



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Meeting of Regional Council Agenda

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

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

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Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 23 rd day of April, 2025.	
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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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 Butt
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 Neal
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy*
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

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

All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors Cook and Yamada.

Councillor Yamada was absent on federal election business.

Councillor Butt attended as the alternate for the City of Pickering.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Jubb made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.5 (Number 6) Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he is a veteran.

Councillor Chapman made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.5 (Number 6), Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he and his wife are veterans.

Regional Chair Henry made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.5 (Number 6), Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that his daughter and son-in-law are active full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Councillor Collier made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.6 (Number 6), Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he is a veteran, and his daughter is an active full-time member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Councillor Garrod made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.5 (Number 6), Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that his son-in-law is an active full-time member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(36) That the minutes of the Regular Regional Council meeting held on
February 26, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation and Ginger Teoh, Director Tenant & Housing Services, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation re: Complex Tenant Challenges Pilot

Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation, and Ginger Teoh, Director Tenant & Housing Services, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Complex Tenant Challenges Pilot – A Success Story.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Complex Tenant Challenges Pilot
- A Tenant Story
- Complex Tenant Challenges
- Initial Data
- Complex Tenant Challenges Pilot
- The Specialist Team
- Goals & Methods
- Outcomes
- Next Steps
- Key Message

T. Greig responded to questions from members of Council.

5.2 Erin Valant, Director, Housing Services Division, and Alyssa Skan, Manager, Housing Services Division re: Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation - Continued Growth, Continued Need

Erin Valant, Director, Housing Services Division, and Alyssa Skan, Manager, Housing Services Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation – Continued Growth, Continued Need.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation
- History of the Housing Program Coordinator
- Day in the Life
- Challenges
- Community Partnerships & Collaboration
- Collaboration
- 155 King St. East
- Lakeview Harbourside
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Future Planning
- Supporting the Community Housing Sector

E. Valant and A. Skan responded to questions from members of Council.

6. Delegations

6.1 Vijay Jain, Founder & President, Vishwa Jain Sangathan Canada (Virtual Attendance) re: Request to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025 to ban the Nazi Swastika to remove the word "Swastika" from the motion and replace it with Hakenkreuz, or hooked cross or Nazi symbol of hatred

Vijay Jain, Founder & President, Vishwa Jain Sangathan Canada attended virtually regarding a request for council to amend their motion from February 26, 2025 to ban the Nazi Swastika to remove the word "Swastika" from the motion and replace it with Hakenkreuz, or hooked cross or Nazi symbol of hatred.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Swastika is Sacred
- Reference Motion
- Corrections Made – Examples
- Requests

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(37) That the delegation be granted a 2-minute extension.
CARRIED

V. Jain's presentation continued as follows:

- Swastika – Extensively Used in Jain and Hindu Prayers
- Swastika – Is there Relationship to Nazi/AntiSemitism?
- Impact of Using Swastika word in Hate Context or Associating Swastika with Nazi

V. Jain responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(38) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Correspondence Item CC 05 at this time.
CARRIED

7. Communications

CC 05 Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer re: Removing the term 'swastika' from initiatives relating to hate and hate symbols

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(39) That the Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer re: Removing the term 'swastika' from initiatives relating to hate and hate symbols be referred to the consideration of Item #1 of the Finance & Administration Committee Report to Council.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(40) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item #1 of the Finance & Administration Committee Report to Council at this time.
CARRIED

9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions

9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

1. Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate"
[CARRIED]

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
(41) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

PART A) WAS CARRIED (A 2/3rds VOTE WAS ATTAINED)

PART B) WAS CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE

Part A) of the main motion (41) of Councillors Chapman and McDougall was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE.

Part B) of the main motion (41) of Councillors Chapman and McDougall was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
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
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Garrod
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Woo, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(42) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to allow Richard
Ward to appear as a delegation.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE (A 2/3rds MAJORITY
VOTE WAS NOT ATTAINED):

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Butt
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

7. Communications

CC 02 Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Alexander Harras, Director of
Legislative Services & Regional Clerk re: Amendment to Procedural By-law 2024-
032

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (43) That the Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk, regarding the Amendment to Procedural By-law #2024-032 be received for information.
CARRIED

CC 03 Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Community Growth & Economic Development re: Request to the Province of Ontario: Expedite Release of the Regulations for the Transportation for the Future Act

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Carter,

- (44) WHEREAS residents, workers, and businesses in the Region of Durham rely on regional transportation to connect with one another, commute to and from work, and reach new customers;

AND WHEREAS current economic uncertainty reinforces the need to invest in our communities, invest in public infrastructure, build more homes, and strengthen the connections between residents, workers and businesses in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Durham identifies the GO Lakeshore East Extension as a priority project that can drive economic development, transform and connect our communities and help achieve a more sustainable future;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario committed to build and fund the GO Lakeshore East Extension in the 2022 provincial budget;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Durham and the Province of Ontario have worked collaboratively together on an innovative approach to transit-oriented community development;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario introduced and passed the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023, to enable more GO stations, spur more housing and mixed-use communities around transit, and help make it more convenient to travel across the Greater Toronto Area and surrounding regions;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Durham estimates that the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 will enable up to 16,000 new homes across four new transit-oriented communities in the next 30 years, providing much needed housing options in the Region of Durham;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Durham wishes to expeditiously pass a transit station charge by-law under the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 to support the funding of the four new GO stations along the GO Lakeshore East Extension;

AND WHEREAS there are current development applications in the City of Oshawa and Municipality of Clarington that are within the area of future GO stations where a transit station charge would apply.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby requests that the Province of Ontario expedite the release of regulations under the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 to enable the Region of Durham to proceed with a background study and pass a Transit Station Charge By-law to support the funding of four new GO stations and Transit-Oriented Communities along the GO Lakeshore East Extension to Bowmanville.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
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
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

CC 04 Correspondence from The Regional Municipality of York re: Expression of Interest Bid for 2030 Commonwealth Games

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(45) That the Motion attached to the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding Expression of Interest Bid for 2030 Commonwealth Games be endorsed and that staff be directed to express non-binding support for the Expression of Interest.

CARRIED

CC 05 Memorandum dated March 26, 2025 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer re: Removing the term 'swastika' from initiatives relating to hate and hate symbols

This item was considered earlier in the meeting (see page 5 of these minutes).

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Butt,
(46) That Council recess for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:10 AM and reconvened at 11:35 AM

The Clerk conducted a roll call following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Collier, Leahy and Yamada.

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

There are no reports related to Delegations/Presentations.

9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions

9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

1. Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate" [CARRIED EARLIER IN THE MEETING (SEE MOTIONS (41) AND (42) ON PAGES 5 TO 7)]

2. Appointment of New Members to the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) (2025-A-1)

[CARRIED]

That the following persons be appointed to the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- i. Julia Stevenson – Community member living with a disability
 - ii. Mubina Jaffer - Community member caregiver to a person with a disability
 - iii. Laura Saumur – Community member living with a disability.
3. Correspondence from the Town of Ajax re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 18, 2025 with regards to Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs [CARRIED]

That the Correspondence from the Town of Ajax, regarding the Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 18, 2025 with regards to Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs, be endorsed.

4. The Remuneration and Expenses in 2024 of Members of Regional Council and Regional Council Appointees to Local Boards, as Required by Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (2025-F-1)

[CARRIED]

That Report #2025-F-1 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

5. Approval for the Purchase of Nine Leased Buses – Durham Region Transit (2025-F-2)
[CARRIED]

- A) That an unbudgeted capital project for the purchase of nine diesel buses at a total cost not to exceed \$540,000 be approved with financing to be provided from a reallocation of provincial gas tax funding in the Mini Van Replacement project (H2211) that has been cancelled;
- B) That staff be authorized to award a sole source agreement with Damera Bus Sales Canada Corp. for the purchase of the nine diesel buses that Durham Region Transit (DRT) currently leases; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.

6. 2024/2025 Annual Risk Management and Insurance Update (2025-F-3)
[CARRIED]

That Report #2025-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (47) That the recommendations contained in Items 2 to 6 inclusive of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

1. Amending By-laws 18-98 and 19-98 to Update Fees for Health Protection Regional Activities and Ontario Building Code Activities (2025-MOH-1)
[CARRIED]

- A) That a by-law, generally in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2025-MOH-1 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, that amends Regional By-law 18-98 (as last amended by By-law 16-2022), which establishes a tariff of fees on applications for and issuance of permits under the Building Code Act, 1992, effective April 1, 2025, be approved; and
- B) That a by-law, generally in the form included as Attachment #2 to Report #2025-MOH-1, that amends Regional By-law 19-98 (as last amended by By-law 17-2022), which establishes a tariff of fees and charges for certain services provided by the Health Department, under the Planning Act, effective April 1, 2025, be approved.

2. Update to Fees for Region of Durham Paramedic Services Special Events Coverage (2025-MOH-2)
[CARRIED]

That the current fees for special events coverage by Region of Durham Paramedic Services be increased to \$205.50 per hour (3 hour minimum), representing a 3.75 per cent increase from the current rate, to be effective April 1, 2025.

3. Correspondence from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering, re: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
[CARRIED]

That Correspondence from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering, regarding Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), be endorsed.

4. Durham Region Encampment Strategy (2025-SS-2)
[CARRIED]

That the Durham Region Encampment Strategy, as included in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-SS-2 of the Commissioner of Social Services, be endorsed.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (48) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 4 inclusive of Report #1 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.3 **Report of the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee**

1. Smart Mobility Durham 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan (2025-CG-4)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2025-CG-4 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development, including the Smart Mobility Durham's 2024 Annual Report as outlined in Attachment 1, be received;
- B) That Smart Mobility Durham's 2025 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 2 to Report #2025-CG-4; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-4 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee and the Area Municipalities.

2. Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Youth Membership Appointment (2025-CG-5)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Chazz DeAbreu be appointed to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee as its Youth Member and that they be so advised; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-5 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development be forwarded to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee and Pickering High School.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (49) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 of Report #2 of the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.4 **Report of the Works Committee**

1. Update on the Automated Cart-Based Garbage Collection Pilot Project and Future Waste Collection Contract Delivery (2025-WR-2)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2025-WR-2 of the Commissioner of Works, “Automated Cart-Based Garbage Collection Pilot Project Results and Future Waste Collection Contract Delivery”, be received for information;
 - B) That Regional Council approve the transition of Durham Region’s future residential curbside waste management collection contracts for garbage and organics from manual collection to automated collection;
 - C) That Regional Council direct staff to amend By-law #2024-009, A By-law to Regulate the Provision of Waste Management Services Under the Jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Durham, effective April 1, 2028, to reflect an automated residential curbside waste collection program;
 - D) That the costs resulting from the procurement for automated cart-based waste collection services be included in 2028 and future Waste Management Business Plans and Budgets;
 - E) That staff develop a process for recovering the future cost of carts issued to new homes and the cost to replace broken carts subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance and the Commissioner of Works; and

- F) That staff be requested to investigate and report back on the feasibility and costs of continuing the current pilot program in the Town of Ajax and the Township of Scugog locations, as well as what the costs would be to expand the pilot program to the rest of the Region's waste collection areas within the existing contractual framework(s).

2. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2024 Summary Report (2025-W-5)

[CARRIED]

- A) That the 2024 Summary Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham Drinking Water Systems be received for information;
- B) That receipt of Report #2025-W-5 of the Commissioner of Works be confirmed by resolution of Regional Council; and
- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' York-Durham District Office to indicate that the conditions of Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been fulfilled.

3. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – Proposed or Pending Acquisition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to Property in the Township of Brock (2025-W-6)

[CARRIED]

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-W-6 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (50) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #3 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.5 **Report of the Committee of the Whole**

1. Motion regarding Tariff Response Recommendations

[CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A RECORDED VOTE] [SEE MOTIONS (51) AND (52) ON PAGES 26 TO 28]

Whereas on February 26, 2025, Council approved the following:

Therefore be it resolved:

- A) That Durham staff be directed to strike a working group to take on a strategic review of procurement and to work with other municipal partners where appropriate, including looking at whether some project timing should be reassessed; and
- B) That review will be directed to achieve three aims:
- To ensure Durham's procurement is resilient to the financial, supply chain and other risks associated with the changing Canada-US trade relationship;
 - To align Durham's procurement to take advantage of opportunities arising from reduction of interprovincial trade barriers, support for local businesses and development of new strategic trading partners; and
 - To inform and support Economic Development in a mission to assist local businesses in adapting and aligning to a renewed focus on strengthening Canadian business, with a view to increasing the amount of Canadian and local businesses who are competing and winning in Durham's procurement activities.

And Whereas Regional staff have already begun to focus on local and Canadian procurement opportunities where possible under the existing Regional purchasing by-law and to research alternatives;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council provide the following direction to staff on a Made in Durham response to trade tariffs:

1. The Commissioner of Finance be directed to adopt procurement strategies that prioritize Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services over those of the U.S. where feasible;
2. That these Buy Canadian strategies be consistent with provincial and municipal procurement policies and aim to protect the maximum number of local jobs, Canadian jobs and Canadian-owned companies, in that order of priority, in order to support the medium and long-term growth of Canadian suppliers as well as develop longer term alternatives to U.S. suppliers to ensure competition and a diverse supply chain;

3. These procurement strategies be aligned with any federal or provincial legislation or direction to municipalities to support a unified, cross-Canada approach that effectively leverages the considerable buying power of Canadian municipalities to support a broader trade and economic strategy;
 4. Regional procurement be assessed to determine what U.S.-sourced goods and services are relied on, and to develop alternative procurement strategies;
 5. That staff be directed to investigate amendments to the Purchasing By-law to allow alternative thresholds for bidding opportunities to maximize bidding opportunities for local and Canadian vendors;
 6. That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority to approve contract extensions in situations where negotiating an extension is favourable to obtaining bids during this time of uncertainty, or where supply or pricing is likely to be impacted;
 7. That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority to approve additional financing specifically related to tariffs and retaliatory issues where current contracts or bids come in over budget or require an increase that would otherwise require Council approval under the Budget Management Policy; and
 8. That any amendments to the Region's Purchasing By-law necessary to implement this Made in Durham Approach, including the above directions, be brought to Regional Council for endorsement.
2. Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025 – 2034)
(2025-COW-14)
[CARRIED]
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- A) That the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy ("the Strategy"), including Regional investment in housing and homelessness service enhancements, new affordable housing development and renewal initiatives, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) asset management and retrofit activities be approved in principle subject to investment approvals through the Region's annual business planning and budget process;
 - B) That the Strategy be reviewed every four years or earlier as may be necessary in consideration of new or updated information that may impact project delivery, financing and timelines;

- C) That an annual incremental increase on the overall Regional property tax levy of approximately 0.75 per cent, each year over the 2026 - 2034 timeframe, be endorsed as necessary, subject to annual approvals through the Region's annual business planning and budget process to implement the Strategy;
- D) That staff continue to advocate for sustained, incremental, and additional funding from the provincial and federal governments to support the funding gaps identified in the Strategy;
- E) That the 2025 capital program and financing, as outlined in Attachment #2 to Report #2025-COW-14 of the Commissioners of Finance and Social Services, in the amount of \$271,213,492 be approved;
- F) That up to \$111,919,416 in debenture financing as outlined below be approved, for the following projects, subject to confirmation of other funding sources:
 - i) \$25,203,994 for housing redevelopment in the City of Oshawa, (this is subject to approval of Confidential Report #2025-COW-11 and excludes the debenture financing sought through Confidential Report #2025-COW-11);
 - ii) \$7,269,856 for the redevelopment of the Broader Hill housing complex in Oshawa;
 - iii) \$5,448,798 for the redevelopment of 409 Centre Street in Whitby;
 - iv) \$69,996,768 for the redevelopment of 419 - 451 Christine Crescent in Oshawa; and
 - v) \$4,000,000 for deep energy retrofits and asset management work at 315 Colborne St West in Whitby;
- G) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer be authorized to execute all necessary agreements associated with the debenture financing;
- H) That the 2026 to 2034 capital forecast, as outlined in Attachment #3 to Report #2025-COW-14, in the amount of \$1,934,459,343 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals; and
- I) That Durham Region Council directs Works, Social Services and Community Growth and Economic Development staff to explore higher and better uses for Region-owned lands including, but not limited to, affordable housing and recreational facilities, while retaining their original purposes.

3. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Brooklin Northeast Developments CR Inc. for the Construction of a Zone 4 Feedermain on Thickson Road (Regional Road 26) Required to Service Brooklin Pressure Zone 4 in the Town of Whitby (2025-COW-10)
[CARRIED]
- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Brooklin Northeast Developments CR Inc. (Brooklin Northeast) for a Zone 4 feedermain from Thickson Road Zone 4 Water Pumping Station to the future Bergamot Street, in the Town of Whitby (the “Works”) with the following terms:
- i) Brooklin Northeast will finance upfront 100 per cent of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$5,984,700;
 - ii) Brooklin Northeast will tender, award, and construct the necessary Works, subject to Regional inspection and Regional approval of all contract change orders which, in aggregate, exceed 10 per cent of the tendered cost;
 - iii) Brooklin Northeast will post security in the form of a letter of credit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance, in the amount of 100 per cent of the estimated value of the design and construction costs of the Works;
 - iv) Brooklin Northeast will receive residential water supply development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (92.6 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$5,541,800 (at the rates in effect at the time of development) for lands within the Brooklin Zone 4 area that are serviced by the Works;
 - v) Development charge credits earned will be indexed in accordance with Statistics Canada’s Building Construction Price Index (the prescribed series used to index the Regional Development Charge Rates);
 - vi) The Region will pay Brooklin Northeast the non-residential share (7.4 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$442,900, upon acceptance by the Region of the completion of the Works, from the 2025 Water Supply Budget:

2025 Water Supply Budget

Item #128 Zone 4 feedermain from Thickson Rd. Zone 4 Water Pumping Station to Zone 4 Myrtle Rd. Reservoir with connection to Zone 4 Water Pumping Station at

Duffs Rd. Reservoir and Zone 5 feedermain from Duffs
Reservoir to Brawley Rd., Whitby

Commercial Development Charges	\$173,600
Industrial Development Charges	\$227,400
2025 Water User Revenue ¹	<u>\$41,900</u>
Total	<u>\$442,900</u>

Note:

¹ \$41,900 in water user revenue related to the shortfall in institutional development charges

- B) That an allowance of 15 per cent of the costs of the construction of the Works to address engineering and other soft costs incurred by Brooklin Northeast, included in the estimated cost of the Works, will be paid by the Region:
 - C) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above-noted Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.
4. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Southeast Courtice Landowner Group for the Construction of a Zone 2 Feedermain and a Sub Trunk Sanitary Sewer Required to Service the Southeast Courtice Secondary Plan Area in the Municipality of Clarington (2025-COW-12)
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- [CARRIED]
- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group for the construction of a Zone 2 feedermain and sub-trunk sanitary sewer (the “Works”) with the following terms:
 - i) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will finance upfront 100 per cent of the design and construction costs of the Works estimated at \$17,842,900 (\$9,601,500 for the feedermain and \$8,241,400 for the sub-trunk sewer);
 - ii) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will tender, award, and construct the necessary Works, subject to Regional inspection and approval of all contract change orders which, in aggregate, exceed 10 per cent of the tendered cost;

- iii) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will post security in the form of a letter of credit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance, in the amount of 100 per cent of the estimated value of the design and construction costs of the Works;
- iv) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will receive residential water supply development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (92.6 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the water supply Works, estimated at \$8,891,000 and residential sanitary sewerage development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (83.3 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the sanitary sewer Works, estimated at \$6,865,100 (at the rates in effect at the time of development), for lands within the areas that are serviced by the Works;
- v) Development charge credits earned will be indexed in accordance with Statistics Canada's Building Construction Price Index (the prescribed series used to index the Regional Development Charge Rates);
- vi) The Region will pay to the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group the non-residential share (7.4 per cent for water supply and 16.7 per cent for sanitary sewerage) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$710,500 for Water Supply and \$1,376,300 for Sanitary Sewerage upon acceptance by the Region of the completion of the Works, from the 2025 Business Plans and Budgets:

Water Supply

2025 Water Supply System Capital Budget

Item #148 Zone 2 feedermain on Bloor St. from
Prestonvale Rd. to Hancock Rd., Courtice

Commercial Development Charges	\$278,400
Industrial Development Charges	\$364,900
2025 Water User Revenue ¹	<u>\$67,200</u>
Total	<u>\$710,500</u>

Note:

¹ \$67,200 in water user revenue related to the shortfall in institutional development charges

Sanitary Sewerage

Prior Years' Sanitary Sewerage System Capital Budget

Item #86: Sub-trunk sanitary sewer on easement along the north side of CPR from Trulls Rd. to Courtice Rd. and on Courtice Rd. from the north side of CPR to Bloor St., Courtice

Commercial Development Charges	\$412,800
Industrial Development Charges	\$223,600
2025 Sewer User Revenue ¹	<u>\$739,900</u>
Total	<u>\$1,376,300</u>

Note:

¹ \$739,900 in Sewer user revenue related to the shortfall in non-residential development charges

Total Non-Residential Share **\$2,086,800**

- vii) An allowance of 15 per cent of the costs of the construction of the Works to address engineering and other soft costs incurred by the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group, included in the estimated cost of the Works, will be paid by the Region;
- viii) All financial commitments will be based on actual costs;
- ix) Such other terms as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Works; and

- B) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above-noted Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

5. Recommendations for Eligible Projects Under the At Home Incentive Program for Affordable Housing (2025-COW-13)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the following applications for affordable rental housing projects be approved under the At Home Incentive Program (AHIP):

- i) Muslim Welfare Canada to build 55 units of affordable seniors rental housing at 1589-1603 Highway #2 East in Courtice, Municipality of Clarington (Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-13);
 - ii) Borelia Cooperative Homes Inc. to build 16 units of affordable rental housing at 10 Borelia Crescent in Port Perry, Township of Scugog (Attachment #2 to Report #2025-COW-13); and
 - ii) 1465 King Street Inc. to build 70 units of affordable rental housing at 1465 Highway #2 in Courtice, Municipality of Clarington (Attachment #3 to Report #2025-COW-13);
- B) That the Region provide up-front capital funding to support the development and construction of affordable rental housing projects in the total amount of \$13,250,000 broken down as follows:
 - i) \$5,750,000 to Muslim Welfare Canada;
 - ii) \$2,688,000 to Borelia Cooperative Homes Inc.; and
 - iii) \$4,812,000 to 1465 King Street Inc.;
- C) That the up-front capital funding be provided from the At Home Incentive Program Reserve Fund (AHIPRF) and advanced based on the following key construction milestones:
 - i) 50 per cent at the signing of the Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement and registration of security;
 - ii) 40 per cent at confirmation of fully enclosed building;
 - iii) 10 per cent at confirmation of occupancy;
- D) That the up-front capital funding provided by the Region be conditional upon each proponent listed in Recommendation A) providing written confirmation of funding by third-party financiers (if applicable) prior to execution of the Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement;
- E) That the Region enter into a Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement with the above-mentioned parties to:
 - i) maintain affordable rents for the specified affordability period;

- ii) continue to use the eligibility requirements for tenants to enable the use of capital grants for eligible purpose-built affordable rental housing projects; and
- iii) provide accountability and reporting requirements, including proforma construction accounting of their projects on a quarterly basis, given the heightened current economic challenges that these projects may face; and

F) That the Regional Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws.

6. Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Whereas Metrolinx, the operator of GO transit, announced that it is providing free service to GO passengers who are veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas we owe a debt of gratitude to those who serve our country in the Canadian Armed Forces in past conflicts and in the current defence of our country; and

Whereas the integrated fares between Metrolinx and local municipal transit systems has meant that there is seamless travel between GTHA transit authorities; and

Whereas it is the intent of Durham Regional Council to recognize the contribution of those that have served in our Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas making transportation a seamless opportunity for past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces is a desired outcome;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Durham Regional Council requests that the Transit Executive Committee consider the concept of allowing past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces to ride for free on Durham Regional Transit subject to approval of the updated Fare Strategy in 2025, and consideration for the 2026 Budget; and
2. This resolution be forwarded to the Transit Executive Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

7. Motion to Request the Province to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region
[CARRIED]
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Whereas Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the Province; and

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

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

Whereas at a media appearance on October 25, 2024 Premier Ford indicated that he had requested that the Minister of Transportation review reducing or eliminating tolls on the provincially-owned portion of the highway, being Highway 407 East; and

Whereas the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario was re-elected on February 27, 2025, receiving a strong mandate for their 2025 Protect Ontario Plan which indicates that the Provincial government will remove all tolls on Highway 407 East; and

Whereas Winchester Road from Anderson Street to Baldwin Street will be once again reduced to one lane of traffic in one direction beginning in April 2025; and

Whereas the Council of the Region of Durham has previously advocated for the removal of tolls on Highway 407 East through Council Resolution in 2024 in order to boost economic development, improve travel times, and alleviate traffic impacts in Durham Region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. That the Council of the Region of Durham hereby requests that the Provincial government expedite the removal of all tolls on the entirety of Highway 407 East, in accordance with the 2025 Protect Ontario Plan, starting April of 2025 to align with the resumption of construction that will reduce traffic capacity on Winchester Road; and

2. That the Regional Chair be requested on behalf of Council, to author a letter including this motion to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, all Durham Region MPPs, all Durham municipalities, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Township of Cavan Monaghan, the City of Peterborough, the Ontario Trucking Association, and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.
8. Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services – Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to the Acquisition of Property in the City of Oshawa (2025-COW-11)

[CARRIED]

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-COW-11 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services, be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,

- (51) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #3 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A RECORDED
VOTE (SEE FOLLOWING MOTION)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (52) That the foregoing motion (51) of Councillors Foster and Wotten to adopt the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #3 of the Committee of the Whole be amended by adding the following:

9. That in order to offset increased construction costs imposed by international tariffs and to support the development of safe, affordable homes for low- and middle-income families, the Federal Government be requested to allocate a portion of the revenues generated from tariffs toward the construction of public affordable housing projects across Canada in an amount equivalent to the increased costs to build public affordable housing projects arising from tariffs;
10. That the Federal Government be requested to introduce tax credits specifically designed to support staycations, incentivizing Canadians to travel and spend within their own country. This initiative would promote local tourism, stimulate regional economies, and create new opportunities for businesses in sectors such as hospitality, leisure, and retail, all while contributing to a more sustainable domestic tourism model in the face of changing global travel trends; and

11. That this resolution be circulated to: Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; Durham MPs; and Durham MPPs.

CARRIED

The main motion (52) of Councillors Foster and Wotten was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

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

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(53) That the recommendations contained in Items 2 to 5 of Report #3 of the
Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(54) That the recommendations contained in Item 6 of Report #3 of the
Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
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	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Chapman
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Regional Chair Henry

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(55) That the recommendations contained in Item 7 and 8 of Report #3 of the
Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

10.1 Industrial Development Charge Deferral Program (2025-COW-16) **[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A RECORDED VOTE]**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(56) A) That the Council-approved Industrial Development Charge Deferral
Program be implemented subject to the following conditions:

- a. the applicable development charges owed under the Region's Residential and Non-residential Development Charges By-law No. 42-2023 and Transit Development Charges By-law No. 39-2022 for industrial developments to be paid in instalments over five years at the option of the applicant;
 - b. an initial payment due at occupancy;
 - c. deferral payments are subject to an interest rate of 2.6 per cent beginning at occupancy;
 - d. default provisions if deferral payments become overdue;
 - e. applicants electing to use the deferral program must enter into a deferral agreement with the Region; and,
 - f. other such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Finance;
- B) That the Industrial Development Charge Deferral Program be available to building permit applications for industrial developments submitted on or after February 1, 2025;
- C) That Regional staff submit a report to Regional Council prior to March 31, 2026, with a review of the Industrial Development Charge Deferral Program to-date; and
- D) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to enter into deferral agreements for purposes of the Industrial Development Charge Deferral Program, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendation A) and any additional conditions deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Finance, to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
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	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

- 10.2 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Finance and Community Growth & Economic Development – a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Region with respect to negotiations regarding post-secondary investment attraction (2025-COW-15)
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- [CARRIED AS AMENDED] [SEE MOTIONS (57) TO (61) ON PAGES 30 TO 34]

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Foster,

- (57) That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-COW-15 of the Commissioners of Finance and Community Growth & Economic Development be adopted.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(SEE FOLLOWING MOTIONS)

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,

- (58) That the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider Confidential Report #2025-COW-15 regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Region with respect to negotiations regarding post-secondary investment attraction.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

Councillor Anderson

None

Councillor Ashe

Councillor Barton

Councillor Brenner

Councillor Butt

Councillor Carter

Councillor Chapman

Councillor Crawford

Councillor Dies

Councillor Foster

Councillor Garrod

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Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Pickles

Councillor Roy

Councillor Schummer

Councillor Shahid

Councillor Woo

Councillor Wotten

Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Butt,
(59) That Council recess for ten minutes.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 12:30 PM and reconvened at 12:40 PM.

[Refer to the Closed Meeting minutes of March 26, 2025]

Council rose from the Closed Meeting and resumed open session at 1:24 PM.

Chair Henry advised that during the closed session there were no motions made or directions given and an amendment to the Confidential Report was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(61) That the main motion (57) of Councillors Crawford and Foster to adopt the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-COW-15 of the Commissioners of Finance and Community Growth & Economic Development be amended as per the discussions in closed session.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Butt
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Foster

Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (57) of Councillors Crawford and Foster to adopt the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-COW-15 was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
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 Shahid	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

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

2025-011 Being a by-law to amend By-law 18-98 to impose fees for services provided by the Health Department under the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 1st Report of the Health & Social Services Committee presented to Regional Council on March 26, 2025.

2025-012 Being a by-law to amend By-law 19-98 to impose fees for services provided by the Health Department of The Regional Municipality of Durham.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 1st Report of the Health & Social Services Committee presented to Regional Council on March 26, 2025.

2025-013 Being a by-law to Amend By-law 2024-032 (Procedural By-law) to govern the proceedings of council and its committees, the conduct of its members, and the calling of meetings.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence CC 02, Item #7.1 presented to Regional Council on March 26, 2025

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(62) That By-law Numbers 2025-011 to 2025-013 inclusive be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

2025-014 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The
Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 26th day of
March, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(63) That By-law Number 2025-014 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings
of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting
held on March 26, 2025 be passed.
CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Butt, Seconded by Councillor Neal,
(64) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 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 11:54 AM
Councillor Barton* left the meeting at 2:15 PM
Councillor Brenner attended the meeting at 10:57 AM
Councillor Carter* left the meeting at 1:15 PM
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier*
Councillor Cook* left the meeting at 1:43 PM
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod left the meeting at 11:54 AM and returned at 2:13 PM
Councillor Jubb*
Councillor Kerr attended the meeting at 9:56 AM
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson* left the meeting at 12:45 PM
Councillor Pickles*
Councillor Roy* left the meeting at 10:25 AM and returned at 12:48 PM
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid* left meeting at 11:54 AM
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada* attended for part of the meeting
Regional Chair Henry left the meeting at 10:40 AM on municipal business
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff

Present: S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Bridgeman, B. Bridgeman, M. Broderick*, A. Burgess, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault, J. Dixon, C. Dunkley*, A. Evans*, T. Fetter*, T. Fraser, J. Gaskin*, S. Gill, C. Goodchild, A. Harras, A. Hector-Alexander, B. Holmes, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, R.J. Kyle*, M. Laschuk*, M. MacDonald, L. McIntosh, G. Muller, N. Pincombe, N. Taylor, K. Smith, and E. Valant.
***denotes staff participating electronically**

Regional Chair Henry spoke to recent tragic incidents in Durham Region, including a fire in Historic Downtown Bowmanville that claimed the life of one individual, and a second fire in the City of Oshawa that claimed the life of a mother and her two daughters. He extended deepest condolences to the families and friends of these individuals, and he extended heartfelt sympathies to the residents who have lost their homes and business in the Bowmanville fire. He also shared the news of the passing of two community heroes. He thanked the emergency response teams, and he asked Council members to join him in a moment of silence.

Regional Chair Henry advised on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Durham Region Transit celebrated Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day. He shared a video highlighting all areas of Durham Region Transit.

Councillor Crawford advised that Durham Region Transit is launching the Sunflower Program, and additional details will be included in a report on the April 2, 2025 Transit Executive Committee meeting agenda.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Chapman made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he is a veteran.

Councillor Jubb made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he is a veteran.

Councillor Collier made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that he is a veteran, and his daughter is an active full-time member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Councillor Cook made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. She indicated that her husband is a veteran.

Regional Chair Henry made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that his daughter and son-in-law are active full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Councillor Garrod made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.1, Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He indicated that his son-in-law is an active full-time member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Presentations

4.1 Ben Earle, Chief Executive Officer, Feed the Need in Durham, Re: Community Food Security Update

Ben Earle, Chief Executive Officer, Feed the Need in Durham, appeared before Committee with regards to Community Food Security Update.

B. Earle advised that Feed the Need in Durham is a regional food distribution hub, they support over 70 community food programs in Durham Region, and distribute approximately 2.5 million pounds of food annually, which is approximately \$8.8 million worth of food.

B. Earle also advised that the data he is speaking to is detailed in the Durham Community Foundation 2024 report "Vital Signs Focus on Food". He stated Durham is in an escalating crisis of food insecurity and is facing potential disruptions to the economy again. He also stated that the plan right now is to monitor this, and they are working with provincial partners to understand what the impacts might be.

B. Earle provided data on food insecure households in Ontario and Durham from 2019-2023. He stated that this is a direct result of an increase in the cost of necessities, in particular the cost of food and housing. He also provided data on food bank use in Durham and visits to meal programs in Feed the Need in Durham's network.

B. Earle further advised that their response has been to be as measured as possible and they have shifted their focus away from the idea of providing people with everything they need to being a supplement to what they need. Feed the Need in Durham cannot meet the full demand, but they can supplement and support. They are also responding by working with partners to build new market style food banks and have partnered with and are in the process of taking over a vertical farming facility. B. Earle stated that they believe we need larger policy changes that focus on income security, housing and many other things.

B. Earle responded to questions with respect to the value of \$1 donated to Feed the Need in Durham versus donating food; the process for donating to Feed the Need in Durham; raising issues during the upcoming Federal election; practices for retail and grocery chain donations; product best before dates; usage of technology; involvement of volunteers; food bank use statistics; meal programs; relationship to Meals on Wheels program; and policy changes to address food insecurity.

4.2 Garry Cubitt, Board Vice-Chair, DRPSB and Peter Moreira, Chief of Police, DRPS, Re: Durham Regional Police Service Board – Quarterly Update to Council

Garry Cubitt, Vice-Chair of the Durham Regional Police Services Board (DRPSB), and Chief Moreira, Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), appeared before Committee to provide a quarterly update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Regional Police Service Board
- 2025 Budget Investments
- DRPS Recruitment
- Hate Crimes Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Project Steel
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
- Human Trafficking – Project Firebird
- Calls For Service + Response Time
- Illegal Firearms and Shootings (YTD Feb 28)
- Auto Theft (YTD Feb 28)
- Mental Health and Addictions (YTD Feb 28)
- Road Safety (YTD Feb 28)
- 10-Year Capital Plan

Regional Chair Henry vacated the Chair at 10:40 AM. Councillor Foster chaired the meeting in his absence.

A detailed question and answer period ensued. Chief Moreira and Deputy Kirkpatrick responded to questions with respect to plans for a north Oshawa station; the possibility of a combined police and fire or paramedic station; the role of the Solicitor General; tow-truck related violence; medical leaves; mentorship program; the FBI National Academy Program; the Sex Offender Registry; the crime rate; the Monday Night Project; the Hate Crimes Unit and hate crime

incidents; factors related to property crime increases; DRPS recruitment; Ontario Police College training; the Rotman Police Leadership Program; the 10-year Capital Plan; the possibility of co-locating police and other Regional services; Mental Health hospital wait times; capacity at Provincial jails; rules related to releasing information on individuals deemed to pose a risk to the community; Gun Amnesty programs; the process to dispose of unwanted firearms; the review of the Neighbourhood Watch program; advocating for action on bail reform during the upcoming Federal election; and auto theft and manufacturing standards.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Brenner
(29) That the Committee recess for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:55 AM and reconvened at 12:26 PM

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Garrod, McDougall, Pickles, Roy, Shahid, Yamada and Regional Chair Henry.

4.3 Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Re: Durham Region Tariff Response Update

E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation regarding Durham Region Tariff Response Update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Context
- Brief Recent Chronology
- Actions – Legal Services
- Actions – Procurement
- Actions – Budget Impacts and Opportunities
- Social Services Impacts
- Intergovernmental Work – Local
- Intergovernmental Work – Provincial
- Intergovernmental Work – Federal
- Economic Development
- Next Steps

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether the Region will be moving forward with procurement changes regardless of the status of tariffs; the definition of a United States company; the impact on supply management; the impact on the Durham Region Strategic Plan; the timeframe for reporting to Regional Council; the potential budget impacts; the strategy for ensuring cost increases are the result of tariffs; the potential impact of a new free trade agreement; actions to promote tourism and economic development; the possibility of Regional Council requesting a Staycation Tax Credit; the flexibility of proposed strategies; actions taken by Legal Services; and actions related to procurement.

It was requested that staff prepare motions to request the Federal Government to refund the cost of tariffs for not for profit organizations and to advocate for a Staycation Tax Credit. E. Baxter-Trahair advised that staff would bring forward draft resolutions at the March 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting.

It was also requested that a copy of the presentation be circulated to the Local Area Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Woo, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(30) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to introduce a motion pertaining to tariff response recommendations.

CARRIED ON A 2/3RDS VOTE

Staff responded to questions with respect to the proposed delegations of authority and the reporting process to Regional Council. Discussion ensued with respect to procurement practices and supporting local businesses.

Moved by Councillor Woo, Seconded by Councillor Collier,
(31) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas on February 26, 2025, Council approved the following:

“Therefore be it resolved:

- A) That Durham staff be directed to strike a working group to take on a strategic review of procurement and to work with other municipal partners where appropriate, including looking at whether some project timing should be reassessed; and
- B) That review will be directed to achieve three aims:
 - To ensure Durham’s procurement is resilient to the financial, supply chain and other risks associated with the changing Canada-US trade relationship;
 - To align Durham’s procurement to take advantage of opportunities arising from reduction of interprovincial trade barriers, support for local businesses and development of new strategic trading partners; and
 - To inform and support Economic Development in a mission to assist local businesses in adapting and aligning to a renewed focus on strengthening Canadian business, with a view to increasing the amount of Canadian and local businesses who are competing and winning in Durham’s procurement activities.”;

And whereas Regional staff have already begun to focus on local and Canadian procurement opportunities where possible under the existing Regional purchasing by-law and to research alternatives;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council provide the following direction to staff on a Made in Durham response to trade tariffs:

1. The Commissioner of Finance be directed to adopt procurement strategies that prioritize Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services over those of the U.S. where feasible;
2. That these Buy Canadian strategies be consistent with provincial and municipal procurement policies and aim to protect the maximum number of local jobs, Canadian jobs and Canadian-owned companies, in that order of priority, in order to support the medium and long-term growth of Canadian suppliers as well as develop longer term alternatives to U.S. suppliers to ensure competition and a diverse supply chain;
3. These procurement strategies be aligned with any federal or provincial legislation or direction to municipalities to support a unified, cross-Canada approach that effectively leverages the considerable buying power of Canadian municipalities to support a broader trade and economic strategy;
4. Regional procurement be assessed to determine what U.S.-sourced goods and services are relied on, and to develop alternative procurement strategies;
5. That staff be directed to investigate amendments to the Purchasing By-law to allow alternative thresholds for bidding opportunities to maximize bidding opportunities for local and Canadian vendors;
6. That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority to approve contract extensions in situations where negotiating an extension is favourable to obtaining bids during this time of uncertainty, or where supply or pricing is likely to be impacted;
7. That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority to approve additional financing specifically related to tariffs and retaliatory issues where current contracts or bids come in over budget or require an increase that would otherwise require Council approval under the Budget Management Policy; and
8. That any amendments to the Region's Purchasing By-law necessary to implement this Made in Durham Approach, including the above directions, be brought to Regional Council for endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Carter
Councillor Garrod
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Declarations of Interest: None

- 4.4 E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer; E. Valant, Director, Housing Services; G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing; M. MacDonald, Manager, Affordable Housing; and N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets, Re: 10-year Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025-COW-14)
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E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer; E. Valant, Director, Housing Services; G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing; M. MacDonald, Manager, Affordable Housing; and N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets; provided a presentation regarding the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose of the Strategy
- Current Housing Demand
- Current Housing Demand – Homelessness
- Community Housing Context
- Critical Importance of Community Housing
- The Strategy
- Overview of Projected Net New Supported Households
- Projected DRLHC Units Updated to Durham Standard
- Housing Development Outcomes, 2025-2034
- Project Outcomes
- Key Financial Strategies
- Expenditure Forecast
- Proposed Financing Forecast
- Key Assumptions/Risk Mitigation Measures
- Building the Future: A Ten-Year Roadmap

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(32) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item 7.4 at this time.
CARRIED

7.4 Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025 – 2034)
(2025-COW-14)

Report #2024-COW-14 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the process to add additional projects in the future; the number of new purpose-built affordable rental housing units; the number of units from partnership initiatives; the At Home Incentive Program; the proposed partnership initiatives at 590 – 650 Rossland Road in Whitby and northeast corner of Harwood Avenue and Achilles Road in Ajax; the proposed annual increase in overall Regional Property Tax Levy; the 2026 Regional business plan and budget process; whether the financial forecast includes inflationary increases for capital and operating expenses; utilization of reserve funds and the plan to replenish reserves; servicing costs for debt financing; actions being taken to advocate for changes to the Landlord and Tenant Board; the reporting process for major changes to the strategy; the operating cost per supportive housing unit; mixed income communities; partnership initiatives; the length of affordability for new developments and redevelopments; accountability and sharing of outcomes; and whether this strategy impacts Envision Durham.

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(33) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (“the Strategy”), including Regional investment in housing and homelessness service enhancements, new affordable housing development and renewal initiatives, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) asset management and retrofit activities be approved in principle subject to investment approvals through the Region’s annual business planning and budget process;
- B) That the Strategy be reviewed every four years or earlier as may be necessary in consideration of new or updated information that may impact project delivery, financing and timelines;
- C) That an annual incremental increase on the overall Regional property tax levy of approximately 0.75 per cent, each year over the 2026 - 2034 timeframe, be endorsed as necessary, subject to annual approvals through the Region’s annual business planning and budget process to implement the Strategy;
- D) That staff continue to advocate for sustained, incremental, and additional funding from the provincial and federal governments to support the funding gaps identified in the Strategy;
- E) That the 2025 capital program and financing, as outlined in Attachment #2 to Report #2025-COW-14 of the Commissioners of Finance and Social Services, in the amount of \$271,213,492 be approved;
- F) That up to \$111,919,416 in debenture financing as outlined below be approved, for the following projects, subject to confirmation of other funding sources:
 - i) \$25,203,994 for housing redevelopment in the City of Oshawa, (this is subject to approval of Confidential Report #2025-COW-11 and excludes the debenture financing sought through Confidential Report #2025-COW-11);
 - ii) \$7,269,856 for the redevelopment of the Broader Hill housing complex in Oshawa;
 - iii) \$5,448,798 for the redevelopment of 409 Centre Street in Whitby;
 - iv) \$69,996,768 for the redevelopment of 419 - 451 Christine Crescent in Oshawa; and

- v) \$4,000,000 for deep energy retrofits and asset management work at 315 Colborne St West in Whitby;
- G) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer be authorized to execute all necessary agreements associated with the debenture financing; and
- H) That the 2026 to 2034 capital forecast, as outlined in Attachment #3 to Report #2025-COW-14, in the amount of \$1,934,459,343 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.
CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A RECORDED VOTE
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

- (34) That the main motion (33) of Councillors Collier and Anderson be amended by adding the following as a new Part I):

- I) That Durham Region Council directs Works and Community Growth and Economic Development staff to explore higher and better uses for Region-owned utility lands including, but not limited to, affordable housing and recreational facilities, while retaining their original utility purposes, with the Harwood Pumping Station to be considered as a pilot site.
CARRIED AS AMENDED LATER IN THE MEETING
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,

- (35) That the foregoing amending motion (34) of Councillors Collier and Lee be amended by adding the words “, Social Services” following the words “directs Works”; and by deleting the word “utility” before the words “lands” and “purposes”; and deleting the words “, with the Harwood Pumping Station to be considered as a pilot site” at the end of the paragraph.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	

Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Cook
Councillor Garrod
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Declarations of Interest: None

The amending motion (34) of Councillors Collier and Lee was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

The main motion (33) of Councillors Collier and Lee was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AS AMENDED, ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
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Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Roy	

Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Cook
Councillor Garrod
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Declarations of Interest: None

5. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

6. Correspondence

There were no communications.

7. Reports

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(36) That the recommendations contained in Reports #2025-COW-10, 2025-COW-12 and 2025-COW-13 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Cook
Councillor Garrod
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Declarations of Interest: None

7.1 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Brooklin Northeast Developments CR Inc. for the Construction of a Zone 4 Feedermain on Thickson Road (Regional Road 26) Required to Service Brooklin Pressure Zone 4 in the Town of Whitby (2025-COW-10)

Report #2025-COW-10 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works; and N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; was received.

The recommendations in Report #2025-COW-10 were carried earlier in the meeting [see Motion (36) on pages 13 and 14] and read as follows:

That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Brooklin Northeast Developments CR Inc. (Brooklin Northeast) for a Zone 4 feedermain from Thickson Road Zone 4 Water Pumping Station to the future Bergamot Street, in the Town of Whitby (the "Works") with the following terms:
 - i) Brooklin Northeast will finance upfront 100 per cent of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$5,984,700;
 - ii) Brooklin Northeast will tender, award, and construct the necessary Works, subject to Regional inspection and Regional approval of all contract change orders which, in aggregate, exceed 10 per cent of the tendered cost;

- iii) Brooklin Northeast will post security in the form of a letter of credit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance, in the amount of 100 per cent of the estimated value of the design and construction costs of the Works;
- iv) Brooklin Northeast will receive residential water supply development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (92.6 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$5,541,800 (at the rates in effect at the time of development) for lands within the Brooklin Zone 4 area that are serviced by the Works;
- v) Development charge credits earned will be indexed in accordance with Statistics Canada's Building Construction Price Index (the prescribed series used to index the Regional Development Charge Rates);
- vi) The Region will pay Brooklin Northeast the non-residential share (7.4 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$442,900, upon acceptance by the Region of the completion of the Works, from the 2025 Water Supply Budget:

2025 Water Supply Budget

Item #128 Zone 4 feedermain from Thickson Rd. Zone 4 Water Pumping Station to Zone 4 Myrtle Rd. Reservoir with connection to Zone 4 Water Pumping Station at Duffs Rd. Reservoir and Zone 5 feedermain from Duffs Reservoir to Brawley Rd., Whitby

Commercial Development Charges	\$173,600
Industrial Development Charges	\$227,400
2025 Water User Revenue ¹	<u>\$41,900</u>
Total	<u>\$442,900</u>

Note:

¹ \$41,900 in water user revenue related to the shortfall in institutional development charges

- B) That an allowance of 15 per cent of the costs of the construction of the Works to address engineering and other soft costs incurred by Brooklin Northeast, included in the estimated cost of the Works, will be paid by the Region:
 - i) All financial commitments will be based on final actual costs;

- ii) Such other terms as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Works; and
- C) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above-noted Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

7.2 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Southeast Courtice Landowner Group for the Construction of a Zone 2 Feedermain and a Sub Trunk Sanitary Sewer Required to Service the Southeast Courtice Secondary Plan Area in the Municipality of Clarington (2025-COW-12)

Report #2025-COW-12 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works; and N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; was received.

The recommendations in Report #2025-COW-12 were carried earlier in the meeting [see Motion (36) on pages 13 and 14] and read as follows:

That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group for the construction of a Zone 2 feedermain and sub-trunk sanitary sewer (the “Works”) with the following terms:
 - i) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will finance upfront 100 per cent of the design and construction costs of the Works estimated at \$17,842,900 (\$9,601,500 for the feedermain and \$8,241,400 for the sub-trunk sewer);
 - ii) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will tender, award, and construct the necessary Works, subject to Regional inspection and approval of all contract change orders which, in aggregate, exceed 10 per cent of the tendered cost;
 - iii) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will post security in the form of a letter of credit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance, in the amount of 100 per cent of the estimated value of the design and construction costs of the Works;
 - iv) The Southeast Courtice Landowners Group will receive residential water supply development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (92.6 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the water supply Works, estimated at \$8,891,000 and residential sanitary sewerage development charge credits up to an amount equal to the residential share (83.3 per cent) of the design and construction costs of the sanitary sewer Works, estimated at \$6,865,100 (at the

rates in effect at the time of development), for lands within the areas that are serviced by the Works;

- v) Development charge credits earned will be indexed in accordance with Statistics Canada's Building Construction Price Index (the prescribed series used to index the Regional Development Charge Rates);
- vi) The Region will pay to the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group the non-residential share (7.4 per cent for water supply and 16.7 per cent for sanitary sewerage) of the design and construction costs of the Works, estimated at \$710,500 for Water Supply and \$1,376,300 for Sanitary Sewerage upon acceptance by the Region of the completion of the Works, from the 2025 Business Plans and Budgets:

Water Supply

2025 Water Supply System Capital Budget

Item #148 Zone 2 feedermain on Bloor St. from Prestonvale Rd. to Hancock Rd., Courtice

Commercial Development Charges	\$278,400
Industrial Development Charges	\$364,900
2025 Water User Revenue ¹	<u>\$67,200</u>
Total	<u>\$710,500</u>

Note:

¹ \$67,200 in water user revenue related to the shortfall in institutional development charges

Sanitary Sewerage

Prior Years' Sanitary Sewerage System Capital Budget

Item #86: Sub-trunk sanitary sewer on easement along the north side of CPR from Trulls Rd. to Courtice Rd. and on Courtice Rd. from the north side of CPR to Bloor St., Courtice

Commercial Development Charges	\$412,800
Industrial Development Charges	\$223,600
2025 Sewer User Revenue ¹	<u>\$739,900</u>

Total **\$1,376,300**

Note:

¹ \$739,900 in Sewer user revenue related to the shortfall in non-residential development charges

Total Non-Residential Share **\$2,086,800**

- vii) An allowance of 15 per cent of the costs of the construction of the Works to address engineering and other soft costs incurred by the Southeast Courtice Landowners Group, included in the estimated cost of the Works, will be paid by the Region;
 - viii) All financial commitments will be based on actual costs;
 - ix) Such other terms as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Works; and
- B) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the above-noted Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

7.3 Recommendations for Eligible Projects Under the At Home Incentive Program for Affordable Housing (2025-COW-13)

Report #2024-COW-13 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development; and R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

The recommendations in Report #2025-COW-13 were carried earlier in the meeting [see Motion (36) on pages 13 and 14] and read as follows:

That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the following applications for affordable rental housing projects be approved under the At Home Incentive Program (AHIP):
- i) Muslim Welfare Canada to build 55 units of affordable seniors rental housing at 1589-1603 Highway #2 East in Courtice, Municipality of Clarington (Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-13);
 - ii) Borelia Cooperative Homes Inc. to build 16 units of affordable rental housing at 10 Borelia Crescent in Port Perry, Township of Scugog (Attachment #2 to Report #2025-COW-13); and

- iii) 1465 King Street Inc. to build 70 units of affordable rental housing at 1465 Highway #2 in Courtice, Municipality of Clarington (Attachment #3 to Report #2025-COW-13);
- B) That the Region provide up-front capital funding to support the development and construction of affordable rental housing projects in the total amount of \$13,250,000 broken down as follows:
 - i) \$5,750,000 to Muslim Welfare Canada;
 - ii) \$2,688,000 to Borelia Cooperative Homes Inc.; and
 - iii) \$4,812,000 to 1465 King Street Inc.;
- C) That the up-front capital funding be provided from the At Home Incentive Program Reserve Fund (AHIPRF) and advanced based on the following key construction milestones:
 - i) 50 per cent at the signing of the Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement and registration of security;
 - ii) 40 per cent at confirmation of fully enclosed building;
 - iii) 10 per cent at confirmation of occupancy;
- D) That the up-front capital funding provided by the Region be conditional upon each proponent listed in Recommendation A) providing written confirmation of funding by third-party financiers (if applicable) prior to execution of the Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement;
- E) That the Region enter into a Municipal Capital Housing Facilities and Contribution Agreement with the above-mentioned parties to:
 - i) maintain affordable rents for the specified affordability period;
 - ii) continue to use the eligibility requirements for tenants to enable the use of capital grants for eligible purpose-built affordable rental housing projects; and
 - iii) provide accountability and reporting requirements, including proforma construction accounting of their projects on a quarterly basis, given the heightened current economic challenges that these projects may face; and
- F) That the Regional Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws.

7.4 Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025 – 2034)
(2025-COW-14)

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 9 to 13 of these minutes.

8. Members Motions

8.1 Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces

Staff responded to a question with respect to the legislative requirements for quorum as a result of the declarations of pecuniary interest on this item, made earlier in the meeting.

Questions were raised with respect to the timeframe to implement; and the process for veterans travelling with cadets or other individuals. It was requested that staff review and report back on these items.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(37) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas Metrolinx, the operator of GO transit, announced that it is providing free service to GO passengers who are veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas we owe a debt of gratitude to those who serve our country in the Canadian Armed Forces in past conflicts and in the current defence of our country; and

Whereas the integrated fares between Metrolinx and local municipal transit systems has meant that there is seamless travel between GTHA transit authorities; and

Whereas it is the intent of Durham Regional Council to recognize the contribution of those that have served in our Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas making transportation a seamless opportunity for past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces is a desired outcome;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Durham Regional Council requests that the Transit Executive Committee consider the concept of allowing past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces to ride for free on Durham Regional Transit subject to approval of the updated Fare Strategy in 2025, and consideration for the 2026 Budget; and

2. This resolution be forwarded to the Transit Executive Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Cook
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb

- 8.2 Motion regarding Exploring Higher and Better Uses of Utility Lands in Conjunction with the Ajax Water Supply Plant Expansion

Councillors Collier and Lee requested that the motion be withdrawn as this item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as part of Item 7.4, Report #2025-COW-14: Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025 – 2034).

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(38) That the Rules of Procedure be waived in order to introduce a motion without notice.

CARRIED ON A 2/3RDS VOTE

8.3 Motion to Request the Province to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region

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

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

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

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

Whereas at a media appearance on October 25, 2024 Premier Ford indicated that he had requested that the Minister of Transportation review reducing or eliminating tolls on the provincially-owned portion of the highway, being Highway 407 East; and

Whereas the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario was re-elected on February 27, 2025, receiving a strong mandate for their 2025 Protect Ontario Plan which indicates that the Provincial government will remove all tolls on Highway 407 East; and

Whereas Winchester Road from Anderson Street to Baldwin Street will be once again reduced to one lane of traffic in one direction beginning in April 2025; and

Whereas the Council of the Region of Durham has previously advocated for the removal of tolls on Highway 407 East through Council Resolution in 2024 in order to boost economic development, improve travel times, and alleviate traffic impacts in Durham Region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. That the Council of the Region of Durham hereby requests that the Provincial government expedite the removal of all tolls on the entirety of Highway 407 East, in accordance with the 2025 Protect Ontario Plan, starting April of 2025 to align with the resumption of construction that will reduce traffic capacity on Winchester Road; and
2. That the Regional Chair be requested on behalf of Council, to author a letter including this motion to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, all Durham Region MPPs, all Durham municipalities, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Township of Cavan Monaghan, the City of Peterborough, the Ontario Trucking Association, and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

CARRIED

9. Confidential Matters

- 9.1 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services – Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to the Acquisition of Property in the City of Oshawa (2025-COW-11)
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Confidential Report #2025-COW-11 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works; N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; was received.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(40) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-COW-11 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services, be adopted.

CARRIED

- 9.2 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Finance and Community Growth & Economic Development – a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Region with respect to negotiations regarding post-secondary investment attraction (2025-COW-15)
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This matter was withdrawn prior to the meeting and will be considered at the March 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(41) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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*
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford*
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb* attended the meeting at 10:08 AM
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy*
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri attended the meeting at 9:38 AM
Councillor McDougall*
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer* attended the meeting at 10:08 AM
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Collier, Cook, Shahid and Yamada.

Councillor Yamada was absent on Federal election business.

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Burgess, B. Bridgeman, S. Ciani, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Dixon, C. Dunkley*, T. Fraser, S. Gill, C. Goodchild*, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, R.J. Kyle, L. Lavery*, L. McIntosh*, I. McVey, G. Muller, N. Pincombe, M. Simpson, E. Valant*, and T. Zupancic*

***denotes staff participating electronically**

Regional Chair Henry announced that April 9th is Vimy Ridge Day and that flags at Regional facilities will be flown at half mast.

Regional Chair Henry also announced that April 9th is International Day of Pink and everyone is invited to celebrate diversity by wearing pink.

Regional Chair Henry advised that the Canadian Armed Forces is conducting a training exercise in Northumberland County from April 25 to 27, 2025, and he stated that residents may notice an increase in military presence on Regional roads and highways as personnel and equipment travel to the training exercise.

Regional Chair Henry also advised that five Regional staff members were awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal and he extended congratulations on behalf of Regional Council.

Councillor Chapman advised on April 19, 2025, the University of Toronto will be unveiling an exhibit for women in defence from World War II at the Canadian Tank Museum in the City of Oshawa.

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 Tara Zupanic, Climate Change and Health Specialist, Health Department, Re: Climate Change and Health in Durham Region - Assessing the Impacts of Solar Ultraviolet Radiation

T. Zupancic provided a presentation regarding Climate Change and Health in Durham Region - Assessing the Impacts of Solar Ultraviolet Radiation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Why assess climate and health vulnerability?

- Report Series: 2024-2025
- What are the report objectives?
- What is solar UVR vulnerability?
- Overview of solar UVR exposure in Durham Region
- Climate change and local solar UVR exposure
- What are the health impacts of solar UVR?
- Where are risks of exposure higher?
- Solar UVR Protections
- What actions can support sun-protection?
- What are our strengths and resources?
- Next Steps
- Key Messages
- Extreme heat report key messages

4.2 Michael Braithwaite, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Door, and Adrianna Vanderneut, Director of Quality, Compliance and Evaluation, Blue Door, Re: Housing for All Land Trust

M. Braithwaite and A. Vanderneut provided a presentation regarding the Housing for All Land Trust. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Blue Door Mission and Vision
- What is Housing for All Land Trust (HALT)?
- Overview
- HALT has the potential to create a lasting impact in the housing system
- We need help from Ontario municipalities to realize our mission

M. Braithwaite concluded by requesting that the Committee pass a motion to direct staff to continue to work with Blue Door regarding the Housing for All Land Trust.

M. Braithwaite and A. Vanderneut responded to questions with respect to the difference between the Housing for All Land Trust and Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation; the proposed partnership with the Region; whether available housing would be provided through the Region as a Service Manager; funding needs; how Blue Door would develop a property if land was provided and previous funding applications were denied; whether units remain affordable in perpetuity; and the Blue Door Construct program.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to a question with respect to the number of non-profit housing providers in Durham Region.

E. Valant spoke to the Service Manager's role in a land trust, and she stated that the Housing for All Land Trust would complement the work of the Service Manager and the Housing and Homelessness Service and Financing Strategy (2025-2034).

Regional Chair Henry advised that he has spoken with E. Baxter-Trahair, CAO, and staff will accept the request from M. Braithwaite for staff to continue to work with Blue Door regarding the Housing for All Land Trust as direction. It was requested that staff also consider the information provided from Partners for Affordable Housing.

4.3 Ian McVey, Manager, Sustainability, Re: Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements (2025-COW-17)

I. McVey provided a presentation regarding the Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Greener Homes (DGH)
- DGH Performance to Date
- Energy Coaching is Highly Successful
- New Virtual Home Energy Audit Tool
- Proposed Durham Greener Homes Program Enhancements
- Proposed Climate resilience (“Weather Ready”) Services
- Extreme Weather – Unprecedented Cost Pressures on Home and Building Owners
- Extreme Weather Impacts in Durham Region
- Opportunity to Leverage New FCM Funding
- Opportunity to Leverage Municipal Lending
- Helping Residents get “Weather Ready”
- Proposed Program
- Multi-hazard Home Resilience Assessment
- Targeted Approach to Reducing Financial Barriers
- Targeted Weather-ready Measures
- Communication and Community Engagement
- Industry Collaboration
- Next Steps on Weather-Ready Program Enhancement
- Proposed Durham Greener Homes Financing Program
- Financing to Support Full Range of Climate Action
- Durham Greener Homes Loan Features
- Home Renovation Financing Program Administration Process
- Next Steps on Durham Greener Homes Financing Program

I. McVey responded to questions with respect to the source of funds for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing program.

4.4 Township of Brock State of Emergency Update

Regional Chair Henry advised that the Township of Brock Emergency Operations Centre is still operational, and he thanked Regional staff for their work to support

the Township of Brock. He added that the Works Department sent equipment to support the City of Orillia and Region of Durham Paramedic Services sent staff to support the City of Kawartha Lakes. Councillors Schummer and Jubb thanked Regional Chair Henry and Regional staff.

4.5 Hannover Messe 2025 Update

Regional Chair Henry asked that staff provide a verbal update on the Hannover Messe 2025 event. He noted that Councillors Ashe, Collier, Roy and Marimpietri attended the event.

E. Baxter-Trahair advised that Hannover Messe 2025 was held March 31 to April 4, 2025 in Hannover, Germany. She stated that it was impressive to see how the Regional and Local Economic Development Departments worked together to make the event a huge success and worked in partnership with our educational institutions, the Spark Centre and the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association.

S. Gill advised that the event appears to be an overwhelming success, and they met or surpassed the targets set. He also advised that they had dozens of meetings with prospective investors, over 1,000 attendees visited their booth, they had a seminar and networking session with the City of Nuremberg and Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce, and they strengthened relationships with senior government agencies. He stated that staff are still collecting metrics and will bring forward a report in September 2025.

Discussion ensued with respect to the event; the planning and work involved with attending such events; international trade; the Project Arrow concept car; and the Project Arrow 2.0 announcement.

5. **Delegations**

There were no delegations heard.

6. **Correspondence**

6.1 Memorandum from the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee, Re: Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements (2025-COW-17)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(42) That correspondence from the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee be referred to consideration of Report #2025-COW-17 of the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

7. Reports

7.1 Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements (2025-COW-17)

Report #2025-COW-17 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the proposed Local Improvement Charge financing option; the loan being secured to the property; performance metrics; the process to quantify energy efficiency improvements; the customer rating for energy coaching; public messaging and statistics from the Insurance Bureau of Canada; whether free home resilience kits are only for income-eligible residents; and home assessments for renters.

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(43) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Council endorse the enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17 of the Chief Administrative Officer, including:
 - i) Introducing services to support Durham Region residents in undertaking “weather-ready” home renovations that reduce the impacts and potential costs associated with extreme weather events on their homes through expert advice, program funding supports, industry training, and community engagement; and
 - ii) Introducing a direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program, led by the Region and based on authority granted under the Municipal Act (2001), and associated Ontario Regulations 322/12 and 586/06 which authorizes municipalities to make available a Local Improvement Charge (LIC) financing option for energy and water retrofits on private property, subject to the Region successfully renegotiating the existing Grant and Loan Loss Reserve funding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through their Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) program to enable funds to be redirected towards home energy and water retrofit loan financing program;
- B) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with the Windfall Ecology Centre to deliver the proposed weather-ready enhancements through existing Durham Greener Homes Program supported by approved operating funding for a period of up to four (4) years (April 2025-March 2029);

- C) That Regional Council direct staff to prepare and submit a funding proposal through FCM's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program Financing Adaptation Stream anticipated to launch in Fall 2025 to support the full implementation of the Durham Greener Homes Program weather-ready program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- D) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other partners, in forms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance, to support implementation of the Program enhancements outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- E) That debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities not to exceed \$2 million be approved to implement the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program outlined in Recommendation A) ii);
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer, Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into any loan agreements or execute other documents that may be required to receive the debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- G) That approval be granted for the requisite by-laws to receive loan or grant financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance the Durham Greener Homes Program and the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program; and
- H) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-17 be forwarded to local area municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Durham Region Home Builders' Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for their information.

CARRIED

8. Members Motions

There were no members motions to be considered.

9. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

(44) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk

Report #2 of the Health & Social Services Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

April 23, 2025

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

1. The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Call for Board of Health Nominations (2025-MOH-3)

 - A) That the nomination of Councillor Elizabeth Roy for election to the alPHa Board of Directors for a two-year term to represent the Central East region be endorsed; and
 - B) That two members of Regional Council be identified to sponsor the nomination and complete the nomination form.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Dies, Vice-Chair, Health & Social Services Committee

Report #4 of the Works Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

April 23, 2025

The Works Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services for the Implementation of the Ephyra® Technology and Post Implementation Support for Digester #2 at the Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant in the Municipality of Clarington [\(2025-W-7\)](#)

 - A) That staff be authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with CIMA+ Canada Inc. for engineering services for the design and construction of the Ephyra® technology as part of the proposed upgrade of Digester #2 at Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant, with an upset limit of \$2,150,000*, to be financed from within the approved project budget;
 - B) That staff be authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with Royal Haskoning DHV to provide operational and process optimization support following the commissioning of the Ephyra® technology, for a period of five years, at an upset limit of \$850,000, to be financed from the approved operating budget; and
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance or designate be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source agreements.
(*) before applicable taxes
2. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located in the City of Pickering [\(2025-W-8\)](#)

 - A) That staff be authorized to award a sole source contract to Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions for the provision of engineering field services for the Incineration Equipment Inspection, Process Monitoring and On-Site Support for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, in the amount of \$300,000*, to be financed from within the approved project budget;
 - B) That staff be authorized to award a sole source contract to Metro Connect International Inc. for the provision of engineering services for the Incineration Process Control Programming, Commissioning and Support for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, in the amount of \$430,000*, to be financed from within the approved project budget; and
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements and associated amendments related to the sole source agreements.

(*) before applicable taxes

3. Approval of Unbudgeted Capital Project and Financing to Undertake the Stage 3 Influent Pumping Station Toshiba Control System Upgrades for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering ([2025-W-9](#))

- A) That the unbudgeted capital project in the amount of \$90,000* for the design of the Stage 3 Influent Pumping Station Toshiba Control System Upgrades for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, be approved; and
- B) That financing in the amount of \$90,000* be provided from the following source:

2025 Sanitary Sewerage Capital Budget

Item 424: Allowance for unknown requirements

User Revenue	\$90,000*
(*) before applicable taxes	

4. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services Support for the SCADA Division's Design Group ([2025-W-10](#))

- A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Eramosa Engineering Ltd. to provide engineering services support for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Design Group for an amount not to exceed \$172,000*; to be financed from savings in the approved 2025 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Operating Budgets; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary engineering services agreement.
(*) before applicable taxes

5. Approval for Unbudgeted Capital Work and Financing for the Refurbishment of Four Vehicle Hoists at Durham Region Transit East Bus Repair Garage in the City of Oshawa ([2025-W-11](#))

- A) That approval be granted for unbudgeted capital work in the amount not to exceed \$800,000 to refurbish four vehicle hoists at the Durham Region Transit East bus repair garage located in the City of Oshawa; and
- B) That financing in the amount of \$800,000 for the construction of the proposed refurbishment be provided from the following sources:

2025 Approved Transit Capital Budget

Tire-Bay Hoist Replacement (Project ID: H2515)

General Tax	\$450,000
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Previously Approved Financing

2022 Transit Capital Budget

Hoist Replacement (Project ID: H2221)

Provincial Gas Tax	\$167,000
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2021 Transit Capital Budget

Bus Wash Replacement (Project ID H2102)

Provincial Gas Tax	\$30,000
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2019 Transit Capital Budget

Facility Rehab Works (Project ID H1918)

General Tax	\$87,000
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Facility Rehab Main Shop (Project ID H1919)

General Tax	<u>\$66,000</u>
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Total Previously Approved Financing	\$350,000
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Total Reallocated Financing	<u>\$800,000</u>
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6. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – Proposed or Pending Acquisition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to Property in the Township of Brock (2025-W-12)
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That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-W-12 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Barton, Chair, Works Committee

Report #4 of the Committee of the Whole

For consideration by Regional Council

April 23, 2025

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements ([2025-COW-17](#))
 - A) That Regional Council endorse the enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17 of the Chief Administrative Officer, including:
 - i) Introducing services to support Durham Region residents in undertaking “weather-ready” home renovations that reduce the impacts and potential costs associated with extreme weather events on their homes through expert advice, program funding supports, industry training, and community engagement; and
 - ii) Introducing a direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program, led by the Region and based on authority granted under the Municipal Act (2001), and associated Ontario Regulations 322/12 and 586/06 which authorizes municipalities to make available a Local Improvement Charge (LIC) financing option for energy and water retrofits on private property, subject to the Region successfully renegotiating the existing Grant and Loan Loss Reserve funding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through their Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) program to enable funds to be redirected towards home energy and water retrofit loan financing program;
 - B) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with the Windfall Ecology Centre to deliver the proposed weather-ready enhancements through existing Durham Greener Homes Program supported by approved operating funding for a period of up to four (4) years (April 2025-March 2029);
 - C) That Regional Council direct staff to prepare and submit a funding proposal through FCM’s Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program Financing Adaptation Stream anticipated to launch in Fall 2025 to support the full implementation of the Durham Greener Homes Program weather-ready program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
 - D) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other partners, in forms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance, to support implementation of the Program enhancements outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;

- E) That debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities not to exceed \$2 million be approved to implement the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program outlined in Recommendation A) ii);
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer, Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into any loan agreements or execute other documents that may be required to receive the debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- G) That approval be granted for the requisite by-laws to receive loan or grant financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance the Durham Greener Homes Program and the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program; and
- H) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-17 be forwarded to local area municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Durham Region Home Builders' Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for their information.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO