



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Meeting of Regional Council Revised Agenda

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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

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in the aggregate principal amount of \$51,867,000.00 (\$650,000.00 principal amount of 10 year instalment debentures and \$51,217,000.00 aggregate principal amount of 20 year instalment debentures) for capital works of The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 6th Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

14.3 2024-045

Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing upon instalment debentures in the principal amounts authorized by by-laws Numbers 2024-043 and 2024-044 in the aggregate principal amount of \$56,516,000.00 (\$3,099,000.00 aggregate principal amount of 10 year instalment debentures, \$2,200,000.00 principal amount of 15 year instalment debentures and \$51,217,000.00 aggregate principal amount of 20 year instalment debentures) and the issuing of one series of instalment debentures therefor.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 6th Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

14.4 2024-046

Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing upon 10 year instalment debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,469,000.00 for capital works and classes of works of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 6th Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

14.5 2024-047

Being a by-law to amend By-law #04-2023 to provide the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer with the authority to execute Affordable Residential Unit Development Charge (DC) exemption agreements, Attainable Residential Unit DC exemption agreements and any agreement related to the prescribed deferred payment of DCs such as is currently required for rental housing development and institutional development in a form and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #3 of the 7th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on October 23, 2024.

15. Confirming By-law

15.1 2024-048

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 23rd day of October, 2024.

16. Adjournment

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

2. Roll Call

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier*
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb

Councillor Kerr*
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles*
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
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.

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 11:34 AM.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Regional Chair Henry advised that the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) will be hosting the Provincial Safety Truck Rodeo on Wednesday September 25th. The event will feature 45 of the top municipal equipment operators competing in a snowplow obstacle course that emulates the challenges faced every day clearing snow in communities. The top driver will be awarded the John Gloor Memorial Trophy and be crowned the "Driver of the Year" title. Regional Chair Henry shared that two regional employees, Jack Stiensky and Tyler Jackson, have qualified at their local regional Rodeo and will be representing the Region of Durham at the Provincial Rodeo.

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on June 26, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 11, 2024;
- Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 12, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Alison Burgess, Director of Communications and Engagement, Region of Durham and Robert Bell, Intelligent Community Forum re: Durham Region's Intelligent Community Journey

A. Burgess, Director of Communications and Engagement, and R. Bell, Intelligent Community Forum, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham's Intelligent Community Journey. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Region: An Intelligent Community
- Durham's Intelligent Community Journey
 - Hosted the Hello Tomorrow Smart City Forum which brought together more than 300 partners to share ideas
 - Smart City – Intelligent Community
 - Launched an Intelligent Community Framework
 - Partner Engagement - Intelligent Community Consortium

R. Bell responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(138) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Delegation Item 6.1, Correspondence Item 7.3 and the Motion on Report #2024-COW-36 listed under Item 8.1 at this time.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

6.1 Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (In-Person Attendance) re: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36) [Item 10.3]

Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation appeared before Council with respect to an Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington. Highlights of the delegation included:

- September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Motions
- Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation
- Partnerships
- Completed 18 2&3-bedroom rental units in December 2019 (Beaverton - Gillespie Gardens)
- Completed 50 1-bedroom rental units in June 2020 (Cannington - Allan's Place)

- Completed 24 3-bedroom rental units in December 2023 (Oshawa – Normandy Heights)
- In-Progress Now, 53 1-bedroom rental units (Oshawa – Conant Place Intensification)
- 1707 Ritson Road
 - 66 1,2,3-bedroom rental units (Oshawa – 1707 Ritson Road North)
 - The Challenge

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(139) That Tracy Greig's delegation be extended by two minutes.
CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE

T. Greig stated that the 1707 Ritson Road Project is ready to go and is one that will contribute to affordable housing for the Region. She requested that Council approve the transfer of \$3.5 million from the housing reserves that was awarded to DRNPHC for the Baseline Road project, which has been cancelled, to the new Ritson Road Project.

T. Greig responded to questions from members of Council.

7. Communications

CC 22 Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services re: Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(140) That Council Correspondence CC 22 be referred to the consideration of Item 8.1 (2024-COW-36).
CARRIED

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

8.1 Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(141) That the \$3,500,000 Regional financial assistance funds previously approved by Council for Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation's (DRNPHC's) affordable rental housing project at 200 Baseline Road Clarington project, be transferred to DRNPHC's affordable rental housing project at 1707 Ritson Road effective immediately.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

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

Members Absent: Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

- 5.2 Confidential Presentation from Lisa Lavery, P.Eng., Director, Rapid Transit & Transit Oriented Development and Mark Conway, President RPP, MCIP, PLE, N. Barry Lyon Consultants Ltd. re: GO Station Implementation Strategy Update (information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them)
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Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(142) That the meeting be closed to the public to receive the Confidential Presentation from Lisa Lavery and Mark Conway regarding the GO Station Implementation Strategy Update (information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them).

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:20 AM and reconvened at 10:35 AM.

[Refer to the Closed Meeting minutes of September 25, 2024]

Council rose from the Closed Meeting and resumed open session at 11:10 AM.

Chair Henry advised that during the closed session there were no motions made or direction given.

6. Delegations

- 6.1 Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (In-Person Attendance) re: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36) [Item 10.3]
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Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation appeared earlier in the meeting with regards to the Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington. See Item 6.1 on Pages 3 and 4.

7. Communications

- CC 20 Correspondence from Atria Development Corp dated September 13, 2024 re: NEO - 35, 40, 45 Division, 46 Kenneth Avenue, 196, 200 & 204 Bond Street East, Oshawa Regional Revitalization Program
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Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(144) That Council Correspondence CC 20 be referred to the consideration of Item #2 of Report #5 of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- CC 21 Memorandum dated September 18, 2024 from Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance & Treasurer re: Repeal of By-Law number 17-2020 - COVID-19 Pandemic Delegation of Authority
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Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(145) That Council Correspondence CC 21 be received for information.
CARRIED

CC 22 Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services re: Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington

The Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services regarding Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 7 on Page 4.

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

1. Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36)
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- [CARRIED]

The Motion on Report #2024-COW-36 regarding the update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 8.1 on Pages 4 and 5.

9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions

9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

1. Regional Council Expense Policy (2024-A-13)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]
 - A) That the Regional Council Expense Policy generally in the format included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-A-13 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Commissioner of Finance be approved;
 - B) That the base per term Discretionary Allocation be adjusted and that the Regional Treasurer be granted the authority to update the per term Discretionary Allocation, in Schedule A of the Council Expense Policy, at the start of each new term of Regional Council in accordance with Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflationary increases measured against the start of the previous term of office;

- C) That the Regional Treasurer be granted the authority to update the Per Diem Reimbursement and Mileage rates, in Schedule A of the Council Expense Policy, at any time in order to match changes to the rates for Regional employees; and
 - D) That a copy of the Council Expense Policy be sent to the local area municipalities following approval of the policy and at the beginning of each term of Council.
2. The issuance of debentures on behalf of the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Oshawa (2024-F-17)
[CARRIED]
- A) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to issue external debentures, in a total principal amount not to exceed \$56,516,500 on behalf of the Town of Ajax and the Municipality of Clarington over various terms, with such terms not to exceed 20 years relating to the financing requirements detailed in the body of Report #2024-F-17 of the Commissioner of Finance;
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to issue an internal debenture for and on behalf of the City of Oshawa in an amount of \$7,469,000 on the basis that the City of Oshawa will purchase the debenture using reserve funds of the City of Oshawa;
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to negotiate the proposed terms and conditions of the external debenture issue as deemed necessary by the Fiscal Agents and sign the Purchase Letter to successfully market the issue to prospective investors, with the possibility that the Region may purchase all or part of the debentures; and
 - D) That the Region be authorized to issue the external debentures through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.'s "Book Entry Only" system.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(146) That the recommendations contained in Item 2 of Report #6 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(147) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Cook
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

1. Accelerating Detailed Design Services for Christine Crescent, Oshawa and 1635 Dundas Street Phase 2, Whitby (2024-SS-7)

[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, an unbudgeted capital project for the detailed design of the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) Christine Crescent redevelopment in the upset amount of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, be approved and be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund and the Housing Services Development Charges Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;

- B) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, a sole source agreement with LGA Architectural Partners be approved to accelerate the detailed design for Phase 2 of 1635 Dundas Street West, Whitby at an upset limit of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, as an unbudgeted capital project to be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund or other sources at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements.
2. Naming of the New 200-bed Long-Term Care Home Located in Seaton (2024-SS-8)
[CARRIED]

That approval be given to name the new 200-bed Long Term Care Home located in Seaton, "Seaton Village".

- Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(148) That the recommendation contained in Item 2 of Report #6 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

- Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(149) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.
CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson

No

Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

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

1. Durham Tourism Five Year Action Plan, the Regional Tourism Plan (2024-EDT-12)
[CARRIED]

That the Durham Tourism Strategic Action Plan 2024-2028 (as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-EDT-12 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development) be endorsed.

2. Municipal Accommodation Tax and the Forming of Tourism Municipal Services Corporations (2024-EDT-13)
[CARRIED]

That the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the Region and on terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, be authorized to issue letters of authorization to Area Municipalities upon request, to form a Tourism Municipal Services Corporation to receive Municipal Accommodation Tax revenue and perform promotional activities related to tourism.

3. Durham Environment Climate Advisory Committee Resolution regarding Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Building Code
[CARRIED]

Whereas to achieve GHG reduction targets in Durham Region a significant increase in the uptake of electric vehicles will be required;

Whereas to increase uptake there is an urgent need to ensure that new homes built in the Region are EV-ready with 200-amp electrical service, as well as electrical conduit, and outlet box in the garage;

Whereas the costs to make new homes EV ready are understood to be significantly less than the costs to retrofit homes;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) supports the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code outlined in Bill 199 and recommends to the Planning and Economic Development Committee that this motion be forwarded to Regional Council for their consideration and expression of support.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(150) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #7 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.4 Report of the Committee of The Whole

1. Public Art and Creative Placemaking Policy and Program (2024-COW-35)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the Region's existing policy for the use of Regional Infrastructure for Public Art Purposes (as set out in Report #2017-COW-285 of the Commissioner of Works) be replaced with Durham Region's Public Art and Creative Placemaking Policy (as contained in Attachment #2 to Report #2024-COW-35 of the Chief Administrative Officer); and
- B) That Durham Region's Public Art and Creative Placemaking Program (as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-35) be adopted.

2. Request for Regional Financial Assistance under the Regional Revitalization Program by Atria Development Corp. (hereinafter referred to as "Atria") for the Development at 35 Division Street in the City of Oshawa (2024-COW-37)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That the application submitted by the City of Oshawa, on behalf of Atria Development Corp. (Atria), under the Regional Revitalization Program (RRP), requesting Regional financial assistance for the development of a purpose-built rental apartment building with commercial space located at 35 Division Street in the City of Oshawa be approved, subject to the following conditions:
 - i) The Region to provide up to \$4,900,000, or the amount of assistance provided by the City of Oshawa, whichever is the lesser amount, for the development, with funding provided from the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund and transferred to the City of Oshawa for distribution to Atria, in accordance with the timing and flow of funds under the RRP:

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| | Full building permit issued to Atria | 50% |
| | Framing inspection (or equivalent structural completion), passed by the area municipal building inspection authority | 40% |
| | Occupancy permit received from the area municipal building authority or passed preoccupancy inspection of those municipalities which do not issue an occupancy permit | 10% |
- ii) The City of Oshawa executes the necessary agreements with Atria for the provision of financial assistance by the City;
 - iii) Atria must pay all applicable Regional Development Charges in accordance with the Regional Development Charge By-laws;
 - iv) All costs associated with works for the development of the lands will be borne by the developer, Atria, in keeping with Regional policies;
 - v) Satisfaction of any performance criteria outlined in agreements between the City of Oshawa and Atria in regard to incentives (financial or other) provided under the City's Urban Growth Centre Community Improvement Plan and applicable City By-laws;
 - vi) The City of Oshawa enter into an agreement with the Region that outlines the terms and conditions for Regional financial assistance to ensure accountability for Regional funding;
 - vii) The City of Oshawa agrees to annual post-project reviews and audits for five years after substantial occupancy of the development of lands, in conjunction with the Region, to provide accountability and ensure effective utilization of Regional resources; and
- B) That as per the RRP, the increased property tax revenue generated from the increased current value assessment of the development project in the City of Oshawa be used to replenish the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund.
3. Approval for the Additional Capital Financing for Regional Municipality of Durham Contract T-1149-2021 for the Construction of Clarington Police Complex Phase 2 in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-38)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the total project budget for the construction of the Clarington Police Complex Phase 2 in the Municipality of Clarington be increased by \$3,502,805 for a revised project budget of \$106,250,365; and
- B) That financing for the additional project costs be provided as follows:

Previously Approved Financing (Project G1405)

Debenture Financing	\$63,867,000
Development Charges	\$21,300,000
Climate Mitigation & Environmental Initiatives Reserve Fund	\$ 1,342,700
Capital Project Reserve	<u>\$16,237,860</u>
Total Approved Financing	<u>\$102,747,560</u>

Proposed Additional Financing

Debenture Financing	\$ 3,502,805
Total Revised Project Financing	<u>\$106,250,365</u>

4. Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Recognize and Take Action on the Physician Shortage in Ontario
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- [CARRIED]

Whereas, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Medical Association, the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40 per cent of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

And whereas it is becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

And whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 per cent in 2022;

And whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

And whereas the Region of Durham, in collaboration with the eight Area Municipalities, are taking action to address the shortage of family physicians in the Region by launching a program to attract and retain family physicians, and support and welcome family medicine trainees enrolled in residency and in the Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program;

And whereas although the Region of Durham and Area Municipalities are jointly addressing the local shortage through this innovative program, the responsibility for ensuring an adequate provincial supply of Family Physicians lies with the Provincial Government;

And whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Durham and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health (Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org), all local Durham MPPs, local area municipalities and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca).

5. Motion Requesting An Expansion of Durham Regional Police Service Resources for Anti-Hate Crime Unit
[CARRIED]

Whereas hate crimes are on the rise in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA);

And whereas a significant proportion of hate crimes are targeting Jewish people through the GTA;

And whereas we have seen targeted Anti-Semitic hate in Whitby;

Now therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council urges the Durham Regional Police Service to expand resources for the Anti-Hate Crimes unit;

That the Police Services Board consider an additional resource request for the 2025 budget; and

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

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(151) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Report #5
of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(152) That the recommendations contained in Item 2 of Report #5 of the
Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

9.5 Report of the Special Committee of the Whole

1. 2025 Regional Business Plans and Property Tax Supported Budget
Guideline (2024-COW-39)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Property Tax Business Plans and Budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation not exceed \$658.776 million, an increase of 5.96 per cent compared to the 2024 approved budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 2.72 per cent for 2025 after assessment growth;
- B) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for the Durham Regional Police Services Board be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Business Plans and Budget for the Durham Regional Police Services Board not exceed \$292.753 million, an increase of 9.25 per cent compared to the 2024 approved budget for the Durham Regional Police Service, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 2.16 per cent for 2025 after assessment growth;
- C) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for each Conservation Authority be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Business Plans and Budget for each Conservation Authority not exceed an increase of 2.5 per cent, plus or minus any current value assessment adjustments, compared to the 2024 approved budget, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 0.02 per cent for 2025; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-39 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Services Board, Durham Region Transit Commission, Conservation Authorities, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, and other Outside Agencies to guide the development of detailed 2025 Business Plans and Budget.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(153) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the
Special Committee of the Whole be divided in order to allow voting on
Part B) separately.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Cook
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(154) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the
Special Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford

No

Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo

Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

- 10.1 Motion requesting the Province of Ontario to commit to provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of Non-Native (“exotic”) wild animals
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- [CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(155) That we recommend to Regional Council:

Whereas Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

Whereas the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity;

Whereas non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province;

Whereas the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

Whereas owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

Whereas municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with nonnative (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

That a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and the local MPPs, AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca).

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall

No

Councillor Foster
Councillor Woo

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pickles

Declarations of Interest: None

10.2 Critical Technology Upgrade (2024-DRT-15)
[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (156) A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award the procurement to Innovations in Transportation Inc.'s (INIT) for 175 COPILOTpc3 devices to replace all existing COPILOTpc2 devices on Durham Region Transit (DRT) vehicles at an estimated one-time capital cost of \$1,160,000;
- B) That the 2024 unbudgeted costs for the purchase of the 175 COPILOTpc3 devices, estimated at \$1,160,000, be approved with financing to be provided from provincial gas tax funds; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.

CARRIED

10.3 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works and Finance – as it relates to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them regarding infrastructure Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario (2024-COW-40)

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Foster,

- (157) A) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund Transfer Payment Agreement for the one-time Provincial grant funding in the amount of \$34.91 million approved for Durham Region's Housing-Enabling Water System Fund project;

- B) That the by-law attached as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-40 to permit the Regional Municipality of Durham to enter into the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund Transfer Payment Agreement be passed at the time this report is approved and that the by-law remain confidential until its effective date as defined in the by-law;
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements; and
- D) That the Regional Clerk be authorized to publicly release Report #2024-COW-40 and the requisite by-law upon confirmation of the official announcement by the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

11. Notice of Motions

There were no notice of motions.

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered.

13. Announcements

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

14. By-laws

2024-040 Being a by-law to authorize the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk to execute an Infrastructure Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Departmental Reports and Other Resolutions, Item #10.3 presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

2024-041 Being a by-law to repeal by-law #17-2020, which provided certain delegations of authority from Regional Council to the Regional Chair and/or Regional staff (as the case may be) to ensure that the administration of the Region can rapidly respond to the challenges being experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence CC 21, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(158) That By-law Numbers 2024-040 to 2024-041 inclusive be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

2024-042 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The
Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 25th day of
September, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(159) That By-law Number 2024-042 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings
of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting
held on September 25, 2024 be passed.
CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(160) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, October 9, 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.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe*, left the meeting at 11:42 AM
Councillor Barton*, left the meeting at 11:42 AM
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Carter, left the meeting at 11:40 AM
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee* left the meeting at 12:30 PM
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada, left the meeting at 10:49 AM
Regional Chair Henry

*** denotes staff participating electronically**

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

Councillor Foster was absent due to municipal business.

Staff

Present: S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, B. Bridgeman, A. Burgess, C. Chu, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault J. Dixon, L. Foulds, S. Gill*, C. Goodchild*, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, A. Hector-Alexander, B. Holmes, M. Hubble, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, M. Laschuk*, N. Pincombe*, A. Smith, K. Smith, C. Taylor, N. Taylor, E. Valant*, D. Waechter and C. Wilmot
***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 Sandra Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and Lesley-Ann Foulds, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, Re: Developing Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan

Councillor Crawford introduced S. Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and L. Foulds, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, to present a PowerPoint presentation regarding Developing Durham's 2025 Strategic Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan Timeline
- About the Strategic Plan
- About the Strategic Plan – Regional Commitments
- About the Strategic Plan – Regional Reporting
- Engagement Summary and Results
- Engagement Summary and Results – Youth Art
- Engagement Summary and Results (March 2024)
- Community Conversations (May 2024)
- Recap: Summary of 'What We Heard'
- Summary of Defining Characteristics
- Summary of Issues
- Summary of Aspirations
- Draft 2025 Strategic Plan
- How to Read the Plan
- Proposed 2025 Strategic Directions
- Opportunities to Review the Draft Plan

S. Austin responded to questions from the Committee regarding climate and environmental protection, specifically how the AMESA testing at the incinerator will be addressed; community safety, particularly concerning the shortage of police stations in north Oshawa; cyber security issues; and how infrastructure issues throughout the Region of Durham will be addressed.

4.2 Christine Wilmot, Manager, Employment Services, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, Re: Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update (2024-SS-9)

C. Wilmot, Manager, Employment Services, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Background
- Program Evaluation
- Program Design
- Governance Model
- Employment Service Providers in Durham
- System Capacity Improvements
- Current Network Data Overview
- Community Engagement
- Integrated Employment Services
- Key Priorities and Next Steps

C. Wilmot responded to questions from the Committee regarding support for the unemployed, specifically addressing how individuals in minimum wage jobs are managing the cost of living in the Region of Durham.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

6. Correspondence

There were no communications.

7. Reports

7.1 Revisions to the Seaton Phase 1 Regional Infrastructure Front-Ending Agreement to Enlarge the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands, to Allocate Additional Residential Units, and to Allow the Construction of a Seaton Phase 2 Region Constructed Water Supply Project as a Phase 1 Project (2024-COW-41)

Report #2024-COW-41 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, N. Taylor,

Commissioner of Finance and B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(67) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham enters into an amending agreement to the Seaton Phase 1 Regional Infrastructure Front-Ending Agreement (Phase 1 RFEA) with the Seaton Landowners Group to:
 - i) Enlarge the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands by 80 ha (196 acres) to accommodate the development of a proposed large water user in the food and beverage industry to be located on two parcels of land north and south of Highway 7 and west of North Road, and to set a revised total limit on all development within the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands area to 125 ha (310 acres);
 - ii) Redefine Phase 2 water supply project, Zone 5 Elevated Tank (WR6), as a Phase 1 Region Constructed Project; and
 - iii) Provide sanitary sewage and water supply system allocation for an additional 2,077 Single Detached Equivalent (SDE) residential units for a revised total limit of 11,877 SDE Units (original 9,800 SDE allocation plus recommended additional 2,077 SDE allocation);
- B) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above noted amending agreement to the Phase 1 RFEA in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;
- C) That Regional staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the provision of consulting engineering services related to the detailed design and contract administration of the Zone 5 Elevated Tank;
- D) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source agreement; and
- E) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-41 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance, and Planning and Economic Development be provided to the City of Pickering.

CARRIED

7.2 Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario to Support Helicopter Procurement for Joint Air Support Unit and Funding Mechanisms (2024-COW-42)

Report #2024-COW-42 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(68) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) and any ancillary documents or agreements, in a form acceptable to the Regional Solicitor, with the Ministry of the Solicitor General for funding estimated at \$8 million to \$10.5 million to facilitate the acquisition of a police helicopter to form part of the Joint Air Support Unit;
- B) That if the TPA also includes funding for the operations and maintenance of the helicopter, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the TPA and any agreements required to facilitate the transfer of the operations and maintenance funding to the Durham Regional Police Service; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to make interim financing arrangements for the acquisition of the police helicopter at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance, if necessary due to the timing of the receipt of the Provincial grant funding.

CARRIED

7.3 Recommended Amendments to the Delegation of Authority By-Law #004-2023 (2024-COW-43)

Report #2024-COW-43 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor, was received.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(69) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Delegation of Authority By-law #004-2023 be amended to permit that the Regional Treasurer be provided with the delegated authority to execute the following related to Development Charges with the approval of the Regional Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO):
 - i) Affordable Residential Unit Development Charge (DC) exemption agreements, with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;
 - ii) Attainable Residential Unit DC exemption agreements, with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor; and
 - iii) Any agreements related to the prescribed deferred payment of DCs such as is currently required for rental housing development and institutional development (such as a long-term care, retirement homes or hospices), with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

CARRIED

8. Members Motions

8.1 Motion Regarding Enhancing Shelter Supports for Women and Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Discussion ensued with respects to concerns regarding recent incidents of intimate partner violence (IPV) in the Region of Durham; permanent funding for non-profit organizations that support individuals affected by IPV; and the communication strategies being used at the Region of Durham and the local area municipalities to communicate to victims of IPV about how and where to get help, and the tangible steps that can be taken regarding IPV.

The Committee suggested that Corporate Communications work with Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) to help communicate this message.

The Committee requested that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) prepare a memo outlining the list of things the Region of Durham is doing, and to communicate this to all members of Council.

Staff advised that through the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office, they are applying for gender-based funding from the province to begin an advocacy campaign and more information will be provided on this initiative in the memo.

Discussion also ensued with respect to events that take place throughout the Region of Durham that raise funds and bring awareness to IPV, specifically Take Back the Night, Community Walk to End IPV and the upcoming Resilient Voices Gala held by Victim Services of Durham Region.

Reference was made to the Safe at Home Hamilton website which is a very comprehensive website with great information on IPV. Staff advised that they will take a look at this website and include their findings in the memo.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(70) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas there is a nationwide intimate partner violence (IPV) crisis, in which more than 4 in 10 (6.2 million) women and 1 in 3 men have experienced intimate partner violence, and rates increased 19% between 2014 and 2022;

Whereas 78% of victims of police-reported intimate partner violence in 2022 were women and girls, and in 2019 rates were 3.5 times higher among women than men;

Whereas intimate partner violence, in 2009, was estimated to cost \$7.4 billion annually to the public system, impacting municipal budgets for public safety and housing;

Whereas rural, remote, and northern communities experience disproportionate rates of IPV, with risk of IPV 75% higher for women in rural communities than women in urban communities, and 73% of survivors in rural communities at high risk of being in severe or extreme danger of being killed;

Whereas Indigenous women are 3 times more likely to experience IPV than non-Indigenous women, and are 8 times more likely to be murdered by intimate partners than non-Indigenous women, because of the intersections between colonialism, racism, and misogyny;

Whereas IPV is a phenomenon which affects Black and racialized women, women with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people disproportionately;

Whereas women's shelters nationwide consistently struggle with permanent funding to provide essential transitional, family, and permanent housing solutions for women fleeing IPV, and as COVID-oriented funding expires and piecemeal efforts to fund women's shelter systems result in women experiencing IPV being continually at risk; and

Whereas the federal government has made gender-based violence (GBV) and IPV priorities across ministries and agencies through the National Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence and the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence, signing bilateral agreements with provinces and territories, but gaps remain;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the federal government to create a permanent fund, open to local governments and community organizations, for the construction of shelters and transitional housing for women and survivors of intimate partner violence, including housing appropriate for Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and persons with disabilities, with a dedicated rural, remote, and northern (RRN) stream;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to provide permanent operational funding, open to local governments and community organizations, for shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing for women and survivors of intimate partner violence, including Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and persons with disabilities; and

- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers, local area municipalities, and local non-profits supporting victims of IPV.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

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

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Collier
Councillor Foster
Councillor Kerr

Declarations of Interest: None

8.2 Motion Requesting Immediate Federal Government Support for Asylum
Claimants in Municipalities

Discussion ensued with respects to concerns regarding Federal Government support for establishing housing for asylum seekers in the Region of Durham.

Staff advised that the current number of asylum seekers in the Region of Durham is 433 individuals, and 280 families.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(71) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas municipalities have been at the forefront of supporting asylum claimants and refugees and providing essential settlement and housing services;

Whereas the rapid and sharp increase of asylum claims in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and other municipalities, particularly in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), are putting municipal governments under significant pressure;

Whereas without federal action, asylum claimants will not have permanent shelter and housing options once they leave temporary accommodations, and the current crisis will continue to grow;

Whereas refugees and asylum claimants make up over 40% of Hamilton's population in shelters, and is creating massive pressure on Hamilton's already overwhelmed shelter system that is under resourced to meet the unique and complex needs of asylum claimants;

Whereas the supports provided to municipalities to receive asylum claimants are often short-term and focused on emergency response and shelter, but do not ensure permanent settlement and housing options for asylum claimants, including a focus on homeless prevention and long-term stability;

Whereas the crisis of asylum claimants has inextricable links to the housing, homelessness and mental health crises in Canada and the immense pressure on municipal shelter, transitional and supportive housing systems;

Whereas equity-deserving communities are disproportionately represented in asylum claimant populations seeking immediate necessary support which can also lead to further stigmatization and experiences of racism, discrimination, and harassment;

Whereas action on behalf of the federal government and investing in supports to combat racism, specifically anti-Black racism, is imperative as asylum seekers commonly face racism and other forms of discrimination and hate;

Whereas municipalities across Canada are committed to fostering diverse, inclusive and welcoming communities for all individuals seeking asylum and tackling anti-Black racism and other forms of racism;

Whereas Hamilton, Toronto and other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) have been advocating for additional federal supports for asylum claimants over the past year;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Regional Municipality of Durham strongly urge the federal government to take immediate action to support asylum claimants in Canadian municipalities by taking the following actions:

- A) Immediately provide financial support and reimbursements directly to municipalities to address the immediate short-term needs of asylum claimants and refugees through top-ups to the Canada Housing Benefit and the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP);
- B) An ongoing commitment of Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) funding to address estimated annual costs for refugees in 2024, and commit to future funding until the demand for shelter returns to sustainable levels;
- C) Collaborate with municipal governments to develop a long-term strategy to enhance capacity of local governments to effectively support asylum claimants and refugees, including through the development of tripartite agreements between municipalities, provinces and territories and the federal government to enhance cross-government coordination in providing immediate supports to asylum claimants;
- D) Recognizing that the rise in asylum seeking populations pursuing refuge in Canada is occurring in the midst of a housing crisis, provide additional funding through National Housing Strategy programs and the Canada Housing Benefit to support asylum claimants in the medium- and long-term;
- E) Broaden the eligibility for federally-funded settlement services to include asylum claimants who currently can only access provincially-funded services and also that settlement services be funded to support newcomers with housing searches as at present they are mostly limited to orientation, language instruction, and employment;
- F) Extend and make permanent the Rapid Housing Initiative with another intake in 2024/25 to enable municipalities to invest in supportive housing on an urgent basis and relieve pressure on the shelter system, and work with the provinces and territories to ensure that supportive units have wrap-around health and social supports and long-term operating funding; and
- G) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers, and local area municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

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

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Collier
Councillor Foster
Councillor Kerr

Declarations of Interest: None

8.3 Motion Requesting Federal Government Support for Food Banks

Discussion ensued with respect to concerns regarding the disparity between the limited food supply at food banks and the growing demand for assistance.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Yamada made statements that were ruled out of order by the Chair. The Chair asked that Councillor Yamada withdraw the comments or vacate the meeting. Councillor Yamada did not withdraw his comments and vacated his seat for the remainder of the meeting.

Discussion continued with respect to concerns regarding the continuous high cost of housing and its impact on the demand for food banks; the impact that the 2025 budget can have on the residents of Region of Durham who rely on food banks; and the responsibility that all municipalities have to support food banks and assist residents in need.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(72) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas financial and affordability pressures related to soaring mortgage and rent costs, inflated grocery costs, stagnating wages, and limited avenues for social assistance have pushed significantly more people toward food insecurity;

Whereas people with fixed incomes, including seniors and social assistance recipients, are at extremely high risk of food insecurity and continue to struggle disproportionately as their dollars are being spread thinner;

Whereas challenges are also continuing to grow for working people, renters, and people living in remote and northern regions of Canada;

Whereas racialized Canadians are disproportionately impacted by each of these factors, as the systemic barriers they face have been further exacerbated by the economic and affordability crisis of the past few years;

Whereas food banks were established as a temporary solution to the increasing cost of food and needs in the community but are now part of a system that government and communities heavily and increasingly rely on;

Whereas it has been more than a full year since Food Banks Canada sounded the alarms in the HungerCount 2022 report, calling for action to be taken immediately to help the millions of struggling Canadians from coast to coast to coast;

Where the Food Banks Canada report from March 2023, indicates that nearly 2 million Canadians accessed food banks across the country, a 32 per cent increase from March 2022 and a 78.5 per cent increase from March 2019, which is the highest year-over-year increase in usage ever reported;

Whereas the “Emergency Food Security Fund” was established by the Federal Government to address urgent needs during the pandemic but food insecurity has only worsened, and the Federal Government no longer has a program to provide ongoing support to Food Banks;

Whereas the majority of support received by food banks is through community fundraising and donations but given financial pressures faced by individuals, these donations are declining;

Whereas in certain communities, people who were donating to food banks are now instead accessing the food bank;

Whereas the need to address the food insecurity crisis touches on many of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) focus areas, including the Inclusive Communities focus area;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the Federal Government to help address the food insecurity crisis by providing emergency funding for the purchase of locally sourced food products where possible, to food banks, food rescue agencies, and farmers markets providing emergency food assistance, and recognize the systemic issues involved in food bank usage, including affordability, inequality, core housing need and insufficient social supports, in order to end food insecurity; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers, and local area municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	

Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Collier
Councillor Foster
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

8.4 Motion Regarding Harassment of Elected Local Government Officials

Discussion ensued with respect to concerns regarding who will run for future local government positions given the harassment associated with these roles; the increased harassment faced by local government officials within the Region of Durham and all levels of government; the level of harassment directed at front line staff at the Region and the local area municipalities; the impact of harassment on the families of elected local government officials; and the distinction between freedom of speech and harassment.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(73) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas in recent years, there has been an alarming rise in incidents of harassment, intimidation and acts of violence aimed at elected local government officials, compounding the already strenuous work conditions faced by many local leaders and hindering their retention;

Whereas women, particularly Black and racialized women, are disproportionately targeted by violence and harassment toward elected officials;

Whereas increasing the number of elected women, Black and racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ representatives in Canada is a priority for local governments and the federal government;

Whereas severe abuse, both online and in-person, has the potential to discourage underrepresented groups from joining and remaining engaged in local politics, limiting the diversity of opinion needed in healthy democracies;

Whereas all elected officials have an ability to show leadership on this issue by modeling behaviour, and should always strive to elevate debate, embrace differences of opinion, disagree respectfully and focus on issues of policy and substance;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham request that the federal government work with provinces, territories, and local governments, including through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to identify and implement measures to protect elected local government officials, their family members, and staff – especially women, members of Black and racialized communities, and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, persons with disabilities, and Indigenous people – from harassment, intimidation, and threats, thereby reinforcing a unified front to safeguard democracy;
- B) That the Region of Durham calls on all elected officials of all orders of government to lead by example, demonstrating civility and mutual respect for their political counterparts; and
- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs, Provincial MPPs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and local area municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
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Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton

Councillor Collier
Councillor Foster
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

9. Confidential Matters

9.1 Confidential Update on a Matter Pertaining to the Security of the Property of the Municipality

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconder by Councillor Leahy
(74) That the meeting be closed to the public in order to hear a verbal confidential update on a matter pertaining to the security of the property of the Regional Corporation and that the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

The Committee recessed at 11:24 AM and reconvened in-camera at 11:40 AM.

[Refer to the Closed Meeting minutes of October 9, 2024]

Regional Chair Henry advised that during the closed session there was discussion regarding an update on information pertaining to the security of the property of the Region. There were no motions made or directions given during the closed session.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(76) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

Sarah Dessureault, Committee Clerk

Report #7 of the Health & Social Services Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

October 23, 2024

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

1. Unbudgeted Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-Wide learning and Child Care System ([2024-SS-10](#))
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That unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$9,066,415, be expended in accordance with the 2024 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines and as further detailed in Section 5 of Report #2024-SS-10 of the Commissioner of Social Services.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair, Health & Social Services Committee

Report #7 of the Works Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

October 23, 2024

The Works Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Lease Renewal with Ivanhoe Cambridge II Inc. and 7503067 Canada Inc. for Space Located at 419 King Street West, Suite 180, in the City of Oshawa, for Use by the Health Department ([2024-W-22](#))

 - A) That the Lease Agreement with Ivanhoe Cambridge II Inc. and 7503067 Canada Inc. (collectively, the “Landlord”) for premises located at 419 King Street West, Suite 180, in the City of Oshawa, containing approximately 2,539 square feet be renewed with the following terms and conditions:
 - i) The renewal term is for a period of five (5) years commencing November 1, 2024, and ending on October 31, 2029;
 - ii) The annual rent for years 1 through 4 of the lease term will be \$36,815.50*, payable in equal monthly instalments of \$3,067.96*, based on a rate of \$14.50* per square foot per annum and \$37,450.25* per annum in year 5, payable in equal monthly instalments of \$3,120.85*, based on a rate of \$14.75* per square foot per annum;
 - iii) Additional rent for the term is estimated at \$27,573.54* per annum based on a rate of \$10.86* per square foot payable in equal monthly instalments of \$2,297.80* to cover operating costs for the premises, including common area maintenance, utilities, taxes and janitorial services. The amount per square foot for additional rent is to be adjusted annually based on actual costs;
 - iv) The Region will have the option to renew the Lease for one additional term of five (5) years under the same terms and conditions, with rent to be negotiated at the time of renewal;
 - v) The Landlord will be responsible for the maintenance, repairs and replacement of the systems, facilities, and equipment necessary to operate the building, the parking lot, and other common areas; and
 - B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with the Lease renewal.
(*) exclusive of applicable taxes

Respectfully submitted,

D. Barton, Chair, Works Committee

Report #7 of the Committee of the Whole

For consideration by Regional Council

October 23, 2024

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Revisions to the Seaton Phase 1 Regional Infrastructure Front-Ending Agreement to Enlarge the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands, to Allocate Additional Residential Units, and to Allow the Construction of a Seaton Phase 2 Region Constructed Water Supply Project as a Phase 1 Project ([2024-COW-41](#))
 - A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham enters into an amending agreement to the Seaton Phase 1 Regional Infrastructure Front-Ending Agreement (Phase 1 RFEA) with the Seaton Landowners Group to:
 - i) Enlarge the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands by 80 ha (196 acres) to accommodate the development of a proposed large water user in the food and beverage industry to be located on two parcels of land north and south of Highway 7 and west of North Road, and to set a revised total limit on all development within the Phase 1 Prestige Employment Lands area to 125 ha (310 acres);
 - ii) Redefine Phase 2 water supply project, Zone 5 Elevated Tank (WR6), as a Phase 1 Region Constructed Project; and
 - iii) Provide sanitary sewage and water supply system allocation for an additional 2,077 Single Detached Equivalent (SDE) residential units for a revised total limit of 11,877 SDE Units (original 9,800 SDE allocation plus recommended additional 2,077 SDE allocation);
 - B) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above noted amending agreement to the Phase 1 RFEA in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;
 - C) That Regional staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the provision of consulting engineering services related to the detailed design and contract administration of the Zone 5 Elevated Tank;
 - D) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source agreement; and
 - E) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-41 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance, and Planning and Economic Development be provided to the City of Pickering.

2. Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario to Support Helicopter Procurement for Joint Air Support Unit and Funding Mechanisms
[\(2024-COW-42\)](#)

- A) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) and any ancillary documents or agreements, in a form acceptable to the Regional Solicitor, with the Ministry of the Solicitor General for funding estimated at \$8 million to \$10.5 million to facilitate the acquisition of a police helicopter to form part of the Joint Air Support Unit;
- B) That if the TPA also includes funding for the operations and maintenance of the helicopter, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the TPA and any agreements required to facilitate the transfer of the operations and maintenance funding to the Durham Regional Police Service; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to make interim financing arrangements for the acquisition of the police helicopter at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance, if necessary due to the timing of the receipt of the Provincial grant funding.

3. Recommended Amendments to the Delegation of Authority By-Law #004-2023
[\(2024-COW-43\)](#)

- A) That the Delegation of Authority By-law #004-2023 be amended to permit that the Regional Treasurer be provided with the delegated authority to execute the following related to Development Charges with the approval of the Regional Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO):
 - i) Affordable Residential Unit Development Charge (DC) exemption agreements, with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;
 - ii) Attainable Residential Unit DC exemption agreements, with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor; and
 - iii) Any agreements related to the prescribed deferred payment of DCs such as is currently required for rental housing development and institutional development (such as a long-term care, retirement homes or hospices), with the agreements in a format and content satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

4. Motion Regarding Enhancing Shelter Supports for Women and Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Whereas there is a nationwide intimate partner violence (IPV) crisis, in which more than 4 in 10 (6.2 million) women and 1 in 3 men have experienced intimate partner violence, and rates increased 19% between 2014 and 2022;

Whereas 78% of victims of police-reported intimate partner violence in 2022 were women and girls, and in 2019 rates were 3.5 times higher among women than men;

Whereas intimate partner violence, in 2009, was estimated to cost \$7.4 billion annually to the public system, impacting municipal budgets for public safety and housing;

Whereas rural, remote, and northern communities experience disproportionate rates of IPV, with risk of IPV 75% higher for women in rural communities than women in urban communities, and 73% of survivors in rural communities at high risk of being in severe or extreme danger of being killed;

Whereas Indigenous women are 3 times more likely to experience IPV than non-Indigenous women, and are 8 times more likely to be murdered by intimate partners than non-Indigenous women, because of the intersections between colonialism, racism, and misogyny;

Whereas IPV is a phenomenon which affects Black and racialized women, women with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people disproportionately;

Whereas women's shelters nationwide consistently struggle with permanent funding to provide essential transitional, family, and permanent housing solutions for women fleeing IPV, and as COVID-oriented funding expires and piecemeal efforts to fund women's shelter systems result in women experiencing IPV being continually at risk;

Whereas the federal government has made gender-based violence (GBV) and IPV priorities across ministries and agencies through the National Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence and the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence, signing bilateral agreements with provinces and territories, but gaps remain;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the federal government to create a permanent fund, open to local governments and community organizations, for the construction of shelters and transitional housing for women and survivors of intimate partner violence, including housing appropriate for Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and persons with disabilities, with a dedicated rural, remote, and northern (RRN) stream;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to provide permanent operational funding, open to local governments and community organizations, for shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing for women and survivors of intimate partner violence, including Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and persons with disabilities; and

- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs, and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers, local area municipalities and local non-profits supporting victims of IPV.

5. Motion Requesting Immediate Federal Government Support for Asylum Claimants in Municipalities

Whereas municipalities have been at the forefront of supporting asylum claimants and refugees and providing essential settlement and housing services;

Whereas the rapid and sharp increase of asylum claims in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and other municipalities, particularly in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), are putting municipal governments under significant pressure;

Whereas without federal action, asylum claimants will not have permanent shelter and housing options once they leave temporary accommodations, and the current crisis will continue to grow;

Whereas refugees and asylum claimants make up over 40% of Hamilton's population in shelters, and is creating massive pressure on Hamilton's already overwhelmed shelter system that is under resourced to meet the unique and complex needs of asylum claimants;

Whereas the supports provided to municipalities to receive asylum claimants are often short-term and focused on emergency response and shelter, but do not ensure permanent settlement and housing options for asylum claimants, including a focus on homeless prevention and long-term stability;

Whereas the crisis of asylum claimants has inextricable links to the housing, homelessness and mental health crises in Canada and the immense pressure on municipal shelter, transitional and supportive housing systems;

Whereas equity-deserving communities are disproportionately represented in asylum claimant populations seeking immediate necessary support which can also lead to further stigmatization and experiences of racism, discrimination, and harassment;

Whereas action on behalf of the federal government and investing in supports to combat racism, specifically anti-Black racism, is imperative as asylum seekers commonly face racism and other forms of discrimination and hate;

Whereas municipalities across Canada are committed to fostering diverse, inclusive and welcoming communities for all individuals seeking asylum and tackling anti-Black racism and other forms of racism;

Whereas Hamilton, Toronto and other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) have been advocating for additional federal supports for asylum claimants over the past year;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Regional Municipality of Durham strongly urge the federal government to take immediate action to support asylum claimants in Canadian municipalities by taking the following actions:

- A) Immediately provide financial support and reimbursements directly to municipalities to address the immediate short-term needs of asylum claimants and refugees through top-ups to the Canada Housing Benefit and the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP);
- B) An ongoing commitment of Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) funding to address estimated annual costs for refugees in 2024, and commit to future funding until the demand for shelter returns to sustainable levels;
- C) Collaborate with municipal governments to develop a long-term strategy to enhance capacity of local governments to effectively support asylum claimants and refugees, including through the development of tripartite agreements between municipalities, provinces and territories and the federal government to enhance cross-government coordination in providing immediate supports to asylum claimants;
- D) Recognizing that the rise in asylum seeking populations pursuing refuge in Canada is occurring in the midst of a housing crisis, provide additional funding through National Housing Strategy programs and the Canada Housing Benefit to support asylum claimants in the medium- and long-term;
- E) Broaden the eligibility for federally-funded settlement services to include asylum claimants who currently can only access provincially-funded services and also that settlement services be funded to support newcomers with housing searches as at present they are mostly limited to orientation, language instruction, and employment;
- F) Extend and make permanent the Rapid Housing Initiative with another intake in 2024/25 to enable municipalities to invest in supportive housing on an urgent basis and relieve pressure on the shelter system, and work with the provinces and territories to ensure that supportive units have wrap-around health and social supports and long-term operating funding; and
- G) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers, and local area municipalities.

6. Motion Requesting Federal Government Support for Food Banks

Whereas financial and affordability pressures related to soaring mortgage and rent costs, inflated grocery costs, stagnating wages, and limited avenues for social assistance have pushed significantly more people toward food insecurity;

Whereas people with fixed incomes, including seniors and social assistance recipients, are at extremely high risk of food insecurity and continue to struggle disproportionately as their dollars are being spread thinner;

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That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region Federal MPs and relevant ministers, Provincial MPPs and relevant ministers and local area municipalities.

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Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Regional Council
From: Commissioner of Corporate Services
Report: #2024-A-14
Date: October 23, 2024

Subject:

Enterprise Data Backup and Recovery Standardization

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Regional Council:

- A) That Commvault's suite of data backup and recovery products be approved as the corporate standard until December 31, 2031, to ensure uniformity within and across the Region's information technology needs; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the agreement with Commvault after the competitive bidding process is completed.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval to standardize Commvault's suite of data backup and recovery software products as the Regional standard until December 31, 2031 for protection of the Region's data. Data backup and recovery are integral to protecting Regional data.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Region issued NRFP-1051-2019, a competitive procurement process seeking a Data Backup and Archival Storage System. The awarded vendor had proposed a Commvault data backup and protection system consisting of Commvault's software solution, and hardware from a Commvault-approved manufacturer.

- 2.2 The Region has been utilizing Commvault's system since 2020. The current version of the system will reach its end of life on December 31, 2025, and an upgrade or a replacement of the system, including hardware and software, must be procured to ensure the Region's data are protected and secured to the highest compliance standards.
- 2.3 The Commvault software and the required hardware (servers and data storage equipment) for upgrade, replacement and/or expansion of the system will be purchased through a competitive bidding process from Commvault-approved resellers.
- 2.4 The Region has a significant amount of data that is securely stored by the Commvault data protection suite of products. To align with projected data growth rates, the Region needs to expand its storage capacity from 260 TB to meet future needs.
- 2.5 Standardizing the Commvault suite of data backup and recovery software products will continue to provide the Region with a robust, scalable, and secure data storage solution. Enhanced scalability, simplified management, improved performance, and advanced security including ransomware protection with multiple layers of immutability across the software, OS, and file system, make it the ideal choice for our evolving data protection needs.
- 2.6 Commvault has been consistently rated as a top leader in backup solutions by Gartner, a worldwide technology research organization.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report [#2020-INFO-120](#) – Result of NRFP-1051-2019 reported to Regional Council. Awarded to Open Storage Solutions, proposed a Commvault solution.

4. Standardization

- 4.1 The purpose of defining a technology standard is to ensure consistency in data backup and storage. The Commvault suite of data backup and protection software products will ensure a consistent and uniform standard for the security and protection of data. Defining a standard for technology does not preclude the use of competitive processes to acquire said products; it merely focuses on the scope of what can be sought by a procurement process for information technology. The proposed identification of the Commvault software solution, as the Regional standard will guide the acquisition of new software for the Region. At the end of the standardization term, a report will be brought back to Regional Council for further direction concerning the Regional standard.

- 4.2 The standardization will apply to all Regional departments, with the following benefits:
- a. Cost effectiveness by maintaining a single data protection standard for multiple years.
 - b. Consistent data protection policy, procedure, and system format.
 - c. Reduced training requirements and better succession planning as a team of staff are trained on the same platform.
 - d. Up-to-date system support.
 - e. Streamline data security, backup and recovery.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Purchasing By-Law 16-2020 allows for the standardization of goods wherever possible. The Commvault suite of products was originally selected through a competitive NRFP process. Standardizing on the Commvault suite of data backup and protection software products does not preclude a competitive process for acquisition of the Commvault's software solution and the required hardware for the system from Commvault-approved distributors and resellers through competitive bidding processes.
- 5.2 Funding for product acquisition, including hardware, software, services, and support, will be included in the annual Business Plans and Budgets.

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 5: Service Excellence. Objective: To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.
 - 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 This report requests that Regional Council recommends the standardization on the Commvault suite of data backup and recovery software products for protection of the Region's Data, effective immediately until December 31, 2031.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Barb Goodwin, MPA, CPA/CGA,
B.Comm, CPM, CMMIII
Commissioner of Corporate Services

Recommended for Presentation to Council

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Regional Council
From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2024-SS-12
Date: October 23, 2024

Subject:

Detailed Design Services for the Unbudgeted Redevelopment of the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) property at 409 Centre Street, Whitby

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Regional Council:

- A) That an unbudgeted capital project for the detailed design for the redevelopment of the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) site at 409 Centre Street, in the Town of Whitby, in the amount of up to \$500,000 before applicable taxes be approved and be funded from the reallocation of funds from previously approved DRLHC capital projects at 409 Centre Street in the amount of \$488,000, with the remaining balance of \$12,000 to be financed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements.
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Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. request Council's authorization to undertake detailed project design services to enable the redevelopment of a proposed redevelopment at 409 Centre Street, Whitby; and,
- b. request approval of funding for unbudgeted detailed design services for the proposed redevelopment concept to advance the required detailed design to position the project to be eligible for CMHC funding.

2. Background

- 2.1 In November 2020, Regional Council approved a Master Housing Strategy which aims to improve affordability and access to housing with and without supports, protect the existing affordable housing supply, encourage housing diversity, and build capacity in the housing system. Expected outcomes from the Strategy include:
- a. The initiation of 1,000 new affordable housing units by the end of 2024;
 - b. Improved readiness for provincial and federal funding announcements;
 - c. Establishing a shovel-ready portfolio of potential projects aligned with the affordable housing needs of our communities;
 - d. Sustainable and investment strategies to support new affordable rental development and the preservation and growth of community housing; and
 - e. Improved coordination with all housing partners including local area municipalities, private developers and non-profit providers to address Regional needs.
- 2.2 The Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) owns the 0.19 hectare (0.47 acre) site at 409 Centre Street in Whitby. The existing two-storey building provides 16 one-bedroom rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units for seniors.

3. Proposed 409 Centre Street Redevelopment

- 3.1 The building was constructed in the late 1960s and has a long list of needed capital repairs. The currently slated capital repair work includes the need to replace water distribution and sanitary sewage lines and the domestic hot water system. This scope of this work would require the relocation of tenants to other sites so that they may use water and sanitary facilities. Additional work includes the replacement of the electrical system, a new lift/elevator, and major repairs to the exterior of the building. The estimated cost of this repair work is approximately \$1.5 million.

It is important to note that the currently slated capital repair work does not address other functional and design deficiencies within the building, including accessibility issues, lack of in-suite cooling, etc. which would require additional investment.

- 3.2 The site is designated “Medium Density Residential” within the Whitby Downtown Secondary Plan Area, which also prescribed a 3-storey height limit. The current zoning (R4-DT) permits a variety of residential uses including apartment dwellings and retirement homes, as well as Public Uses. The site is located within the Werden’s Plan Heritage Conservation District, but the building itself is not a heritage structure.
- 3.3 A development concept for 409 Centre Street has been prepared by Urban Strategies Inc which would provide 32 one-bedroom units for seniors, doubling the current unit count. The building would provide a mix of incomes, with half of the units at market rent and half of the units as rent-geared-to-income (RGI). The new building would meet modern accessibility requirements, meet modern building

standards and will be designed in a manner that is sympathetic to the heritage context of the neighbourhood. The massing concept is illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Proposed 409 Centre Street Redevelopment



- 3.4 The estimated cost for redevelopment is approximately \$13.5M, the majority of which would be eligible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) funding, financing and would require a Regional contribution of \$3.5M. The project is envisioned to be financially self-sustaining with rental revenue servicing operational and financing costs of the site.
- 3.5 Staff have been working with tenants to provide assistance and options for relocating ahead of construction, expected to commence in 2026 pending funding approval for the construction phase of the project. Tenants have been provided confirmation that they will be able to return to their new home on site once construction has been completed if they wish.
- 3.6 The redevelopment of 409 Centre Street site will occur through a direct delivery model. To enable timely redevelopment that aligns with priorities expressed by the provincial and federal governments while building capacity through standardized designs, a modular construction design and delivery method is recommended. The estimated upset limit for detailed design for the redevelopment project is \$500,000, exclusive of taxes.
- 3.7 A DRLHC Board Meeting was held on October 9, 2024 to present the redevelopment opportunity at 409 Centre Street. Regional staff presented the current challenges with the building, the investment required to complete currently slated capital repairs and the opportunity to redevelop to intensify the site, create a mixed income community and improve the livability for DRLHC tenants. The Board supported the proposed plan and provided staff with authorization to proceed with this redevelopment initiative.

- 3.8 In order to position this project for CMHC funding an application must include the following: the zoning must align with the project, required environmental site assessment and geotechnical reports must be completed, and the completion of detailed cost estimates in the form of a Class “B” professional quantity surveyor report which is based on design development drawings and specifications of all major systems and site investigations, and measured quantities of all items of work. A Class “B” estimate is such that no more than a 10% design allowance is required. To meet these and other requirements, detailed site, architectural, engineering and landscape design work must be completed and costed.
- 3.9 Since there is uncertainty about potential future commitments or funding stream programs once CMHC’s Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) program has ended, taking action on short-term affordable housing development projects under the current program maximizes opportunities to access known federal investment opportunities while expediting urgently needed housing.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Region’s current short-term affordable housing development projects are progressing as quickly as possible within the current Council approvals.
- 4.2 Section 8.4.1 of the Region’s Purchasing By-law Number 16-2020 requires that if the annual value of the consulting or professional service assignment is expected to be \$100,000 or greater, written proposals be obtained through a RFP issued by the Purchasing Section. To take advantage of the synergies of the projects, the scope of the design work required for 409 Centre Street will be included in the RFP being issued for the recently approved project at Christine Crescent, in the City of Oshawa.
- 4.3 Section 14.2 of the Region’s Budget Management Policy requires the approval of the Treasurer and CAO, and the applicable Standing Committee and Regional Council for unbudgeted capital project expenditures in excess of \$50,000.
- 4.4 Previously approved capital repair projects at 409 Centre Street include the replacement of water distribution and sanitary sewage lines and the domestic hot water system. These projects will not proceed should the redevelopment project be approved, resulting in unused budget of \$488,000 that is available to finance the design work.
- 4.5 The cost of the detailed design services for 409 Centre Street is estimated at up to \$500,000 before applicable taxes and is recommended to be financed from the reallocation of funds from previously approved DRLHC capital projects noted above, with the remaining \$12,000 being financed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.

5. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 5.1 Report #2014-J-16 – *At Home in Durham*, the Durham Housing Plan 2014-2024

- 5.2 Report [#2019-COW-25](#) – At Home in Durham, the Durham Housing Plan 2014-2024 – Five-Year Review
- 5.3 Report [#2020-COW-27](#) – Master Housing Strategy
- 5.4 Report #2024-COW-25 – Malaga and Christine Redevelopment Feasibility Analysis

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
 - 2.4 – Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.
 - b. Goal #4 – Social Investment
 - 4.1 – Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability.
 - c. Goal #5 – Service Excellence
 - 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and values.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The proposed redevelopment of 409 Centre Street in Whitby will provide additional needed seniors housing, while optimizing the existing property and improving living and built conditions for DRLHC tenants.
- 7.2 Staff's recommendations will position the project to be shovel-ready, supported by detailed designs, technical studies and Class B cost estimates. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the procurement process for the required detailed design work to begin immediately and the Region to move closer to a submission for CHMC funding.
- 7.3 This report has been prepared with the assistance of the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer concurs with the financial recommendations.

8. Attachments

None.

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