



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Meeting of Regional Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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

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**7. Communications**

There are no Communications to be considered

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There are no Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

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There are no Departmental Reports and Other Resolutions

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There is no Unfinished Business

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**14. By-laws**

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| 14.1 | 2024-008<br>Being a by-law to adopt Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan.<br><br>This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 3rd Report of the Planning & Economic Development Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.  |  |
| 14.2 | 2024-009<br>Being a by-law to consolidate, repeal and replace the by-laws that regulate the provision of Waste Management Services under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Durham.<br><br>This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 3rd Report of the Works Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024. |  |
| 14.3 | 2024-010   |  |

Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for General Purposes including the payment of all debt of the Regional Corporation falling due excluding current and capital expenditures and debts for Water Supply and Sanitary Sewage Works, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit Commission.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.4 2024-011

Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for the Durham Region Transit Commission.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.5 2024-012

Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for Solid Waste Management.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.6 2024-013

Being a by-law to establish tax ratios for 2024 and to specify the percentage by which tax rates are to be reduced for prescribed property subclasses.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #4 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.7 2024-014

Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional General purposes for the year 2024.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.8 2024-015

Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for the Durham Region Transit Commission for the year 2024.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to

Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

14.9 2024-016

Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional Solid Waste Management purposes for the year 2024.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2nd Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

**15. Confirming By-law**

15.1 2024-017

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**16. Adjournment**

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 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.

Regional Chair Henry recognized former Regional Councillor Peter Rodrigues who passed away on Thursday, February 22nd. Chair Henry offered condolences on behalf of Regional Council.

Regional Chair Henry advised that today is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a grade 9 student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two grade 12 students from the same high school organized a high-school protest to wear pink in support of the student. Pink Shirt Day has since been recognized annually worldwide - encouraging ideas of diversity, inclusion and acceptance, and to be welcoming and supportive with colleagues, clients, friends and family and to stand up against bullying.

Chair Henry advised that Mayors Ashe and Foster and Councillor Woo are attending a nuclear summit in Ottawa.

## 2. **Roll Call**

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy\*  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada\*  
Regional Chair Henry

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

All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Collier, Cook, Foster, Neal and Woo.

Councillors Ashe, Collier, Foster and Woo were absent on municipal business.

Councillor Butt appeared as the alternate Council member for the City of Pickering.

## 3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(14) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Special Regional Council meeting held on January 25, 2024;
- Regular Regional Council meeting held on January 31, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2024; and
- Closed Regional Council meeting held on June 28, 2023.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Communications**

CC 04 Correspondence dated January 26, 2024 from Ray Stanton, President and Chairman, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair re: Notice of 2024 Appointment of a Representative to the RAWF Board of Governors

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(15) That Councillor Pickles be appointed to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors.

CARRIED

CC 05 Memorandum dated February 28, 2024 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)

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(16) That recommendations A), B), C) and D) as contained in Council Correspondence CC 05 be adopted.

CARRIED

CC 06 Confidential Memorandum from Kelly McDermott, Senior Solicitor regarding 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

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
(17) That Correspondence CC 06 be referred to consideration of Report #2024-A-3, Item 3 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee.

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 Finance and Administration Committee

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report, 2024 Workplan and Revised Terms of Reference (2024-A-1)

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[CARRIED]

- 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)

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[CARRIED]

- 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)  
[CARRIED AS AMENDED] [SEE MOTION (19) ON PAGE 5]

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

- Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(18) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

- Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(19) That the recommendations contained in Item 3 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted, in accordance with the recommendations of staff contained in Confidential Correspondence CC 06.  
CARRIED

## 9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

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

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.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

(20) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 9.3 Report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

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

[CARRIED]

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  
[CARRIED]

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.

- Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(21) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### 9.4 Report of the Works Committee

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)  
[CARRIED]
- 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)  
[CARRIED]
  - 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.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(22) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Works Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

## 10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

### 10.1 2024 Transit Fares (2024-DRT-03) [CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(23) That the proposed transit fares included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-DRT-03 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit and Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, be approved and implemented as of July 1, 2024.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

- 10.2 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) (2024-COW-9)  

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[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

- (24) 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.

CARRIED

- 10.3 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) (2024-COW-10)  
[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

- (25) 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.

CARRIED

## 11. Notice of Motions

- 11.1 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  
[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

- (26) 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, The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Transportation, all local Durham MPPs, and all Durham local area municipalities; the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County, Northumberland County, Cobourg, Belleville and their MPs and MPPs; the Ontario Trucking Association; and associations related to the farming community in Durham Region and Ontario.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE  
LATER IN THE MEETING (See Following  
Motions)

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Butt,  
(27) That the main motion (26) of Councillors Mulcahy and Roy be amended to add that tolls on the provincially owned section of Highway 407 be removed by January 1, 2035.

MOTION DEFEATED

The main motion (26) of Councillors Mulcahy and Roy was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:



<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo

Declarations of Interest: None

- 11.2 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  
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
(28) 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 provincial government agencies, 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.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE  
LATER IN THE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(29) That the main motion (28) of Councillors Mulcahy and Crawford be referred to staff.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE  
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Schummer

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (28) of Councillors Mulcahy and Crawford was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Schummer

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

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.

Regional Chair Henry advised that he has been working to advance partnerships at the federal level including through a meeting with MP Turnbull on homelessness, mental health and addictions and related challenges. He stated that it's clear that Regional communications are having an impact in effectively getting across both what we are facing in Durham and also what can be accomplished, and added that MP Turnbull and Chair Henry committed to continue to work together on a path forward and to advance conversations on these issues in Ottawa.

**14. By-laws**

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.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(30) That By-law Number 2024-006 be passed.

CARRIED

**15. Confirming By-law**

2024-007 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(31) That By-law Number 2024-007 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on February 28, 2024 be passed.

CARRIED

**16. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Butt, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(32) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

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Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, March 20, 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 Ashe  
Councillor Brenner\*  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook\*  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod\*  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy\*, left the meeting at 10:15 AM  
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

**\* denotes staff participating electronically**

All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Barton, Collier, and Foster.

Councillor Foster was absent due to municipal business.

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair\*, B. Goodwin, B. Bridgeman, S. Ciani, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault, H. Finlay, C. Goodchild, B. Holmes, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, M. Laschuk, C. Leitch, L. McIntosh, G. Pereira, A. Pezzetti, N. Pincombe, N. Taylor, and V. Walker

**\*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. Presentations**

- 4.1 Greg Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, and Gerardo Paez, Lead, Landscape Architecture, SvN Architects + Planners, re: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study – Project Outcome and Next Steps (2024-COW-11) [Item 7.1]
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Greg Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning and Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Report 2024-COW-11: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study – Project Outcome and Next Steps.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Project Overview
  - Purpose of Visioning Study
  - Vision Statement
  - Guiding Principles
  - A Connected Durham Meadoway
- Recommended Approach
  - Three Stage Process
  - Benefits of a Three Stage Process Approach
  - Road Map to Advance the Durham Meadoway
- The Vision – Examples of Trail Projects
  - Toronto
  - Hamilton
  - York Region
  - Simcoe County
- Durham Meadoway – The Linear Park
  - Opportunities
  - Toolkit
  - Typologies
  - Nature Spaces



- Garden and Community
- Road Crossings
- Route Selection Considerations
- Route Evaluation Overview
- Hydro One Corridor Considerations

G. Pereira, C. Leitch and G. Paez responded to questions with regards to the municipality's involvement in the funding of the initial cost of the environmental assessment and construction of the Durham Meadoway trail project; who will be responsible for maintaining the property surrounding the trail; the status of the discussions with Hydro One regarding what they will permit under their corridor and the potential associated costs; if funding will be sought from the Provincial and Federal governments for stage two of the Durham Meadoway trail project; what the estimated timelines are for each stage of the project leading up to implementation; the measures that will be implemented to ensure the project maintains coherence and continuity; the steps that will be taken to collaborate with the involved municipalities to ensure that the necessary funding is secured; why the project does not extend into the Municipality of Clarington and the possibility for this extension in the future; whether the maintenance for the trail will be similar to the maintenance of the Scarborough Meadoway trail; the number of Region of Durham residents within a 10-minute cycling distance to the trail; the possibility for future connectivity to the Waterfront trail in the City of Oshawa; whether there is a plan to address the existing on-road facility gap between Highway 412 and Taunton Road; phasing being structured to prevent individuals being stranded in isolated locations along the trail; the opportunity for trail connection to each municipality of the Region of Durham; whether promotion of the economic development and tourism benefits is being considered; where the emergency routes of access are located throughout the trail; the portion of the trail that follows the 30 kilometer Hydro corridor alignment and the minimum clearance distance from the Hydro towers; whether the trail will extend to Harmony Road in the City of Oshawa; and the potential for creating gathering spots along the trail, accessible by cycling, where events could be hosted.

## **5. Delegations**

There were no delegations heard.

## **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Durham Meadoway Visioning Study – Project Outcome and Next Steps (2024-COW-11)**

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Report #2024-COW-11 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner of Works, was received.

Discussion ensued with regards to the decision-making process for the framework of the cost-sharing between the Region of Durham and the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for the Durham Meadoway trail; and the possibility of including developments such as the Durham Meadoway project into the Development Charge By-law.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(14) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Council endorse the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study as the framework and strategy to implement the active transportation corridor and linear park, forming Stage 1 of the project;
- B) That Regional Council authorize the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Region and the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa, outlining a framework for the Region to cost-share 20 per cent (estimated at \$240,000) and the affected area municipalities cost-sharing 80 per cent of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for the Durham Meadoway trail, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Regional funding through the Region's 2025 Business Planning and Budgets process; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-11 of the Commissioners of Planning and Economic Development, Finance and Works, and Council resolution be sent to the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Durham OneNet Inc., Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Parks Canada, the City of Toronto, Infrastructure Ontario and Hydro One Networks Inc.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED  
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb

No

Councillor Schummer

Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
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Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Leahy

Declarations of Interest: None

**8. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(15) That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair

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Sarah Dessureault, Committee Clerk



# Durham Budget

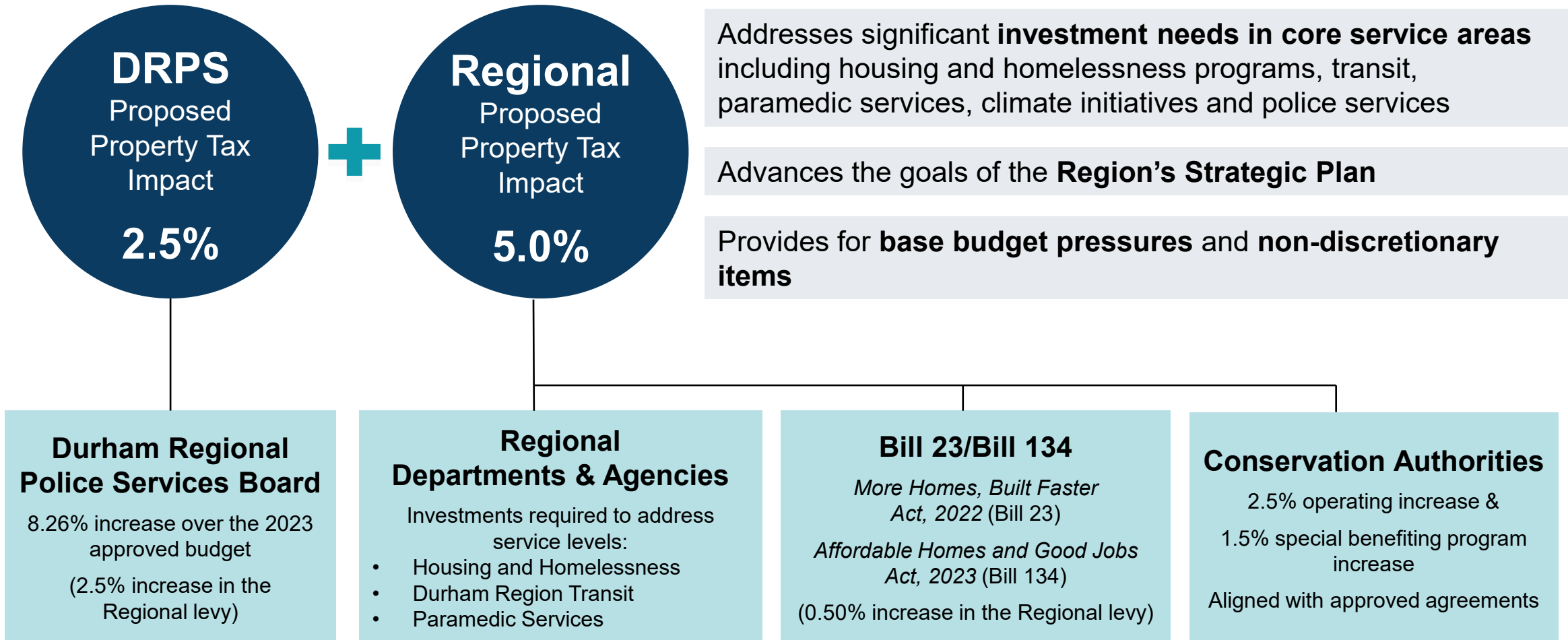
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## 2024 Business Plans and Budget

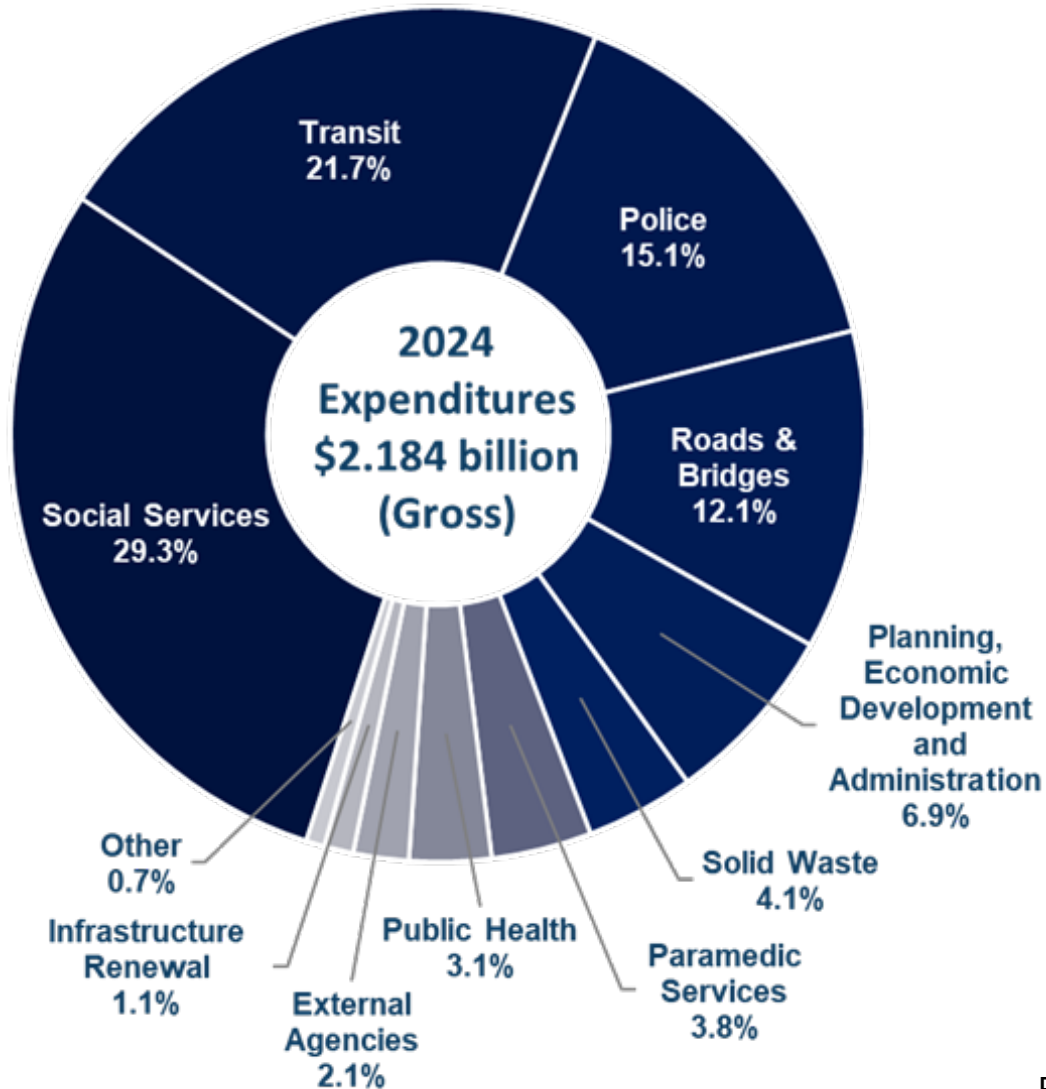
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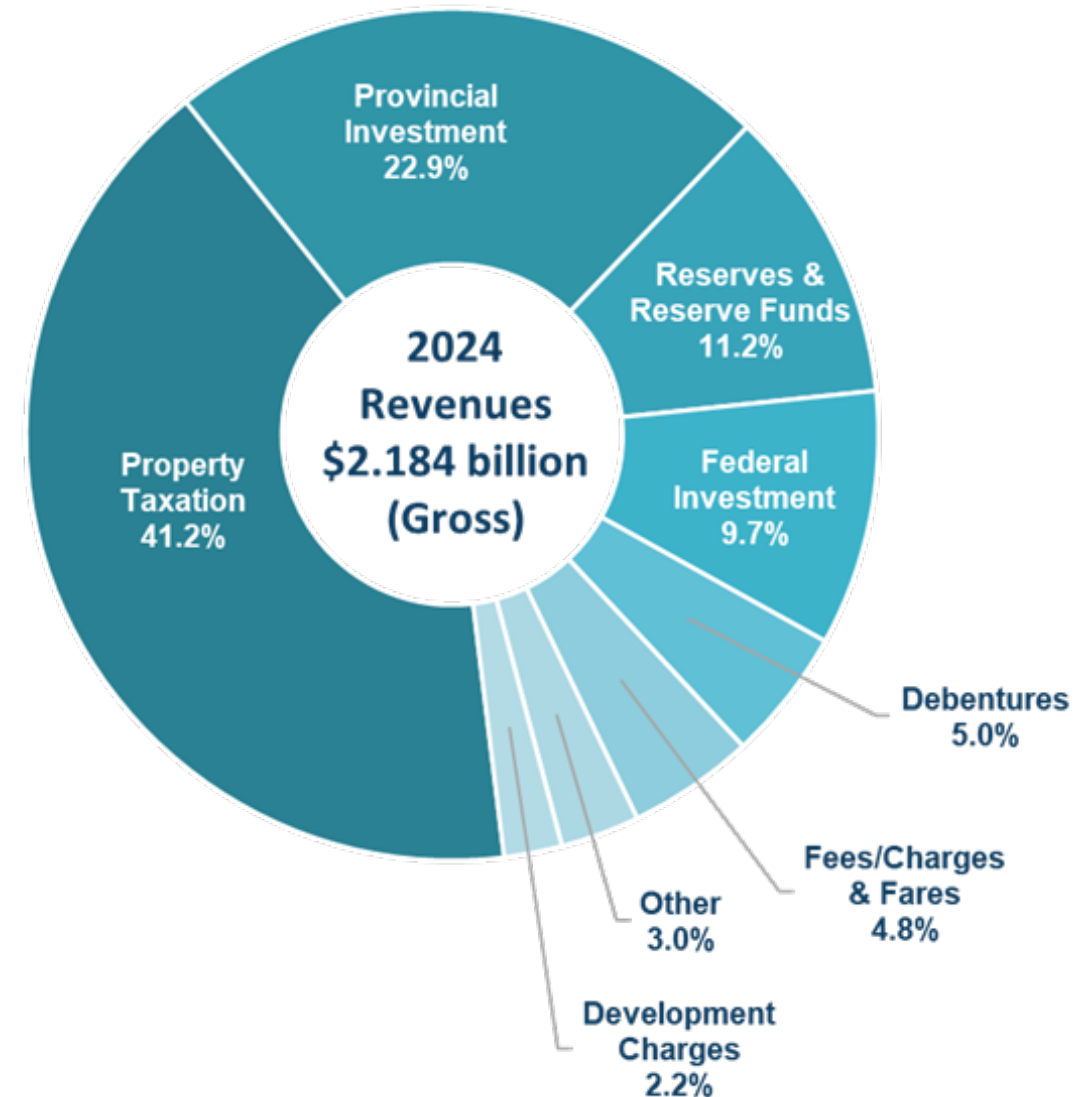
# Overview of the 2024 Budget



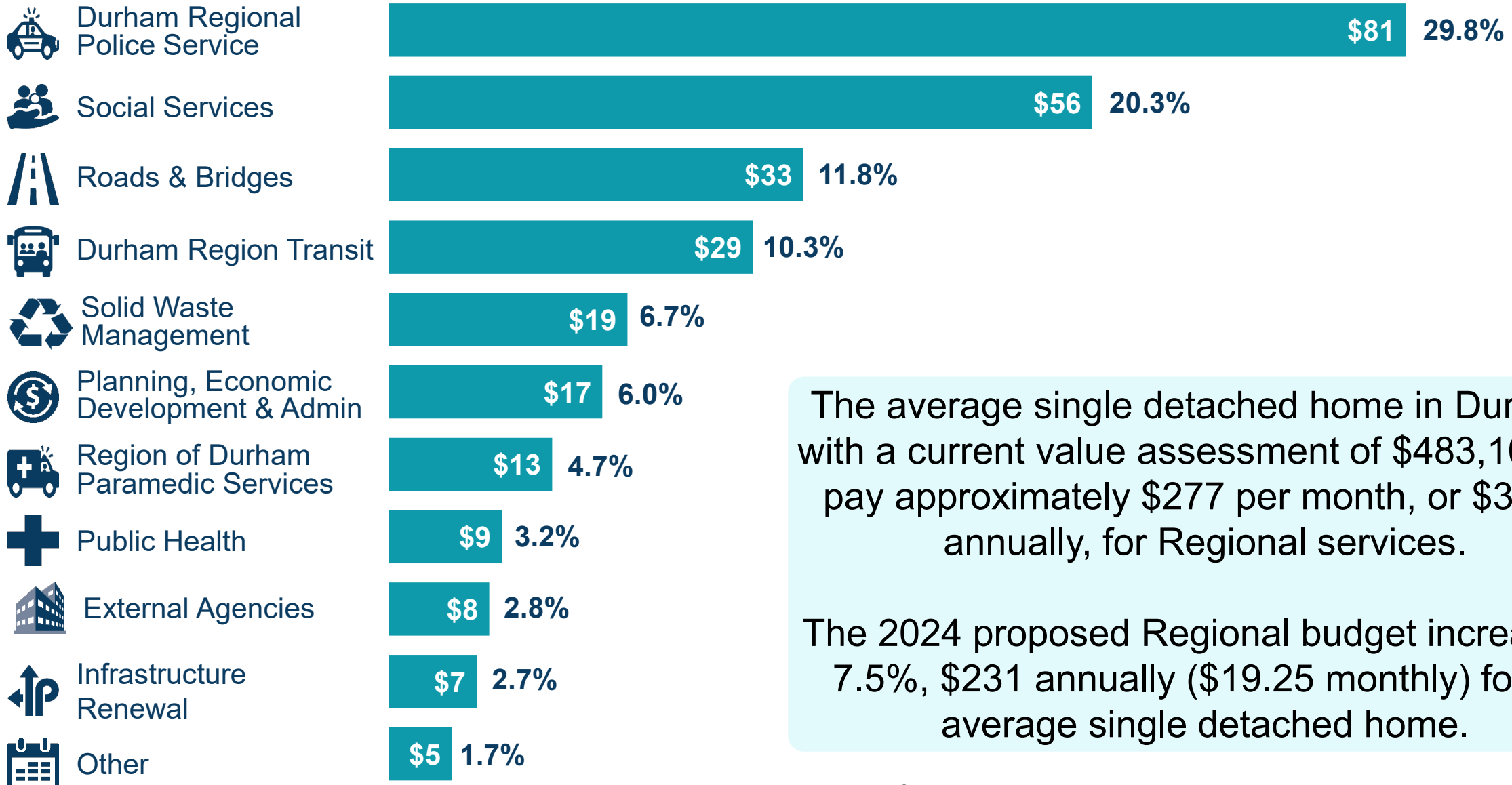
### 2024 Recommended Gross Expenses



### 2024 Recommended Gross Funding



# 2024 Regional Property Taxes: Average Home



The average single detached home in Durham, with a current value assessment of \$483,100 will pay approximately \$277 per month, or \$3,318 annually, for Regional services.

The 2024 proposed Regional budget increase is 7.5%, \$231 annually (\$19.25 monthly) for an average single detached home.

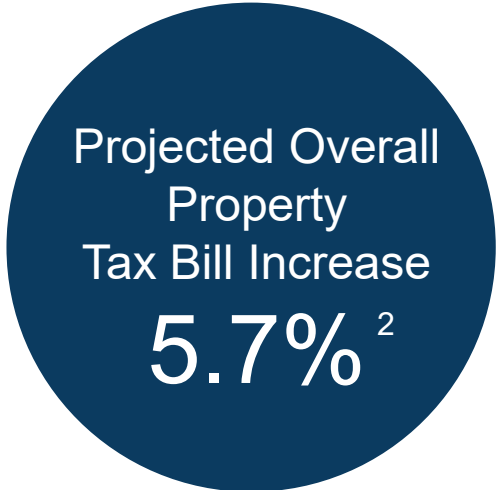
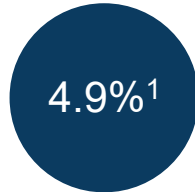
# 2024 Property Tax Impacts: Overall



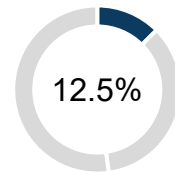
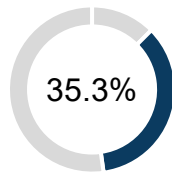
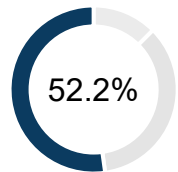
Average Local Municipality

Provincial Education

Proposed Budgetary Increase



Average Proportion of Residential Property Tax Bill



Overall Impact

$$3.9\% + 1.8\% + 0.0\% = 5.7\%<sup>2</sup>$$

An annual impact of approximately \$231 for an average residential property owner in Durham Region with a 2024 current value assessment of \$483,100

<sup>1</sup> The Municipal proposed budget is an estimate based on currently available information regarding the projected 2024 budget increases for the local municipalities and is subject to amendment

<sup>2</sup> The overall property tax bill increase will vary subject to the local municipality in which the property is located



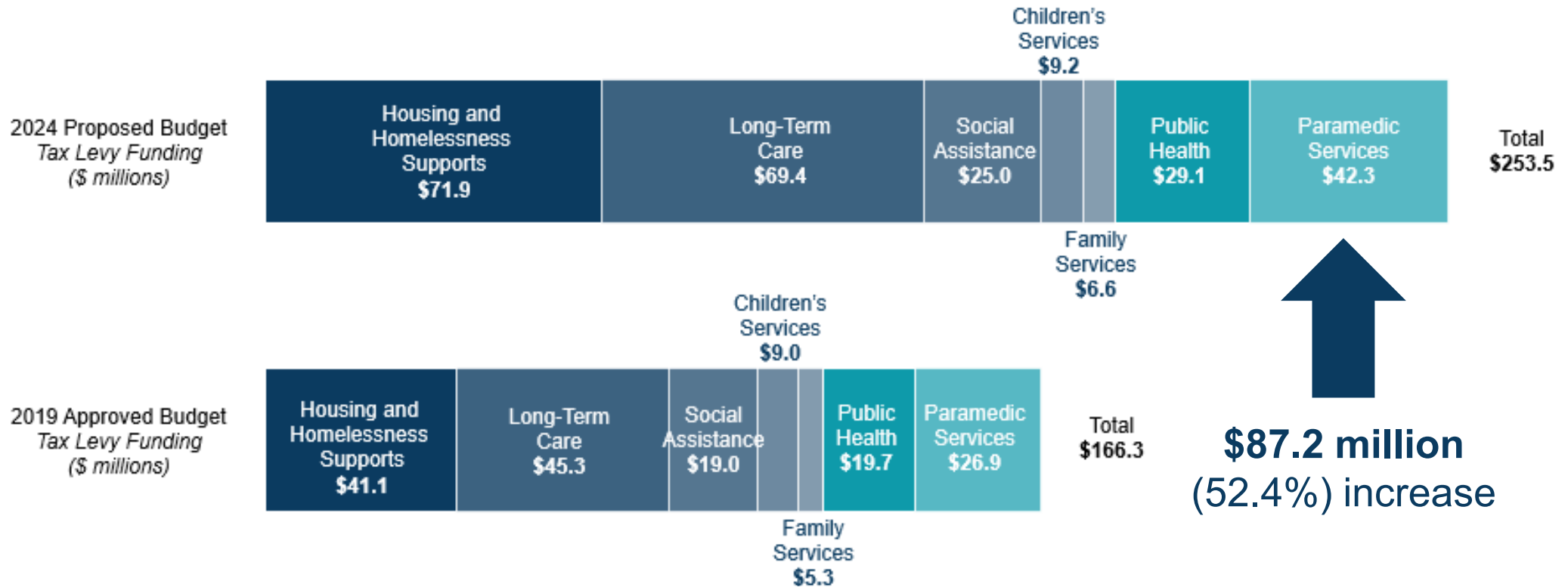
The 2024 Budget responds to a number of base pressures that are required to ensure the continued delivery of the Region's existing programs and services including:

- ! Significant **inflationary pressures** and **capital cost escalations**
- ! Debt servicing costs for debt approved in 2023
- ! Staff and service **contract cost** increases
- ! Changes in **provincial and federal funding**
- ! **Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, Bill 134, *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023*** and related legislation impacts
- ! The **annualization** of 2023 budget decisions and **decisions approved in-year**

Accommodating these base pressures while investing in critical service areas required that all possible financing sources were taken into consideration such as the sustainable use of reserves and reserve funds

# Fiscal Sustainability - New Financial Framework

In 2024, regional tax levy funding of social services and public health programs was approximately **\$253.5 million** or approximately **28.2 per cent** of the overall regional property tax levy



## The Region continues to:

- Support AMO's call for a **Social and Economic Prosperity Review** and FCM's call for a **new framework for raising municipal revenue**
- Advocate for **Long-Term Care**, sustainable **Transit**, **Housing and Homelessness**, and **Public Health** funding

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas



	2024 Budget (\$,000's)			Increase Over 2023 Budget (\$,000's)		
	Regional Funding	Non-Regional Funding*	Total Funding	Regional Funding	Non-Regional Funding*	Total Funding
Homelessness Support Programs	\$9,545	\$21,669	\$31,214	\$3,276	\$6,598	\$9,874
Housing Programs	\$56,158	\$20,187	\$76,345	\$1,124	\$1,197	\$2,321
DRLHC**	\$14,992	\$14,658	\$29,650	\$807	\$6,937	\$7,744
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>\$80,695</b>	<b>\$56,514</b>	<b>\$137,209</b>	<b>\$5,207</b>	<b>\$14,732</b>	<b>\$19,939</b>

Total Regional investment of **\$80.7 million, an increase of \$5.2 million (6.9%)** from the 2023 approved budget

- **\$72.1 million is funded from property taxes** (approximately 8.0% of the overall Regional Levy)

Total investment of **\$137.2 million, an increase of \$19.9 million (17.0%)** from 2023 approved budget

**Share of Pickering Casino revenue** has enabled Regional investment in housing and homelessness supports

\* Non-Regional Funding include provincial funding, federal funding, rents and other misc. funding  
 \*\* Does not include one-time funding for Community Settlement Services

## Strategic Investments

At Home Incentive Program \$8.0 million	Housing Redevelopment Office \$0.5 million	Community Housing Supports \$47.9 million	Durham Outreach Program \$1.8 million
Housing Redevelopment \$7.3 million	Rent Supplements \$8.3 million	Regional Supportive Housing \$3.4 million	Housing and Homelessness Supports including Community Supports, Warming Centres and Shelters \$27.4 million

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas

Housing and Homelessness

**Regional Transit**

Paramedic Services

Police Services

Climate Action

Other

**Net:**  
\$92.8 million



## Overview

Informed by the Durham Region Transit's Service and Financing Strategy (2023 – 2032) ([Report #2023-F-5](#)) approved by Regional Council in February 2023

↑ \$13.1 million  
16.5%



## Strategic Investments



Increase of 59,665 revenue service hours

\$5.9 million (net)



34 electric buses and supporting electrification infrastructure

\$65.7 million\*



Design Raleigh Bus Storage Facility rebuild including electrification infrastructure

\$8.7 million



New Terminal and bus stop infrastructure

\$21.0 million



Design electrification infrastructure upgrades at Westney Facility

\$5.0 million\*



Construction of new Indoor Bus Storage and Servicing Facility

\$239.7 million\*



Additional fare and UPass revenues

(\$3.8 million)

**Gross:**  
\$474.2 million

↑ \$275.0 million  
138.1%

\*Investments are contingent on approval of federal Zero Emissions Transit Fund grant funding

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas

Housing and Homelessness	Regional Transit	<b>Paramedic Services</b>	Police Services	Climate Action	Other
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**Net:**  
\$42.3 million

↑ \$4.3 million  
11.4%

**Gross:**  
\$84.1 million

↑ \$7.8 million  
10.2%



## Overview

Aligned with the 2023 – 2032 Region of Durham Paramedic Services Service and Financing Strategy ([Report #2023-COW-7](#)) approved by Regional Council in February 2023



## Strategic Investments



3 new 12 hour shifts daily (16 new paramedics and supporting infrastructure)

\$3.0 million (annualized)



2 new full-time support and management staff positions for 9-1-1 response

\$0.3 million (annualized)



Land acquisition and design for Bowmanville Paramedic Station

\$2.0 million



Advanced Care Paramedic Training

\$0.4 million



Design for South Whitby Paramedic Station

\$0.4 million



Improvements at existing Paramedic Stations

\$0.5 million



Community Paramedicine Program

\$4.9 million



Primary Care Outreach Program

\$0.8 million



Projected increase in provincial subsidy

(\$1.5 million)

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas



Housing and Homelessness

Regional Transit

Paramedic Services

**Police Services**

Climate Action

Other



## Strategic Investments

Net:  
\$268.0 million



25 additional Frontline Officers to respond to growth and an increase in frontline work

\$3.0 million (annualized)



29 additional officers and 22 new civilian positions supporting investigative and operational support units

\$7.3 million (annualized)



Increased investment in education, training and wellness programs

\$0.3 million



New dedicated police headquarters facility

\$13.1 million



Specialized Services relocation

\$7.0 million



Regional Reporting Centre investment

\$9.0 million



Central West Division improvements

\$1.5 million

\$20.4 million  
8.3%

Gross:  
\$330.4 million

\$63.7 million  
23.9%

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas



Housing and Homelessness

Regional Transit

Paramedic Services

Police Services

Climate Action

Other



## Overview

A strategic priority of the Region is to continue to integrate a climate lens into the annual business planning and budget process to align corporate climate and operating plans with achieving the Region's greenhouse gas reduction target of net zero by 2045



## Strategic Investments



Advancement of the Region's Light Duty Fleet Electrification Strategy in Works and Police Services

\$4.1 million



Energy efficiency improvements at DRLHC properties

\$6.7 million



Complete Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Studies for up to 55 Regional facilities



Advance planning and implementation of transit-oriented communities



Continue utilization of recycled materials for road construction



Advance various programs and initiatives focused on reducing community emissions including Durham Building Challenge Benchmarking and Disclosure Program, Durham Green Development Program, Durham Greener Homes Program and the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program

\$0.6 million



Install solar panels at RHQ

\$0.8 million



Implement the Regional Cycling Plan including, construction of cycling infrastructure, advancing the Durham Meadoway project and wayfinding strategy in partnership with area municipalities



Develop a District Energy Master Plan

\$0.1 million

# Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas



Housing and  
Homelessness

Regional  
Transit

Paramedic  
Services

Police  
Services

Climate  
Action

Other

- Develop Durham Region's **2025 Strategic Plan** (\$0.1 million)
- Develop a new **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy** (\$0.1 million)
- Ongoing implementation of the action items identified in the **Region's Equity Audit** (\$0.2 million)
- Invest in Regional **infrastructure to support projected growth and provincial housing targets**
- Continue to progress the approved **Lakeshore East GO Extension to Bowmanville** including **station design** to capitalize on the economic and community building benefits associated with rapid transit investment (\$12.0 million)
- Continue implementation of **Service Durham**, modernizing service delivery and providing a seamless customer experience (\$6.9 million)
- Advance the Region's **Cyber Risk Management Program** (\$3.9 million)
- Invest in the development of a **Poverty Reduction Plan** (\$0.1 million) and the implementation of the **Community Social Investment Program** directly supporting local non-profits (\$0.5 million)
- **Expand available childcare spaces** at the Region's Early Learning and Childcare Centres including the new Village Union Regional Centre in Oshawa (\$0.7 million)
- Implement an **emotional model of care for long-term care residents** (\$0.4 million)
- Ongoing recovery efforts including catching up core public health services including **dental screening in schools and childhood immunizations** and addressing **mental health needs for residents and those living with addictions**
- Continue execution of action items in the **Region's Economic Development and Tourism Strategy**
- Implement the **Family Physician Attraction and Retention Program** (\$0.1 million)
- Investment in Durham OneNet Inc. to deliver **improved broadband connectivity** for residents, businesses and Regional facilities and traffic infrastructure across Durham (\$14.3 million)



# Potential Social Housing Development/Redevelopment Projects



	# of Units	2024 Proposed Budget	Forecast					Forecast Total
			2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 - 2033	

## Projected Capital Expenditures

Christine and "The Broader Hill"	500	-	30,250	60,500	60,500	60,500	90,750	302,500
Malaga	444	-	67,155	67,155	67,155	67,155	-	268,620
Ritson Housing	770	-	93,170	93,170	93,170	93,170	93,170	465,850
Ritson Building Renovation	-	-	17,228	17,228	8,614	-	-	43,070
TBD Site	80	-	4,840	9,680	19,360	14,520	-	48,400
1635 Dundas	24	-	6,600	6,600	-	-	-	13,200
Rossland	257	-	7,774	15,549	31,097	31,097	69,968	155,485
Poplar/Linden	165	-	1,000	1,500	2,000	9,982	85,343	99,825
The Lake	680	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	403,900	411,400
Property/Building Acquisition for Development Beyond 2033	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	20,000	30,000
<b>Property Tax Supported Capital Financing</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>228,017</b>	<b>273,882</b>	<b>294,396</b>	<b>278,924</b>	<b>763,131</b>	<b>1,838,350</b>

- >>> Estimate of potential capital costs for the development/redevelopment of Social Housing units from 2025 to 2033 under a straight rebuild model.
- >>> Individual decisions regarding the development of each site will be subject to further review and reports to Committee/Council, detailing capital project delivery model, potential partnerships, refined cost estimates and financing strategies.
- >>> Advancement of a capital program of this magnitude will require significant investment by both the provincial and federal governments and the pursuit of strategic private partnerships.
- >>> 2024 budget includes a provision of \$7.3 million for social housing development/redevelopment, \$2.0 million is dedicated for the Region's ongoing work on the redevelopment of the DRLHC Christine and The Hill properties.
- >>> Staff to report back on a 10-year Housing Service and Financing Strategy in conjunction with the 2025 Business Plans and Budget.

# 2024 Capital Budget and Nine-Year Forecast

Durham Budget 2024	2023 Approved Budget (\$,000's)	2024 Proposed Budget (\$,000's)	Forecast					Forecast Total
			2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 - 2033	
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
<b>Property Tax Supported Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>493,159</b>	<b>629,004</b>	<b>728,530</b>	<b>572,537</b>	<b>475,827</b>	<b>493,291</b>	<b>2,782,386</b>	<b>5,052,571</b>
<b>Capital Financing</b>								
General Levy	31,179	34,265	56,147	107,714	76,005	132,300	387,820	759,986
Development Charges	78,435	47,499	109,982	173,453	164,274	186,543	1,165,925	1,800,177
Reserves and Reserve Funds	135,612	240,404	210,254	170,591	139,748	148,910	764,585	1,434,088
Debentures	129,549	109,928	201,495	74,109	48,134	25,520	455,030	804,288
Subsidy/Grant	103,749	191,048	147,909	46,666	46,666	-	-	241,241
Other Financing	14,635	5,860	2,743	4	1,000	18	9,026	12,791
<b>Property Tax Supported Capital Financing</b>	<b>493,159</b>	<b>629,004</b>	<b>728,530</b>	<b>572,537</b>	<b>475,827</b>	<b>493,291</b>	<b>2,782,386</b>	<b>5,052,571</b>

Investment /  
Household  
to Replace  
all Assets  
**\$82,690**

- >>> Region is entering into a period of significant investment in a number of major projects for which the Region has been accumulating financing in reserve and reserve funds over the last number of years.
- >>> Need to continue to increase tax levy investment in capital for sustainable asset management work.
- >>> Increased use of reserves, reserve funds and debenture financing projected over the ten-year capital plan.
- >>> Incorporates growth related infrastructure to support provincial housing targets.

### Estimated 2023 Impact of Bill 23 and Related Legislation

Description	Amount
Water	\$14,741,812
Sewer	\$14,943,925
Transit	\$1,143,946
General (Excluding Water, Sewer, Transit)	\$21,952,150
No Longer Eligible Services (Housing, Studies etc.)	\$3,505,780
<b>2023 Total Impact (loss of Development Charge Receipts)</b>	<b>\$56,287,613</b>

- »»» **\$56.3 million** – estimated 2023 property tax impact of Bill 23 and related legislation – recommendation to allocate available property tax surplus towards 2023 property tax impact
- »»» **\$470 million** – estimated forgone development charge revenues for property tax supported services by 2033
- »»» **1.55 per cent** – estimated incremental annual property tax increase each year from 2025 to 2028 to address Bill 23 and related legislation impacts

To achieve the Regional Council approved 2024 Business Plans and Budgets Guideline – while minimizing service level impacts - a series of items have been deferred / phased in their implementation

- Deferred increasing property tax funding for **road rehabilitation** projects required to keep pace with capital cost escalations and achieve the Region's pavement condition index service level
- Deferred consideration of proactive **rehabilitation strategies** to potentially achieve lower lifecycle costs **for Regional bridges and structures**
- Shifted from providing approximately 75,000 households with one new additional green bin to support the Region's enhanced green bin program to providing **35,000 households with one new additional green bin at a 50 per cent discount**
- Achieved **85 per cent of projected revenue service hour growth** identified in the 10-year Transit Strategy (2024 proposed budget includes increase of **59,665 revenue service hours**) in addition to priority new positions and capital infrastructure not identified in Strategy
- Deferred additional investment in **homelessness supports**, expansion of **operating capacity at the Region's directly operated early learning and childcare centres**, expansion of **resident supports at the Region's long-term care homes**, additional increases in **rent supplements**, additional investment in **state of good repair projects at DRLHC properties, directly operated early learning and childcare centres and the Regional operated long-term care homes**
- Deferred hiring of **Health Policy Analysts, Public Health Inspector, Planners, Community Advisors, eLearning Specialists, Training and Knowledge Management Manager, Electronic Information Management, Indigenous Community Advisor, Communication and Community Engagement positions**
- **Reduced planned economic development trade show participation** (Collision Conference)
- Deferred investment to support implementation of the **Regional Intelligent Communities framework** and an enterprise-wide **innovation project management tracking system**
- Phased required increases in the **Region's fleet rate** to ensure full cost recovery and accurate activity costing
- Applied **additional reserve and reserve fund financing**
- Completed comprehensive **line-by-line reviews** to identify savings resulting from efficiencies, process improvements and modernization efforts and reduce budgets for areas historically underspent



## Strategic Investments Pressures

- Achieving the Region's GHG emissions reduction target
- Lakeshore GO East Extension
- Social housing redevelopment
- Housing and homelessness supports
- Advancing critical investments in DRPS (\$4.3 million+)
- North Pickering Long-Term Care Home operating costs (\$22.5 million to \$24.8 million)
- A new Directly Operated Early Learning and Childcare Centre
- 2024 Region of Durham Strategic Plan initiatives



## Implementing long-term service and financing strategies

- Durham Region Transit's Long-Term Investment Plan (4.5%)
- Paramedic Services Masterplan Review and Implementation Strategy (0.5%)



## Provincial/Federal Funding/Legislation Pressures

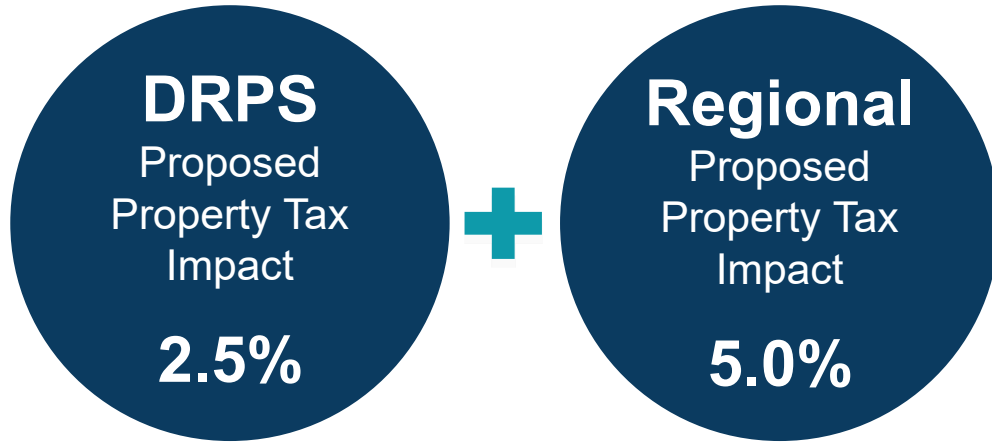
- Development Charge shortfalls (Bill 23, Bill 134) (1.55% annually)
- Federal review of Canada Community Building Fund (Federal Gas Tax) and potential program changes
- Sustainability of Provincial Gas Tax funding
- Increasing reliance on property tax funding to support health and social services
- Significant reduction in federal Reaching Homes funding
- Strengthening Public Health Strategy*, including provincial review of Ontario Public Health Standards and funding
- Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*
- New regulations under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*



## Forecasted Pressures

- Asset Management pressures including increased investment in Rehabilitation of Regional Roads to achieve service standard
- Increasing demand for programs and infrastructure to meet growth projections
- Debt repayment and servicing costs
- Future property tax reassessment impacts

# Overview of the 2024 Budget



The average single detached home in Durham, with a current value assessment of \$483,100 will pay approximately \$277 per month, or \$3,318 annually, for Regional services, an **increase of \$19.25 monthly, or \$231 annually**

Addresses significant investment needs in core service areas including **housing and homelessness programs, transit, paramedic services, climate initiatives and police services**

Advances goals of the **Region's Strategic Plan**

Includes provision for the anticipated impacts resulting from **Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

Provides for **base pressures** including inflationary pressures, annualization impacts and initiatives approved in-year

Includes sustainable use of **reserves and reserve funds and debt**

# Questions

## Report #2 of the Finance & Administration Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

March 27, 2024

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Motion Regarding Senior Government Funding

Whereas Durham Region along with other regional governments in Ontario were excluded from major new federal and provincial infrastructure programs to enable housing; namely the Housing Accelerator Fund and the Building Faster Fund;

Whereas regional governments are responsible to deliver costly infrastructure to enable growth such as water and sewer infrastructure and transit investments;

Whereas there is a homelessness, housing affordability and supply crisis;

Whereas there is currently a gap in senior government infrastructure funding programs and new funding commitments are required to close the gap in a timely fashion;

Whereas Durham Region residents deserve a fair share of investment from senior level government;

Be it therefore resolved that Durham Region request the federal and provincial government to include regional governments in any new infrastructure program to enable growth and that new major infrastructure programs are established urgently;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, Durham MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

2. The Remuneration and Expenses in 2023 of Members of Regional Council and Regional Council Appointees to Local Boards, as Required by Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 (2024-F-1)

That Report #2024-F-1 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

3. Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Logistics Vehicle to Support Community Programs (CP) (2024-F-4)

That the purchase of a new Logistics Delivery vehicle, at an estimated upset limit of \$95,000 and financed 100 per cent from reallocation of surplus Provincial funding, be approved to better assist with delivery of



supplies to address the need of our enhanced workload related to Community Programs (CP).

4. 2024 Strategic Property Tax Study (2024-F-2)

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A) That for the 2024 property taxation year, the municipal property tax ratios for the following property classes and subclasses for the Regional Municipality of Durham and its area municipalities be set as follows, consistent with the 2023 ratios, and the requisite by-law be prepared, and approval be granted,

Multi-Residential	1.8665
New Multi-Residential	1.1000
Landfill	1.1000
Pipelines	1.2294
Farmland	0.2000
Managed Forests	0.2500

**Commercial Broad Class**

(Including Shopping Centres, Office Buildings, Parking Lots and Residual)

Occupied	1.4500
Vacant Land	1.4500
Excess Land	1.4500
On Farm	1.4500

**Industrial Broad Class**

(Including Large Industrial and Residual)

Occupied	2.0235
Vacant Land	2.0235
Excess Land	2.0235
On Farm	2.0235

B) That to achieve greater fairness and equity in the Current Value Assessment (CVA) system and property taxation policy, the Province be requested to:

- update the Provincial statutory rate applicable to nuclear generating facilities;
- institute an annual mechanism to ensure the rate continues to be updated in the future, and;
- redirect proxy property tax payments currently paid by the Region's two nuclear generating facilities to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC) for the Ontario Hydro stranded debt to the host municipalities and the Region following retirement of the stranded debt.

5. The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit ([2024-F-3](#))

**2024 General Purpose Property Tax Business Plans and Budget**

- A) That the 2024 Business Plans and Property Tax Budget for General Purposes (excluding Durham Region Transit and Solid Waste Management) be approved, at a total net property tax requirement of \$746,567,000 as detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, which are highlighted in this report and summarized as follows:

	<b>2024 Tax Requirements (\$000s)</b>
<b>Regional Operations</b>	
i) Departmental Operations - excluding Long-term Care	333,627
ii) Departmental Operations – Long-term Care	69,416
iii) Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act Provision	5,558
iv) Regional Roads Reserve – Growth	12,549
v) Regional Roads – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	26,050
vi) Regional Bridges – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	5,525
<b>Total Regional Operations</b>	<b>452,725</b>
vii) <b>Police Services</b>	267,966
viii) <b>Conservation Authorities</b>	9,383
<b>Special Contributions:</b>	
ix) Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund	394
x) Durham Region Community Investment Grant	6,220
<b>Total Special Contributions</b>	<b>6,614</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>736,688</b>
xi) Deferral for Seaton Assessment Growth	9,879
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES</b>	<b>746,567</b>

- B) That the 2024 Capital Program for General Property Tax Purposes and financing (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation Authorities’ requirements), as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the amount of \$281,936,000 be approved including up to \$46,833,000 in debenture financing;
- C) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for General Property Tax Purposes (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation

Authorities’ requirements), as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$3,782,409,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

**Contributions for Regional Roads and Bridges**

- D) That a 2024 contribution of \$12,549,000 to the Regional Roads Reserve – Growth be authorized to allow for financing of Road Capital Construction Projects;
- E) That a 2024 contribution of \$26,050,000 to the Regional Roads Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with road rehabilitation requirements;
- F) That a 2024 contribution of \$5,525,000 to the Regional Bridges Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with bridge rehabilitation requirements.

**Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation**

- G) That the 2024 Budget for the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$14,991,550.

**Conservation Authorities**

H) That funding totalling \$6,963,838 for 2024 operations be approved for the Region’s five Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (including transitioning the 2019-2023 Restoration pilot program to a permanent program in 2024)	\$4,620,240
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	729,104
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	658,597
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	724,800
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority*	231,097
<b>Total Conservation Authority Operations Funding</b>	<b>\$6,963,838</b>

\*The 2024 operating budget provision for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority includes all Category 1 Corporate Services costs.

I) That funding totalling \$1,679,259 for 2024 special projects be approved for the Region’s Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	\$146,100
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	249,559
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	994,371
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	289,229
<b>Total Conservation Authority Special Projects Funding</b>	<b>\$1,679,259</b>

J)	That funding totalling \$200,000 for 2024 land management expenditures be approved for properties within Durham Region as outlined below:	
	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	\$85,000
	Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	15,000
	Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	37,000
	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	41,000
	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	22,000
	<b>Total Conservation Authority Land Management Funding</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

- K) That the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) Initiatives be continued in 2024 at a funding level of \$175,000 for ongoing groundwater protection initiatives jointly funded with the City of Toronto, Region of York and Region of Peel;
- L) That the special funding requests as outlined below be approved subject to the accountability of project costs incurred and project completion:
  - a) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for improvement to the entrance at Enniskillen Conservation Area and Russ Powell Nature Centre in the amount of \$120,000;
  - b) Kawartha Conservation Authority for updates to their Watershed Planning in the amount of \$30,500;
  - c) Kawartha Conservation Authority for phase five of five for the digitization of corporate records in the amount of \$5,446; and
  - d) Kawartha Conservation Authority for the implementation of their 10-year Environmental Monitoring Strategy in the amount of \$9,077;
- M) That the special funding request from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority as outlined below be approved subject to securing the remainder of the project funding from the National Adaptation Strategy and Hydrologic Prediction and Innovation Program, project completion and accountability of project costs incurred:
  - a) LiDAR base mapping for the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority watershed to assist with floodplain mapping programs in the amount of \$80,000;
- N) That the approval for the special funding request from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan Pilot Project (SNAP) in the amount of \$120,000 be delegated to the Commissioner of Finance pending final review of the pilot project selected and its alignment with Regional responsibilities and priorities. The advancement of any funding approved for this special request will be subject to project completion and accountability of project costs incurred;

- O) That a contribution of \$393,977 to the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund be authorized to assist in financing requests for funding received from the five Conservation Authorities to acquire environmentally sensitive lands within the Region, based on eligibility criteria per the approved Regional Land Acquisition Reserve Fund Policy.

**Solid Waste Management 2024 Business Plan and Budget**

- P) That the 2024 Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management at a net property tax requirement of \$60,075,000 be approved as detailed in the 2024 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget;
- Q) That the 2024 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management and financing, as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management, in the amount of \$4,732,000 be approved;
- R) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for Solid Waste Management as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$242,030,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

**Durham Region Transit 2024 Business Plan and Budget**

- S) That the 2024 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Region Transit be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$92,816,000, as detailed in the 2024 Durham Region Transit Business Plan and Budget;
- T) That the 2024 Capital Program for Durham Region Transit and financing, as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the gross amount of \$342,336,000 be approved, including up to \$63,095,000 in debenture financing (including \$20,230,000 in long-term financing from the Canada Infrastructure Bank) subject to federal funding approval for applicable projects;
- U) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for Durham Region Transit as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$1,028,132,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals;
- V) That staff report back to the Transit Executive Committee and Finance and Administration Committee in advance of the 2025 Business Plan and Budget should sufficient senior government funding not be forthcoming to support the implementation of Durham Region Transit's fleet electrification

strategy and forecasted service enhancements, with recommendations on updating the Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023 – 2032) to reflect funding realities.

**Financial Management and Accountability**

- W) That the Listing of 2024 Regional Fees and Charges, as set forth in the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget be approved and made available to the public and all applicable by-laws be amended accordingly;
- X) That a transfer of \$450,000 to the Climate Change Mitigation and Environmental Reserve Fund from savings in the Region’s natural gas hedging account be approved;
- Y) That a transfer of \$3,068,880 to the Equipment Reserve from the Capital Impact Stabilization Reserve Fund be approved to support the ongoing sustainability of the reserve for fleet equipment replacement;
- Z) That the Growth Related General Infrastructure (Property Tax) Reserve Fund be established to finance the shortfall in development charge receipts from the mandatory phase-in, freezing, exemptions and discounts introduced through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 and related legislation, and that for 2023, any property tax surplus up to the maximum amount of the estimated 2023 development charge shortfall for property tax services be allocated to the Growth Related Property Tax Infrastructure Reserve Fund;
- AA) That the necessary By-laws for the establishment of the recommended Growth Related General Infrastructure (Property Tax) Reserve Fund be presented to Regional Council;
- BB) That the Region continue to advocate directly and jointly with our municipal partners and associations for senior government funding for shortfalls in development charge funding resulting from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 and related legislation as well as for the unplanned and accelerated infrastructure needs to meet the provincial housing targets;
- CC) That Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the Government of Canada for urgent investment in infrastructure and commitments to enhancements to the Canada Community Building Fund, establishing a permanent Public Transit Fund and enhanced investment in Reaching Homes funding;
- DD) That the Province of Ontario be requested to provide stability and certainty to the Provincial Gas Tax program to support transit operations and capital priorities;

- EE) That based upon the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget as recommended herein, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to set 2024 Regional Property Tax Rates for General Purposes, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit and approval be granted for the requisite By-laws;
- FF) That for any Regional program change or capital expenditure included within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget which is proposed to be financed in whole, or in part, from Provincial/Federal subsidies, grants or related revenues, neither staffing, capital nor other related Regional expenditures can be committed until such time as adequate confirmation, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance/Treasurer, is received from the respective provincial/federal ministry to commit to the subsidy, grant or related revenues in accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy;
- GG) That funding totalling up to \$83,250 be approved for the Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2024 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered;
- HH) That funding totalling up to \$52,160 be approved for COMRA Marine Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2024 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered;
- II) That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority, for purposes of the Region's Humanitarian response to asylum-seekers and refugees, to extend the Region's agreement with Community Development Council Durham to June 30, 2024, execute any transfer payment agreements, expend funds up to a maximum of an additional \$5,528,000 in accordance with the program guidelines, make any modifications to the program(s) to ensure desired outcomes are achieved, receive any federal and/or provincial funds for this response, and waive the Region's Purchasing By-law and Budget Management Policy as required for this response; and that any costs associated with the extension of this agreement not reimbursed under the federal Interim Housing Assistance Program or the provincial Homelessness Prevention Program or any other federal or provincial funds be funded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;
- JJ) That the federal government be requested to urgently reimburse the Region of Durham for all costs incurred to date and anticipated to be incurred up to June 30, 2024 for the Region's Humanitarian response to asylum-seekers and refugees and establish an ongoing funding program from July 1, 2024 onward to cover the costs of providing settlement services for asylum-seekers and refugees to prevent the cancellation of any programs offered

by the Region of Durham after June 30, 2024;

- KK) That the Region continue to advocate for sustained senior government funding for growth related capital infrastructure to support the housing goals within the Region of Durham;
- LL) That staff be directed to prepare a 10-year Housing Service and Financing Strategy to be brought forward to Council in conjunction with the 2025 Business Plans and Budget;
- MM) That the reporting of the Impact of Excluded Expenses for tangible capital asset amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure/post-closure expenses be adopted, per requirements under the Ontario Regulation 284/09 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB);

**Estimated Impact of Excluded Expenses on Accumulated Surplus  
 For the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets (\$,000's)**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Property Tax</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><u>PSAS Additions to Budget</u></b>					
Tangible Capital Asset Amortization	164,648	104,174	29,860	36,776	170,810
Post-Employment Benefit Expense	27,301	43,820	738	890	45,448
Asset Retirement Obligation - Increase/(Decrease)	(248)	1,317	161	86	1,564
Transfers from Reserves and Reserve Funds	145,359	246,889	31,417	19,785	298,091
Proceeds of Debt issued for Regional Purposes	160,883	109,928	-	45,868	155,796
Total PSAS Additions	497,943	506,128	62,176	103,405	671,709
<b><u>PSAS Reductions to Budget</u></b>					
Gross Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions	(784,858)	(628,307)	(143,006)	(215,158)	(986,471)
Less: Tangible Capital Asset Recoveries	40,691	-	-	60,172	60,172
Net Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions	(744,167)	(628,307)	(143,006)	(154,986)	(926,299)
Debt Principal Payments	(18,643)	(18,589)	(695)	(2,802)	(22,086)
Transfers to Reserves and Reserve Funds	(155,268)	(152,579)	(9,836)	(20,773)	(183,188)
Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	(20,017)	(1,270)	(9,360)	(13,396)	(24,026)
Total PSAS Reductions	(938,095)	(800,745)	(162,897)	(191,957)	(1,155,599)
<b>Net Impact - (Increase) to Accumulated Surplus</b>	(440,152)	(294,617)	(100,721)	(88,552)	(483,890)

- NN) That sections of this resolution be forwarded to each relevant party to inform them of their approved funding and/or Council's position on the appropriate matter.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Ashe, Chair, Finance & Administration Committee



## Report #3 of the Planning & Economic Development Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

March 27, 2024

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

1. Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-001 (Regional Official Plan Amendment #197) ([2024-P-6](#))

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  - A) That Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of nonabutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2024-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development;
  - B) That “Notice of Adoption” be sent to the applicant, the applicant’s agent, the Municipality of Clarington, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision; and
  - C) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to modify the Council adopted Durham Regional Official Plan as shown on Attachment #4 to Report #2024-P-6 so that the approvals granted by Regional Council through Amendment #197 are carried forward and properly reflected in the Region’s new Official Plan which is currently pending approval by the Minister.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee

## Report #3 of the Works Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

March 27, 2024

The Works Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. New Waste Management Services By-law ([2024-WR-1](#))
  - A) That By-law #46-2011, as amended, being a by-law to regulate the provision of Waste Management Services under the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Durham, be repealed and replaced with a revised Waste Management Services By-law generally in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-WR-1 of the Acting Commissioner of Works, as modified and approved by the Regional Solicitor; and
  - B) That staff be directed to submit a short form wording and set fines application, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, to the Provincial Regional Senior Justice for approval, and such court order be attached to the by-law once received for reference.
  
2. Update on Small Business Recycling Post Blue Box Transition ([2024-WR-2](#))
  - A) That, effective January 1, 2026, the Regional Municipality of Durham cease to provide Blue Box recycling services to the small businesses currently receiving municipal waste collection services as listed in Attachments #1 and #2 of Report #2024-WR-2 of the Acting Commissioner of Works;
  - B) That staff be directed to develop and implement a communication plan to advise these small businesses that, effective January 1, 2026, they will no longer receive municipal Blue Box recycling services;
  - C) That staff be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks strongly endorsing the creation of a Blue Box recycling regulation for Ontario's Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector as it has done for Ontario's residential sector; and
  - D) That a copy of Report #2024-WR-2 be shared with the Regional Local Area Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
  
3. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2023 Summary Report ([2024-W-5](#))
  - A) That the 2023 Summary Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham Drinking Water Systems be received for information;

- B) That receipt of Report #2024-W-5 of the Acting Commissioner of Works be confirmed by resolution of Regional Council; and
  - C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' York-Durham District Office to indicate that the conditions of Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been fulfilled.
4. Lease Agreement with 555 Hastings Avenue Inc. for space for use by Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), located at 555 Hastings Avenue and 556 Hastings Avenue, City of Oshawa ([2024-W-7](#))
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- A) That the Lease Agreement with 555 Hastings Avenue Inc. for the premises in the City of Oshawa, consisting of 8,784 square feet of office and Industrial space located at 555 Hastings Avenue and 0.22 acres of storage yard space at 556 Hastings Avenue, in the City of Oshawa, be approved with the following terms and conditions:
    - i) The lease term is for a period of five (5) years commencing April 1, 2024, and ending on March 31, 2029;
    - ii) The annual rent for the lease term will be \$228,384\*, payable in equal monthly instalments of \$19,031\*, based on a rate of \$26.00 per square foot per annum;
    - iii) The basic rent will be increased by 2.5 percent for each successive year of the lease term;
    - iv) Additional rent is estimated at \$1.92 per square foot or \$16,865.28 per annum, including maintenance costs, property taxes and insurance;
    - v) The Region will have exclusive use of the 0.22-acre storage yard space at 556 Hastings Avenue, City of Oshawa. There is no additional cost for the use of this space;
    - vi) The Region will have the option to renew the lease for two additional terms of five (5) years under the same terms and conditions, with rent to be negotiated at the time of renewal;
    - vii) The Region will be responsible for all maintenance and repair to the leased space, snow and ice removal and lawn cutting;
    - viii) The Landlord will be responsible for all improvements, repairs, renovations and alterations to the exterior of the building and property, as well as all systems servicing the leased space (e.g., HVAC); and
  - B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with the Lease.

(\* exclusive of applicable taxes

5. Standardization and Sole Source Acquisition of Combination Plow/Dump/Salter Trucks (2024-W-8)

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- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham continue to standardize Viking Cives Ltd. International Truck combination cab, chassis, and truck mounted plows/dump/salter bodies;
- B) That staff negotiate and award a sole source agreement with Viking Cives Ltd. for the supply, customization, and delivery of Viking Cives Ltd. International Truck combination cab, chassis, and truck-mounted plows/dump/salter bodies, parts and servicing of the units from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, at an estimated cost of \$18,457,640\* for the term, including \$2,890,000\* for 2024; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to this sole source agreement.  
(\* before applicable taxes

Respectfully submitted,

T-D. Marimpietri, Vice-Chair, Works Committee

## Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole

For consideration by Regional Council

March 27, 2024

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Durham Meadowway Visioning Study – Project Outcome and Next Steps (2024-COW-11)

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  - A) That Regional Council endorse the Durham Meadowway Visioning Study as the framework and strategy to implement the active transportation corridor and linear park, forming Stage 1 of the project;
  - B) That Regional Council authorize the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Region and the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa, outlining a framework for the Region to cost-share 20 per cent (estimated at \$240,000) and the affected area municipalities cost-sharing 80 per cent of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for the Durham Meadowway trail, subject to the approval of Commissioner of Finance and Regional funding through the Region's 2025 Business Planning and Budgets process; and
  - C) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-11 of the Commissioners of Planning and Economic Development, Finance and Works, and Council resolution be sent to the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Durham OneNet Inc., Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Parks Canada, the City of Toronto, Infrastructure Ontario and Hydro One Networks Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

**Motion to support the decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand**

Moved by: Councillor Leahy

Seconded by: Councillor Foster

WHEREAS: Residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

AND WHEREAS: The Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS: The OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

AND WHEREAS: The construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the The Regional Municipality of Durham's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand.

2. THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.