



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Health and Social Services Committee Agenda

Thursday, May 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council Chambers

Regional Headquarters Building

605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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Note: This meeting will be held in a hybrid meeting format with electronic and in-person participation. Committee meetings may be [viewed via live streaming](#).

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There are no advisory committee resolutions to be considered

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There are no confidential matters to be considered

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12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 9:30 AM

13. **Adjournment**

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter* attended the meeting at 9:36 AM
Councillor Foster* attended the meeting at 9:32 AM
Councillor Jubb*
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Crawford*
Councillor McDougall*
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Wotten*
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff
Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
M. Brolly, Manager, Population Health Division
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services
J. Gaskin, Director, Children’s Services, Social Services
A. Harras*, Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services, Social Services
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, Social Services
L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health

G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal
A. Skan*, Manager, Housing Services, Social Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services
N. Taylor*, Commissioner of Finance
K. Thangaraj, Director, Population Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Health
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
E. Valant, Director, Housing Services
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(14) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

5.1 Michele Brolly, Manager, Population Health Division, re: Immunization Program

Michele Brolly, Manager, Population Health Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Immunization Program.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Immunization Program – Goal
- Immunization Programs and Services
- Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)
- Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA)
- Vaccine Storage and Handling
- Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs)
- School Clinics
- Catch-up Clinics
- COVID Clinics
- Vaccine Promotion
- Challenges and Opportunities

M. Brolly responded to questions with regards to how the Province is providing communication for those hesitant to get vaccinated; recommendations on ensuring immunizations are up to date; the process for getting an exemption from vaccinations; and, whether there is any lobbying being done to review the process of being exempt from vaccinations.

Discussion ensued with regards to vaccinations being provided by pharmacists and the costs associated with obtaining vaccinations by a pharmacist not being fair to individuals and pharmacies as this can contribute to vaccine hesitancy; and the need for the costs incurred by pharmacies to be covered through OHIP.

Staff was directed to send a letter to the Minister of Health and the Province of Ontario requesting that pharmacies be able to recover the costs incurred for administering vaccines by a pharmacist the same way they would be if the vaccine was administered by a healthcare provider, and that the letter also be circulated to Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and any health care network Durham Region works with.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Health reports to consider.

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) Region of Durham Community Security and Clean-up Policy (2024-SS-3)

Report #2024-SS-3 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to how warming centres, homelessness hubs, transitional housing facilities, supportive housing facilities and community housing are being affected by the policy; the level of security being provided at locations; and whether other regions are providing similar programs.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(15) That we recommend to Council:

That Regional Council endorse the Community Security and Clean-up Policy
(Attachment #1 to Report #2024-SS-3 of the Commissioner of Social Services).

CARRIED AS AMENDED LATER IN THE
MEETING

(See Following Motion)

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(16) That the main motion (15) of Councillor Anderson and Regional Chair
Henry be amended by adding the following as a new Part B):

“B) That in those limited areas where there is demonstrated need for additional
services and supports for vulnerable populations, staff be instructed to meet
with local officials to discuss area-specific requirements, should the need
arise, and to report to Council on the outcomes of such discussions.”

CARRIED

Staff responded to additional questions with regards to whether any concerns
were raised from the area municipalities that may be affected by the policy; when
discussions with the local area municipalities as referenced in the report took
place; whether the policy was circulated to the area municipalities for comment;
whether private security is being considered for this policy; whether a policy for
warming stations and hubs will be considered; and, how public input is being
taken into consideration for this policy.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou advised that there will be a presentation at the June
Health and Social Services Committee meeting regarding homelessness and that
an update on what was learned and seen at the warming centres can be provided
to foresee if a similar policy should be considered for warming centres.

The main motion (15) of Councillor Anderson and Regional Chair Henry was then
put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Thank you to Outreach Workers

Councillor Carter expressed his sincere gratitude to all outreach workers for their
incredible work in helping people navigate the complexities related to

homelessness and making a difference by providing them with the tools necessary to find new pathways.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(16) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk



Program Planning, Accountability and Reporting

Durham Region Health Department
Health & Social Services Committee
May 9, 2024

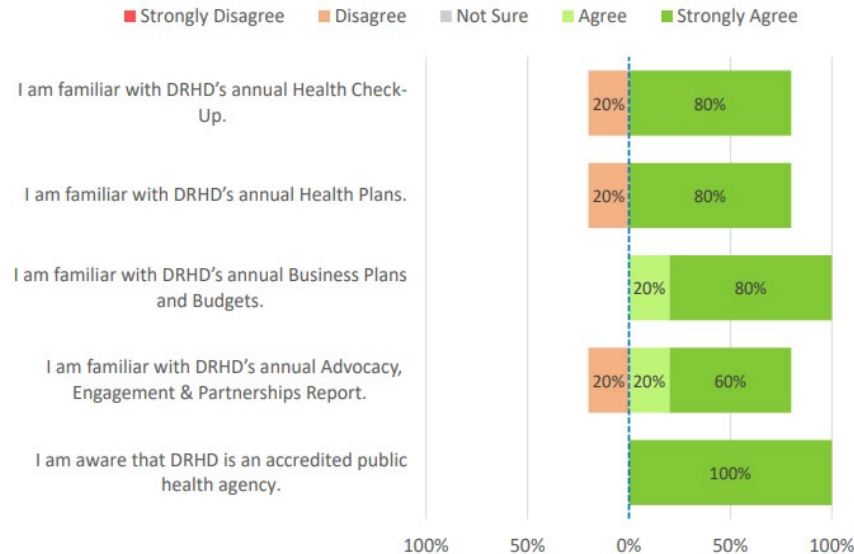


Purpose

- To provide an overview of program planning and reporting in response to the results of the Board of Health Self-Evaluation Survey

Annual Review and Planning

Figure 5: Annual Review and Planning



“Perhaps brief updates at Committee on the Durham Health Check Up/Annual Health Plans/Advocacy?”



Public Health Mandate

- The Province provides grants to the Board of Health (BOH) under the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) (HPPA) for delivery of mandatory and related public health programs and services that meet the HPPA and [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability](#) (OPHS)
- Provincial funding for delivery of mandatory public health and related programs is set out in the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement
- BOH must operate in a transparent and accountable manner in accordance with the Organizational Requirements of the OPHS
- BOH must ensure a culture of quality and continuous improvement and demonstrate transparency and accountability to clients, the public and other interested parties



Accountability and Reporting

- Accreditation

- DRHD has been accredited by Accreditation Canada since 2017
- Accreditation status requires review every four years

- Annual Health Plan

- DRHD program priorities are reported in its annual Health Plan
- Includes priorities identified by management to highlight and does not include the full scope of program activities or objectives
- The [2024 Health Plan](#) is available on durham.ca



2024 Health Plan Priorities	
Health Analytics & Business Affairs	+
Health Information Systems and Quality Assurance & Improvement	+
Health Protection	+
Healthy Families	+
Healthy Living	+
Infectious Diseases	+
Paramedic Services	+



Accountability and Reporting

- Annual Performance Report

- The Health Check-Up! is DRHD’s annual performance report
- Includes year-end results for DRHD priorities, highlights key program achievements through data, infographics and descriptive stories
- The 2023 Health Check-Up! will be posted on durham.ca in the spring





Accountability and Reporting

- Reports to Regional Council
 - Regular updates are provided on DRHD programs and services through quarterly program reports in the Council Information Package
 - Program and topic specific presentations are provided to Health & Social Services Committee as needed
 - The annual Advocacy, Engagement & Partnerships Report:
 - Highlights the groups that DRHD collaborates with to help deliver public health programs and services
 - Documents how DRHD has met the requirements regarding engagement and collaboration with community partners in the OPHS
 - Reports on staff advocacy efforts through regional and provincial public health networks, working groups and associations
 - Is posted on the [Board of Health Manual](#)





Accountability and Reporting

- Reports to the Ministry of Health (MOH)
 - DRHD provides detailed program plans and budgets in its Annual Service Plan & Budget submission
 - DRHD is required to submit an Annual Report and Attestation to:
 - Provide a year-end summary on program achievements and finances
 - Describe activities undertaken for one-time initiatives funded by the MOH
 - Attest to compliance with the OPHS
 - Quarterly program activity reports include program data and information required as part of the MOH's oversight role
 - High risks are reported annually to the MOH including any controls and processes in place to minimize the risks identified

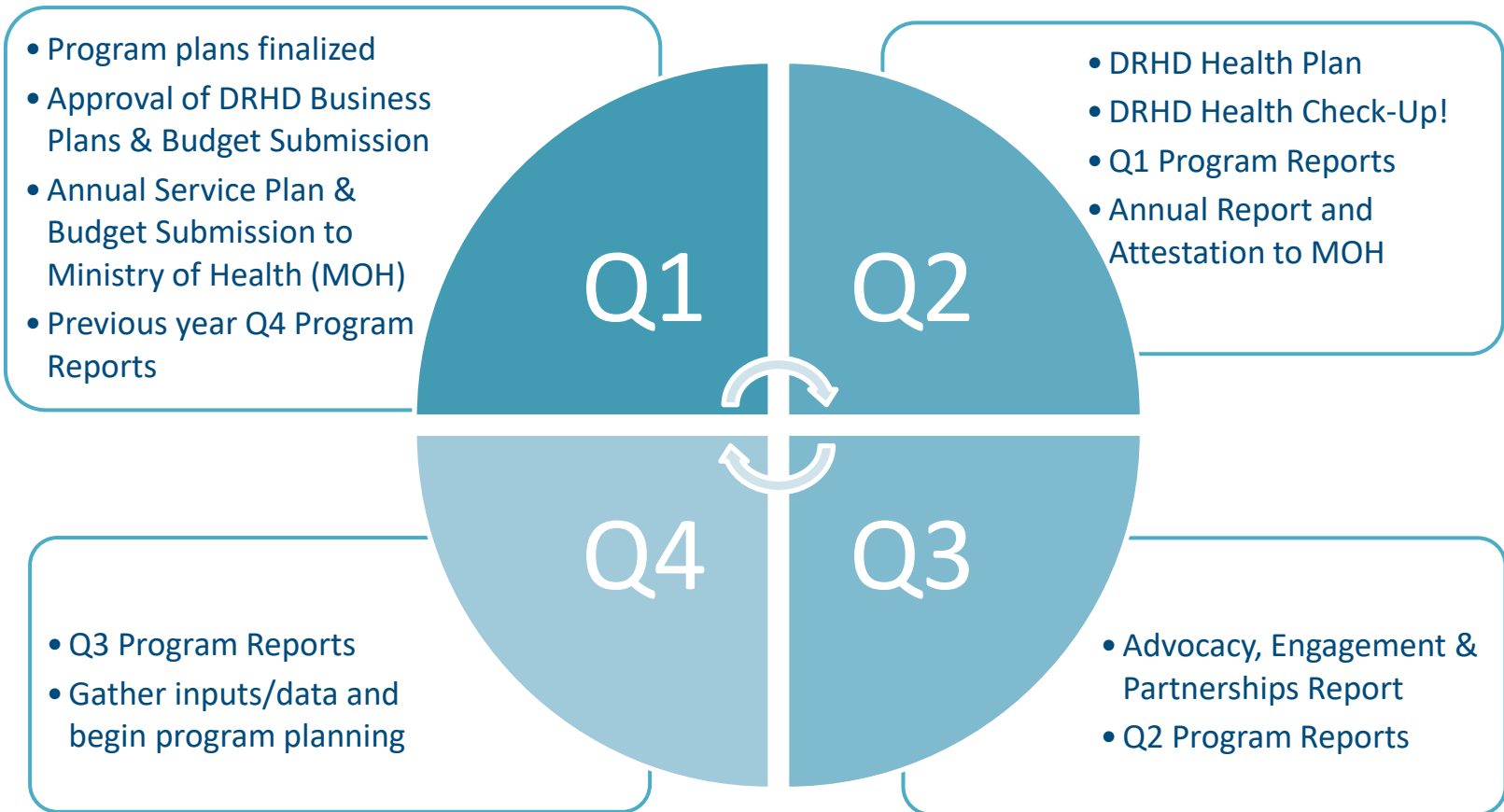


Program Planning

- DRHD's Planning and Evaluation policy articulates its strategic and operational planning process, including its planning cycle
- Programs are established and planned to ensure compliance with the HPPA and OPHS
- Program plans are documented using DRHD's program logic model (PLM) template
- PLMs document program activities, objectives, linkages to the OPHS, engagement with community partners, performance indicators, mid-year and year-end updates and key accomplishments
- PLMs also document the key data and information that demonstrate the communities' needs for the program as well as information on priority populations



Program Planning and Reporting Cycle





Questions?



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health and Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2024-SS-4
Date: May 9, 2024

Subject:

Unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System

Recommendation:

That the Health and Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

That unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$4,351,437, be expended in accordance with the 2024 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details and seek Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council approval to expend unbudgeted revenue provided through the Ministry of Education (MEDU).

2. Background

2.1 The Region is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for child care and early years in Durham Region. As the CMSM, the Region is legislatively responsible for implementing the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system for our region.

2.2 On March 28, 2024, Social Services staff received notice from MEDU outlining the Region was to receive an additional \$4,351,437 in funding for 2024 for updates to the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 [2022-SS-6](#): Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System

4. Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan Updates

Increases to Wages

4.1 As announced, Ontario has improved compensation for the child care workforce effective January 1, 2024. The Region will receive additional funding, in the amount of \$1,935,070, to raise the wage floor to \$23.86 per hour for Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) and \$24.86 per hour for RECE Supervisors to improve recruitment and retention in the child care workforce.

Professional Learning

4.2 The Region will be receiving additional funding in the amount of \$1,120,425 to fund one paid professional learning day to improve recruitment and retention of RECEs and other program staff working in licensed centre- and home child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres and to support the implementation of the CWELCC agreement.

Emerging Issues

4.3 On November 30, 2023, MEDU announced emerging issues allocations totaling \$75 million for 2024. To further support the sector, the ministry has increased 2024 emerging issues allocations to \$98.25 million for 2024. The Region is receiving additional funding of \$1,083,942 from this funding to help alleviate licensees' non-discretionary cost pressures from January to March 31, 2024.

Start-Up Grants

4.4 To further support child care space creation under CWELCC for children aged 0 to 5 years, MEDU has increased Start-up Grant funding to \$160.7 million for the 2024 calendar year. The Region will receive an additional \$212,000 to support increased Start-up Grant funding allocations from up to \$7,000 to \$9,000 per centre space and from up to \$1,000 to \$1,200 per home child care space. These new per space Start-up Grant funding amounts are retroactive to January 1, 2024

5. Financial Implications

5.1 Section 11.1 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, Unanticipated revenues in excess of \$1,000,000, and the proposed expenditure plan, require approval of the appropriate Standing Committee and Regional Council prior to the expenditure of funding.

5.2 Funding will be allocated to community child care partners and the Region's directly operated childcare centres, subject to terms and conditions set out in the program funding guidelines.

5.3 There are risks to the Region with upper levels of government funding. In the event that either level of government decreases the funding or does not adjust the level of funding provided to the Region to accommodate inflationary and contractual increases, then the Region's funding costs may need to be increased if there is a request to maintain the same level of service to the community.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Goal 2: Community Vitality – To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
- b. Goal 4: Social Investment – To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individual is left behind.
- c. Goal 5: Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

7. Conclusion

7.1 It is recommended that the Regional Municipality of Durham receive the additional unbudgeted Provincial funding from MEDU in the amount of \$4,351,437 as supplementary to the approved 2024 Business Plans and Budget and be allocated to eligible costs outlined in the 2024 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care guidelines.

7.2 This report was reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the financial recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original Signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health and Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2024-SS-5
Date: May 9, 2024

Subject:

Unbudgeted One-Time Provincial funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care the Four (4) Regional Municipality of Durham Long Term Care Homes.

Recommendation:

That the Health and Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the one-time unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care in the amount of \$2,153,921, be expended in accordance with the program guidelines; and
- B) That the following unbudgeted capital projects related to the Region's Long-Term Care Homes in the estimated amount of \$2,153,921 be approved and financed from Provincial Subsidy:

Long-Term Care Homes	(\$)
Flooring Replacement – Hillsdale Estates	762,900
Parking Lot Replacement – Hillsdale Terraces	508,600
7 Tub Replacements – Fairview Lodge	220,000
Kitchen Renovations – Fairview Lodge	200,000
Combination Oven Replacement – Fairview Lodge	45,000
21 Laundry Cart Replacements – Fairview Lodge	28,414
Bariatric Stretcher – Fairview Lodge	10,100
Parking Lot Replacement – Lakeview Manor	296,907
Carpet Tile Replacement – Lakeview Manor	50,000
Main Hall Flooring – Lakeview Manor	20,000
Accessible Walkway – Lakeview Manor	12,000
TOTAL	<u>2,153,921</u>

Report:**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details and seek Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council approval to undertake unbudgeted capital works at the Region's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) to be financed by one-time unbudgeted revenue from the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC).

2. Background

- 2.1 On March 28, 2024, Social Services staff received notice from MLTC outlining the Region's LTCH's were to receive one-time funding in the amount of \$2,543 for each of the Region's 847 approved beds, for a total of \$2,153,921.
- 2.2 Each long-term care home was required to submit an attestation form confirming they understood and will abide by the funding terms and conditions by April 12, 2024.

3. Purpose of Funding

- 3.1 The Ministry of Long-Term Care issuance of this one-time funding is intended to provide financial support for long-term care homes to help relieve financial pressures and address key priorities. Use of the funds can include addressing deferred maintenance and proceeding with (re)development projects.
- 3.2 The funding can be applied against eligible expenditures in accordance with the Ministry Guidelines for Eligible Expenditures for Long-Term Care Homes.
- 3.3 Long-term Care staff, in consultation with the Works Department – Facilities Management, have reviewed their state of good repair and capital replacement forecasts and have identified advancing a number of capital items that will best address pending financial pressures / deferred maintenance items.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Section 11.1 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, Unanticipated revenues in excess of \$1,000,000, and the proposed expenditure plan, require approval of the appropriate Standing Committee and Regional Council prior to the expenditure of funding.
- 4.2 Section 14.2 of the Budget Management Policy requires the approval of the Treasurer and C.A.O. and the applicable Standing Committee and Regional Council to approve unbudgeted capital expenditures in excess of \$50,000.
- 4.3 The estimated cost of unbudgeted capital projects outlined in this report is \$2,153,921 and is detailed as follows:

Long-Term Care Homes	(\$)
Flooring Replacement – Hillsdale Estates	762,900
Parking Lot Replacement – Hillsdale Terraces	508,600
7 Tub Replacements – Fairview Lodge	220,000
Kitchen Renovations – Fairview Lodge	200,000
Combination Oven Replacement – Fairview Lodge	45,000
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Bariatric Stretcher – Fairview Lodge	10,100
Parking Lot Replacement – Lakeview Manor	296,907
Carpet Tile Replacement – Lakeview Manor	50,000
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TOTAL	<u>2,153,921</u>

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- Goal 4: Social Investment – To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individual is left behind.
 - Goal 5: Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Regional Municipality of Durham receive the additional unbudgeted Provincial funding from MLTC in the amount of \$2,153,921 as supplementary to the 2024 Business Plans and Budget.
- 6.2 It is recommended that the unbudgeted capital projects related to the Region's Long-Term Care Homes as outlined in this report be approved.
- 6.3 This report was reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the financial recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer