base fare	\$2.38	8.0%
	Single Ride (Cash and Open Payment)	\$3.20	\$1.00 over single ride senior PRESTO	\$3.38	5.5%
	Monthly Pass	\$48.25	40 per cent of Adult pass	\$51.84	7.4%
School Board Bulk Purchase Program	Fewer than 125 passes per month	\$96.50	80 per cent of Adult pass	\$103.68	7.4%
	125-250 passes per month	\$90.45	75 per cent of Adult pass	\$97.20	7.5%
	More than 250 passes per month	\$78.40	65 per cent of Adult pass	\$84.24	7.4%
Transit Assistance Program (TAP)	TAP PRESTO E-Purse	\$46.90	14 trips at base fare	\$50.40	7.5%
	TAP PRESTO Monthly Pass	\$46.90	14 trips at base fare	\$50.40	7.5%
Universal Semester Pass (post-secondary students) ²	PRESTO E-Ticket 4 month semester pass	\$150	NA	\$152.85	1.9%

Notes

¹ Customers not required to pay a fare during the December 25 service day, and between 7 PM December 31 through 8 AM January 1.

² Council approved U-Pass rate (report 2023-DRT-26) for period September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. Equivalent monthly rate is \$38.21, or 31 per cent of base fare.



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Regional Council
From: Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-COW-9
Date: February 28, 2024

Subject:

Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008)

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Regional Council:

- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$155,453, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 26.25 hectares (64.86 acres) of land located adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Council of, and seek approval for, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's request for funding under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities for the purchase of approximately 26.25 hectares (64.86 acres) of land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 In October 2007, Regional Council adopted the recommendations of Report 2007-J-36 entitled “Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities”. This report identified a process and eligibility requirements by which the Region’s five Conservation Authorities could apply for funding from the Region’s Land Acquisition Reserve Fund to finance the acquisition of properties for conservation purposes.
- 2.2 A goal of this policy is to ensure that land acquisition efforts of Regional Council in partnership with Conservation Authorities in Durham Region, will contribute to the protection, enhancement and restoration of the natural environment in Durham Region.

3. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority’s Request for Funding

- 3.1 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority is requesting approval for \$155,453 in funding from the Region, representing 40 per cent of the total estimated eligible acquisition costs of \$388,633 as outlined in Table One. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority has been awarded \$233,180 in funding from the Federal Nature Smart Solutions Ecosystem Protection Fund towards the acquisition of this property.

Table One

Description	Total Estimated Cost \$	Recommended Estimated Regional Portion (40 per cent) \$
Purchase Price	325,000	130,000
Survey, Legal Fees, Appraisal Cost, Land Transfer Tax, Environmental Site Assessment costs	63,633	25,453
Total	388,633	155,453

- 3.2 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority has negotiated an agreement of purchase and sale for the acquisition of a 26.25 hectare (64.86 acre) parcel, known as Part Lot 3, Concession 1, Cartwright as in N37005 in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008), adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel. The property, in its entirety, is identified as a Key Natural Heritage Feature and Key Hydrologic Feature in the current Regional Official Plan. It is located within the Greenbelt Natural

Heritage System and is designated as Oak Ridges Moraine (Natural Linkage) in the current Regional Official Plan.¹

- 3.3 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's Board of Directors approved this property acquisition and the request for \$155,453 in funding from the Region of Durham at their January 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

4. Advancing Regional Planning Objectives

- 4.1 In accordance with the Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities, Regional Planning staff have reviewed Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's request and concluded that the request meets the primary planning criteria for eligibility.
- 4.2 Specifically, the acquisition of this property meets the objectives of the current Durham Regional Official Plan as this property:
- is being purchased for conservation purposes;
 - is located within or contributes to the enhancement of the current Regional Official Plan Greenlands System outside of urban areas;
 - contains key natural heritage and/or key hydrological features; and
 - supports the long-term planning and growth management of the Region.

5. Financial Considerations

- 5.1 The Region of Durham has established the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund to, in part, make funding available to the Region's five Conservation Authorities for the purpose of acquiring environmentally sensitive lands.
- 5.2 The request from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for \$155,453 in funding towards the eligible acquisition costs meets the maximum amount allowed within the Council approved Conservation Land Acquisition Funding Policy that limits the Region's maximum contribution for land purchases for conservation properties to 40 per cent of the total eligible costs.
- 5.3 There are sufficient uncommitted funds available in the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund to finance the recommended funding of \$155,453 for Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's land acquisition.

¹ The terminology in this report reflects the current Regional Official Plan. A new Regional Official Plan was adopted by Regional Council in May 2023 and is currently with the Province for approval.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1.3 Environmental Sustainability – to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands; and
- Goal 5.1 Service Excellence – to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and financially sustainable service delivery.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The request from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for \$155,453 in funding for the acquisition of approximately 26.25 hectares (64.86 acres) of land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel is recommended for approval as it meets the requirements of the Durham Region Land Acquisition Policy for Conservation Authorities.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Letter and Map from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority requesting funding for the acquisition of the subject property

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

Original Signed By

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original Signed By

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



Healthy watersheds for
today and tomorrow.

January 24, 2024
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CLOCA IMS:

Mrs. Nancy Taylor
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer
The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East, PO Box 623
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Subject: Request for funding under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy

At their January 16, 2024 meeting, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Board of Directors approved the following motion:

Res. #18 Moved by B. Chapman

Seconded by R. Kerr

THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors approve the acquisition of the Byers Road property, being Part lot 3, Concession 1, Township of Scugog;

THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors authorize CLOCA staff to offer not more than \$325,000 for the +/- 26.3 ha of land; and,

THAT the Region of Durham be requested to provide funding for the acquisition of the subject property in the estimated maximum amount of \$164,053 from the Durham Region Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Please accept this letter as a request for funding in the amount of \$155, 453 (40% of the total cost) under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities (LAFP) for the purchase of approximately 26 hectares of land adjacent to CLOCAs Mount Carmel Tract parcel. The acquisition budget has since been refined since the January 16th motion above to reflect actual costs where available and the removal of some services no longer required for this acquisition. The following budget reflects estimated totals as of the writing of this letter:

Total Estimated Cost: \$388,633 (Purchase cost \$325,000 and \$63,633 estimated for legal, taxes, etc.)

Funding Sources: Federal Grant – \$233.180

Durham Region - \$155,453

We have been awarded funding from the Canada Nature Fund for the acquisition of this property. The property is located along the southern boundary of Township of Scugog in the heart of the Oak Ridges Moraine, includes mature deciduous forest and is surrounded by an even more extensive forest area composed of a mixture of deciduous forest, plantation, and meadow. This area is considered a regionally important core wildlife area because of the diversity and size of the habitats that it contains, and the fact that it represents the last remaining large intact forest block between Long Sault Forest to the east and the Chalk Lake forest area to the west. The Mount Carmel forest area is also the only large forest block in the Oshawa Creek headwaters.

The subject parcel lies on the south side of the unopened Byers Road allowance. The property is fully forested by native hardwoods that contribute directly to the surrounding Mount Carmel forest, which is considered to be a unique “large forest” area as a result of its large contiguous forest cover. Continued protection of these areas is important, particularly as the Region continues to urbanize. These natural areas help to regulate groundwater and surface water resources, moderate ground surface temperatures, offer carbon sequestration, support biodiversity and pollinators and help to reduce downstream erosion and flooding.

This property lies within the Oak Ridges Moraine Corridor Connection Acquisition Target Area as identified in CLOCA’s Board approved Land Acquisition Strategy and is strategically located adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel. The acquisition of this parcel provides a unique opportunity to protect a significant environmental area and will create more realistic opportunities for public access to this area in the future.

The acquisition of this property meets the objectives of the Durham Regional Official Plan as this property:

- is being purchased for conservation purposes
- contributes to the enhancement of the Regional Official Plan Greenlands System outside of urban areas
- contains key natural heritage and/or key hydrological features; and
- supports the long-term planning and growth management of the Region

Forecasted ongoing maintenance costs for this parcel is anticipated to be minimal and limited to fencing which can be funded through the existing Conservation Authority Land Management Levy. Please note that the Federal funding is conditional upon closing the purchase prior to March 29, 2024.

Sincerely,



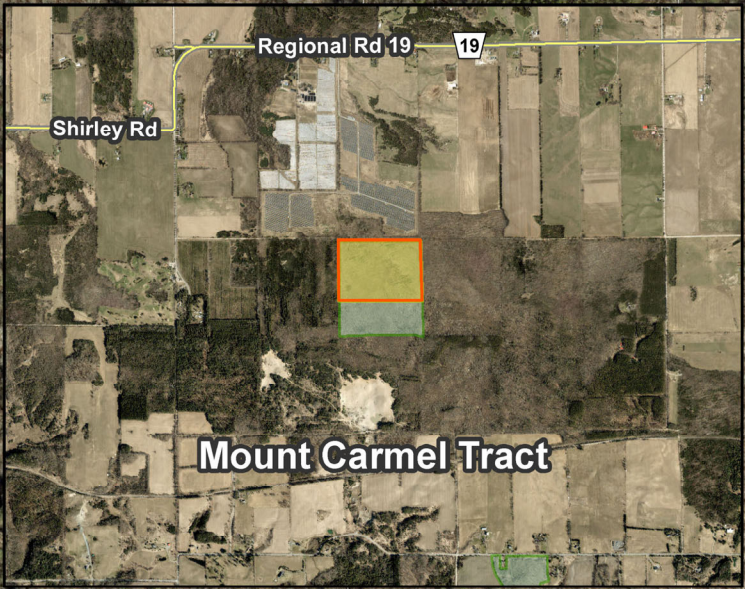
Chris Darling, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

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c: Nicole Pincombe, Region of Durham
Elizabeth Roy, Chair, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

Byers Rd

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Projection: NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR (6 DEGREES) PROJECTION, ZONE 17, CENTRAL MERIDIAN (81 DEGREES WEST)

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


**"Byers Road" Property - Con 1 N PT Lot 3
Mount Carmel Tract
CON 1 N PT LOT 3
Township of Scugog**

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Legend

-  Byers Road Property
-  Assessment Parcel
-  Mount Carmel Tract



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Regional Council
From: Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-COW-10
Date: February 28, 2024

Subject:

Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016)

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Regional Council:

- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$95,774, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 17.22 hectares (42.54 acres) of land located adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Council of, and seek approval for, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's request for funding under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities for the purchase of approximately 17.22 hectares (42.54 acres) of land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 In October 2007, Regional Council adopted the recommendations of Report 2007-J-36 entitled “Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities”. This report identified a process and eligibility requirements by which the Region’s five Conservation Authorities could apply for funding from the Region’s Land Acquisition Reserve Fund to finance the acquisition of properties for conservation purposes.
- 2.2 A goal of this policy is to ensure that land acquisition efforts of Regional Council in partnership with Conservation Authorities in Durham Region, will contribute to the protection, enhancement and restoration of the natural environment in Durham Region.

3. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority’s Request for Funding

- 3.1 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority is requesting approval for \$95,774 in funding from the Region, representing 40 per cent of the total estimated eligible acquisition costs of \$239,435 as outlined in Table One. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority has been awarded \$143,661 in funding from the Federal Nature Smart Solutions Ecosystem Protection Fund towards the acquisition of this property.

Table One

Description	Total Estimated Cost \$	Recommended Estimated Regional Portion (40 per cent) \$
Purchase Price	222,900	89,160
Survey, Legal Fees, Appraisal Cost, Land Transfer Tax, Environmental Site Assessment costs	16,535	6,614
Total	239,435	95,774

- 3.2 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority has negotiated an agreement of purchase and sale for the acquisition of a 17.22 hectare (42.54 acre) parcel, known as Part Lot 10, Concession 10, Darlington Part 3, 10R1297 in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016), adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area. Portions of this property are identified as a Key Natural Heritage Feature and Key Hydrologic Feature in the current Regional Official Plan. It is located within the

Greenbelt Natural Heritage System and is designated as Oak Ridges Moraine (Natural Core) in the current Regional Official Plan.¹

- 3.3 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's Board of Directors approved this property acquisition and the request for \$95,774 in funding from the Region of Durham at their January 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

4. Advancing Regional Planning Objectives

- 4.1 In accordance with the Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities, Regional Planning staff have reviewed Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's request and concluded that the request meets the primary planning criteria for eligibility.
- 4.2 Specifically, the acquisition of this property meets the objectives of the current Durham Regional Official Plan as this property:
- is being purchased for conservation purposes;
 - is located within or contributes to the enhancement of the current Regional Official Plan Greenlands System outside of urban areas;
 - contains key natural heritage and/or key hydrological features; and
 - supports the long-term planning and growth management of the Region.

5. Financial Considerations

- 5.1 The Region of Durham has established the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund to, in part, make funding available to the Region's five Conservation Authorities for the purpose of acquiring environmentally sensitive lands.
- 5.2 The request from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for \$95,774 in funding towards the eligible acquisition costs meets the maximum amount allowed within the Council approved Conservation Land Acquisition Funding Policy that limits the Region's maximum contribution for land purchases for conservation properties to 40 per cent of the total eligible costs.
- 5.3 There are sufficient uncommitted funds available in the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund to finance the recommended funding of \$95,774 for Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's land acquisition.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

¹ The terminology in this report reflects the current Regional Official Plan. A new Regional Official Plan was adopted by Regional Council in May 2023 and is currently with the Province for approval.

- Goal 1.3 Environmental Sustainability – to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands; and
- Goal 5.1 Service Excellence – to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and financially sustainable service delivery.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The request from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for \$95,774 in funding for the acquisition of approximately 17.22 hectares (42.54 acres) of land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area is recommended for approval as it meets the requirements of the Durham Region Land Acquisition Policy for Conservation Authorities.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Letter and Map from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority requesting funding for the acquisition of the subject property

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

Original Signed By

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original Signed By

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



Healthy watersheds for
today and tomorrow.

January 24, 2024
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CLOCA IMS:

Mrs. Nancy Taylor
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer
The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East, PO Box 623
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Subject: Request for funding under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy

At their January 16, 2024 meeting, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Board of Directors approved the following motion:

Res. #19 Moved by B. Chapman

Seconded by R. Kerr

THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors approve the acquisition of the Cowan property, being Part lot 10, Concession 10, Municipality of Clarington;

THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors authorize CLOCA staff to offer not more than \$222,900 for the +/- 17.2 ha of land; and,

THAT the Region of Durham be requested to provide funding for the acquisition of the subject property in the estimated maximum amount of \$104,374 from the Durham Region Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Please accept this letter as a request for funding in the amount of \$95,774 (40% of the total cost) under the Durham Region Land Acquisition Funding Policy for Conservation Authorities (LAFP) for the purchase of approximately 17 hectares of land as part of the Long Sault Conservation Area. The acquisition budget has since been refined since the January 16th motion above to reflect actual costs where available and the removal of some services no longer required for this acquisition. The following budget reflects estimated totals as of the writing of this letter:

Total Estimated Acquisition Cost: \$239,435 (Purchase cost \$222,900 and \$16,535 estimated for legal, taxes, etc.)

Funding Sources: Federal Grant – \$143,661

Durham Region - \$95,774

We have been awarded funding from the Canada Nature Fund for the acquisition of this property. The property lies on the north side of the unopened Concession 10 road allowance. The property is fully forested by predominantly native hardwoods with some conifer plantation intermixed and therefore contributes directly to the surrounding Long Sault Forest, which is considered to be a unique “large forest” area as a result of its large contiguous forest cover. The property lies at the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine, providing source water functions to both the Bowmanville Creek watershed to the south, and the East Cross Creek watershed to the north. Continued protection of these areas is important, particularly as the Region continues to urbanize. These natural areas help to regulate groundwater and surface water resources, moderate ground surface temperatures, offer carbon sequestration, support biodiversity and pollinators and help to reduce downstream erosion and flooding.

This property lies within the Long Sault Conservation Area Primary Land Acquisition Target Area as identified in CLOCA’s Board approved Land Acquisition Strategy and is strategically located adjacent to other adjacent Long Sault Conservation Area parcels. Properties such as this one that are strategically located adjacent to the existing Long Sault Conservation Area boundaries and that contain a range of natural heritage and source water protection features have been identified in this strategy as priorities for acquisition. The acquisition of this parcel provides a unique opportunity to protect a significant environmental area and will increase the overall size of Long Sault Conservation Area, ultimately making it more sustainable for public access.

The acquisition of this property meets the objectives of the Durham Regional Official Plan as this property:

- is being purchased for conservation purposes
- contributes to the enhancement of the Regional Official Plan Greenlands System outside of urban areas
- contains key natural heritage and/or key hydrological features; and
- supports the long-term planning and growth management of the Region

Forecasted ongoing maintenance costs for this parcel is anticipated to be minimal and limited to fencing which can be funded through the existing Conservation Authority Land Management Levy. Please note that the Federal funding is conditional upon closing the purchase prior to March 30, 2024.

Sincerely,



Chris Darling, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

CD/lv

c: Nicole Pincombe, Region of Durham
Elizabeth Roy, Chair, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority



CON 10 PT LOT 10 NOW RP;10R1297 PART 3 Property
Long Sault Conservation Area
CON 10 PT LOT 10 NOW RP;10R1297 PART 3
Municipality of Clarington



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Legend

- CON 10 PT LOT 10 NOW RP;10R1297 PART 3 Property
- Assessment Parcel
- Long Sault Conservation Area
- Durham East Cross Conservation Area

Motion Requesting the Permanent Removal of Tolls on the Provincially Owned Portion of Highway 407 between Brock Road (Durham Regional Road 1) in Pickering and Highway 35/115

Moved by: Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by: Councillor Roy

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 the province introduced legislation that if passed would ban tolls from provincially owned highways including all 400-series highways except for Highway 407 which is located almost exclusively in Durham Region;

AND WHEREAS if excluded from the proposed ban on tolls, Highway 407 would become the only tolled provincially owned highway in Ontario, resulting in unfair economic impacts to Durham Region residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has previously removed tolls on Highways 412 and 418 located within Durham, demonstrating the willingness to removing existing unfair tolls on provincially owned highways and should therefore include the provincial 407 as part of the proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS the removal of tolls on the provincial Highway 407 would reduce the cost of living for Durham Region residents and drive economic growth, while ensuring fair and equitable treatment across all provincial 400-series highways;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby requests that the Province of Ontario include the provincially owned portion of Highway 407 in any legislation banning tolls on provincially owned highways;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, all local Durham MPPs, and all Durham local area municipalities.

Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a Constructor for a Project

Moved by: Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by: Councillor Crawford

Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (“Sudbury”) entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core;

And whereas, the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the “Act”);

And whereas, an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

And whereas, Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

And whereas, after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found Sudbury to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

And whereas, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury’s appeal;

And whereas, the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

And whereas, the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

And whereas, The Regional Municipality of Durham believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and
2. That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.