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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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. Call to Order & Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Regional Chair Henry read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississaugas Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

Chair Henry reminded members of the lessons taught by Doctor Gedeon during the Council Orientation session and noted that over the first two months of this term there have been several times where members have advanced local municipal priorities at Regional committee and council meetings. He stated that Council will not make progress on the issues that affect the Region as a whole if they view Durham from the perspective of each community in isolation. Chair Henry reminded members that under the Municipal Act, it is Council's fiduciary duty to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of all of Durham's 700,000 residents.

Chair Henry advised that March 8th is International Women's Day and added that Durham Region is filled with talented, courageous, and hardworking women. Chair Henry acknowledged the eight female members of Council, and Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO, and added that they are all trailblazers and role models. Chair Henry advised that a celebration will take place on March 7th at Chestnut Hill complex in Pickering and added that more information can be found at: durham.ca/IWD.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe

Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier*
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster*
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr*
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall left the meeting at 4:10 PM
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

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

All members of Council were present.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

- Regional Council meeting held on February 1, 2023;
- Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 15, 2023;
- Special Regional Council meeting held on February 17, 2013; and
- Closed Special Regional Council meeting held on February 17, 2023.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Zac Cohoon, Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) re: Agriculture 101

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) appeared with respect to Agriculture 101. Z. Cohoon advised that he is a farmer from Durham Region and outlined his experience with farming. Highlights of the presentation included:

- About DAAC
- Members
- Snapshot of Durham Agriculture
- Agriculture at a Glance
- Economic Contributions in 2021
- Durham Farms by the Numbers (2021)
- Food Pricing
- Agriculture & Our Community
- Our Agriculture
- Planning for Durham Agriculture
- Agri-Business in Durham
 - On-Farm Diversified Uses
 - Crop Input and Feed Supply
- Innovation
- Vertical Farming
- On-Farm Business Infrastructure
- Road Maintenance
- Why go to DAAC
- Connect with Durham Agriculture
- How is Durham Supporting Agri-Food
- Why does Agriculture Matter to me?
- Save the Date: 2023 DAAC Farm Tour – Tuesday, September 21, 2023
- Stay connected to Agriculture in Durham

Z. Cohoon responded to questions from Council.

5.2 John Henry, Regional Chair, re: Recognition of the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games

J. Henry, Regional Chair, extended his congratulations and appreciation for those who came together to support the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games in Durham Region.

Chair Henry thanked members of Council for their support and advised that the Games were planned and delivered by an organizing committee with members from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, dedicated community volunteers and staff from many divisions at the Region.

Regional Chair Henry recognized Lori Talling, Games General Manager, and Don Terry and Mike Frogley, Games Co-Chairs. Chair Henry also thanked representatives from the Ministry and members of the Games Organizing Committee who each led a subcommittee to deliver a key aspect of the Games.

A video from The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport congratulating and thanking the Region, with specific reference to Lori Talling, on a successful 2023 Ontario Parasport Games, was displayed for members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(23) That Council recess for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:19 AM and reconvened at 11:34 AM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Cook and Schummer. Councillor Cook attended the meeting at 11:56 PM.

6. Delegations

6.1 Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-WR-1)

L. Gasser, Whitby resident, appeared with respect to Report #2023-WR-1, Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington.

Highlights of L. Gasser's delegation included:

- The primary purpose of clear bags is to reduce or minimize what is put in the garbage bags, diversion is not the prime objective, reduction is
- The Works Committee in her opinion has not looked at evidence or focussed on waste reduction. L. Gasser shared an extract from the minutes of the Works Committee meeting of February 8th with details regarding why the Works Committee defeated the clear bag pilot program. L. Gasser expressed her opinion that all of the challenges raised have been addressed
- Provided data from City of Markham Clear Bags Program which shows decreased waste over time

- Markham generates less garbage per capita compared to two southern York Region municipalities who don't use clear bags. Durham should provide this type of data in their reports

L. Gasser asked that Council defeat the Works Committee recommendation to defeat the clear bag pilot and adopt the staff recommendation to defer the pilot.

L. Gasser responded to questions from members of Council.

6.2 Wendy Bracken, Clarington resident, re: Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-WR-1)

W. Bracken, Clarington resident, appeared with respect to the Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington, Report #2023-WR-1.

Highlights of W. Bracken's delegation included:

- Stated her opinion that at the Works Committee meeting of February 8, 2023 there was a lack of regard for Clarington, the public, science and information with the recommendation to terminate the clear bag pilot project
- Clarington Council adopted a resolution to oppose the termination of the clear bag pilot and to remove the garbage bag limit reduction
- Feels that Council should defeat the Works Committee recommendation to terminate the clear bag pilot project. Council is encouraged to consider implementing clear bags in 2024
- Clear bags have been used successfully by 40 Ontario municipalities to keep hazardous waste, recyclables, and organics out of the waste stream
- Provided examples of Ontario municipalities using clear bags
- Expressed her opinion that clear bags are especially needed in Durham because of the incinerator and the potential toxic emissions that come from burning items that should not be in the waste stream
- Expressed her opinion that garbage generally decreases with clear bags, and will save the Region money because there will be no need to expand the incinerator
- There is scientific documentation to support the use of clear bags
- There is a legal obligation through the Host Community Agreement for aggressive waste diversion

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(24) That W. Bracken be granted a two-minute extension to finish their delegation.

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

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Dies
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Collier

Declarations of Interest: None

W. Bracken responded to questions from members of Council.

6.3 Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: Organics Management Plan – Next Steps (2023-WR-3)

L. Gasser, Whitby resident, appeared with respect to Report #2023-WR-3, Organics Management Plan – Next Steps.

Highlights of L. Gasser's delegation included:

- Green bin use for multi-residential buildings is excellent. Growth is occurring in the multi-residential sector faster than it has historically.
- Various considerations need to be taken into account when introducing green bins to multi-residential buildings
- Graphic from Markham Strategic Plan regarding multi-residential waste sorting improvements
- Expressed concerns that Works Committee dealt with the organics report prior to hearing from staff and delegations and recommended that staff's recommendation to go from 4 garbage bags to 3 be deleted entirely. Feels that moving from 4 to 3 garbage bags with an enhanced green bin program is doable
- Feels that Council should defeat the Works Committee recommendation to delete staff's recommendation and to support the original staff recommendation

- Please ensure that waste reduction is included as a goal in Durham's Strategic Plan

6.4 Wendy Bracken, Clarington resident, re: Organics management Plan – Next Steps (2023-WR-3)

W. Bracken, Clarington resident, appeared with respect to Report #2023-WR-3, Organics Management Plan – Next Steps.

Highlights of W. Bracken's delegation included:

- There are some encouraging actions in Organic Management Next Steps report. It is good to decrease garbage bags from 4 to 3. Works Committee recommended that the recommendation be removed.
- Asking Council to not support Works Committee recommendation and keep staff's recommendation to reduce the curb side garbage bag limit
- It is encouraging to see the recommendation for the green bin program for multi-residential properties and asked that developers not be allowed to opt out of program
- Encouraged with the recommendation on continued use of compostable bags
- Urge implementation of enhanced green bin program as soon as possible
- Suggested that Council implement clear garbage bags along with changes to green bin and blue bin collections, to leverage the same public information campaign

6.5 Julie VanHartingsvelt, External Relations Specialist, Communications and public Affairs, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, re: Request for Approval to Provide Psychiatric Emergency Services and Construct an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit

J. VanHartingsvelt, External Relations Specialist, Communications and Public Affairs, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, appeared with respect to a request for approval to provide psychiatric emergency services and construct an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit.

Highlights of J. VanHartingsvelt's delegation included:

- About Ontario Shores
- Need for Emergency Psychiatric Services
- EmPATH Model Space and Benefits
- Success stories of EmPATH model
- Part of hospital's broader redevelopment plan
- Grateful for partnerships with community stakeholders

J. VanHartingsvelt responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(25) That J. Vanhartingsvelt be granted up to 3 minutes to complete their delegation.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(26) That Regional Council endorse the request to the Province of Ontario from Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, for approval to provide Psychiatric Emergency Services and construct an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Health, Minister of Finance, Durham Region MPs and MPPs, and 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 Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	

Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent:

Declarations of Interest: None

6.6 Doug Moffatt, Durham resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

D. Moffatt, Durham resident, appeared with respect to Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

D. Moffatt asked that Council support the recommendation contained in Notice of Motion, Item 11.2 with respect to the Impact of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

D. Moffatt added that the growth in the Region should not be on agricultural lands, which are not replaceable. He added that there are millions of square miles of development land available, that do not impact prime agricultural lands.

6.7 Lynda Mackie, Durham resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

L. Mackie, Durham resident, appeared with respect to Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

L. Mackie asked that Council support the recommendation contained in Notice of Motion, Item 11.2 with respect to the Impact of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

Highlights of L. Mackie's delegation included:

- There is a need to investigate the impact of developing the Greenbelt
- This would set a precedent for future governments that the Greenbelt is up for development
- It is a protected area, to provide permanent protection of the Greenbelt area and to protect prime agricultural lands
- Asked what will prevent the Greenbelt from being carved out again in the future
- May regret the development of Greenbelt lands later with climate change impacts
- The Greenbelt protects farmland
- The Greenbelt protects animals and stops them from becoming a nuisance in neighbourhoods

- The Greenbelt contains natural areas which provide health benefits to residents
- The Greenbelt is the worlds largest permanently protected green space and is an example of forwarding thinking planning

6.8 Don Harvey, Durham resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

D. Harvey, Durham resident, appeared with respect to Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

D. Harvey asked that Council support the recommendation contained in Notice of Motion, Item 11.2 with respect to the Impact of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

Highlights of D. Harvey's delegation included:

- None of the land taken out of the greenbelt is necessary to meet the Province's targets for new housing
- Designated municipalities in Durham have capacity
- The More Homes Built Faster Act will likely have the opposite effect
- Approvals need to happen this year and construction by 2025. Will divert resources from existing projects, such as Seaton, to advance these, which will halt projects already underway
- Thinks objectives are to destroy agricultural and Greenbelt lands before the next Provincial election. Agricultural land can never be recovered
- Full economic, cultural, and environmental impact on Durham is unknown. Need to strongly assert opposition to removal of lands from the Greenbelt
- Need to understand full impact of changes after a study

6.9 Bart Hawkins Kreps, Durham resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

B. Hawkins Kreps, Durham resident, appeared with respect to Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

B. Hawkins Kreps asked that Council support the recommendation contained in Notice of Motion, Item 11.2 with respect to the Impact of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

Highlights of B. Hawkins Krep's delegation included:

- Citizens in Durham Region are increasingly concerned about plans for future growth
- Rising property tax rates
- Rapid reallocation of lands for subdivisions

- Asking to postpone approval of draft official plan until have information needed to make responsible planning decisions
- Protests throughout Durham when legislation announced by Province. Many had never attended before
- Know property tax bills going up in part due to fiscal implications of Bill 23
- Planning experts warning municipal budgets will be severely strained
- Understand when development extends into previously unserved areas, resulting tax revenues will not be enough to cover additional servicing required
- Clarington has a disproportionate share of expansion
- More areas not dense enough to be effectively served by public transit, flooding, reduced biodiversity, expensive housing, lots of driving required, opposite of affordable housing we need, reduced municipal services, and higher taxes
- Urge to approve motion put forth today

6.10 Phil Pothen, Counsel & Ontario Environment Program Manager, Environmental Defence, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

P. Pothen, Counsel & Ontario Environment Program Manager, Environmental Defence, appeared with respect to Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

P. Pothen provided details with respect to Environmental Defence.

P. Pothen asked that Council support the recommendation contained in Notice of Motion, Item 11.2 with respect to the Impact of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands.

Highlights of P. Pothen's delegation included:

- If the Duffins Rouge Agricultural lands are opened for residential sprawl, then Durham Region is legally obliged to make corresponding reductions to the amount of White Belt Lands
- Where Durham Region has concluded that only a certain number of hectares of greenfield land are required for development, must remove a hectare of greenfield expansion elsewhere
- If Greenbelt lands are made available for development, must be reduced in the proposed urban area expansion
- Province's decision undercuts the premise of the predecessor Council to prepare an Official Plan that violates PPS boundary expansion, to appease developers
- Province broke promise to not develop Greenbelt – makes sense for Durham to revisit and look back at OP
- Plenty of space available in existing settlement area for housing needs
- No need to allocate more lands for boundary expansion

7. Communications

CC 03 Correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington, re: Envision Durham Update Information Report: Proposed Growth Allocations and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,

- (27) That Council Correspondence CC 03 from the Municipality of Clarington, re: Envision Durham Update Information Report: Proposed Growth Allocations and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions be received for information.

CARRIED

CC 04 Correspondence from the Town of Ajax, re: Appointment to the Durham Land Division Committee

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,

- (28) That the nominee from the Town of Ajax to the Durham Land Division Committee as outlined in Council Correspondence CC 04 be appointed, and that the additional nominees to other Advisory Committees be referred to staff.

CARRIED

CC 05 Correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,

- (29) That Council Correspondence CC 05 from Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, be referred to consideration of Item 11.2 Notice of Motion regarding Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands.

CARRIED

CC 06 Correspondence from Kathleen Ffolliott, Whitby resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,

- (30) That Council Correspondence CC 06 from Kathlee Ffolliott, Whitby resident, be referred to consideration of Item 11.2 Notice of Motion regarding Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands.

CARRIED

CC 07 Correspondence from Steve Parish, Durham resident, re: Impacts of the Release and Development of the Greenbelt Lands

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,
(31) That Council Correspondence CC 07 from Steve Parish, Durham resident, be referred to consideration of Item 11.2 Notice of Motion regarding Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,
(32) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item 11.2 Notice of Motion regarding the Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands at this time.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(33) That Council recess for one hour for lunch.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 1:02 PM and reconvened at 2:00 PM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Council were present.

11. Notice of Motions

11.2 Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands **[MOTION DEFEATED, AS AMENDED, ON A RECORDED VOTE]**

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(34) Whereas Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of our Official plan, was launched in 2019 to meet the Region's growing population; and

Whereas during this multi-year process, the Region has conducted in-depth studies and produced thorough reports about how and where to grow, including the Growth Management Study which included various land need scenarios, and preferred scenarios which were endorsed by Regional Council on May 25, 2022; the 'Draft Settlement Area Boundary Expansions and Area Municipal Growth Allocations' (SABE) report, which was released on November 10, 2022, and the draft Regional Official Plan which was released on February 10, 2023; and

Whereas on November 4, 2022, the provincial government announced amendments to the Greenbelt Plan to remove 7,400 acres from the Greenbelt, including 4,500 acres in Durham Region, to be used to build housing in the near term; and

Whereas the impact of the development of the former Greenbelt lands in Durham Region is not reflected in any of the Envision Durham analysis or growth allocations released by the Region; and

Whereas impacts of development, including municipal servicing capacity and feasibility, transportation connectivity, the financial viability of providing and maintaining services, are likely to result in serious unintended consequences such as project delays and financial hardships; and

Whereas Regional Council has yet to approve the new Regional Official Plan and there is still an opportunity for reflection;

Therefore be it resolved that:

- Staff address the implications of the release and development of the Greenbelt lands in a report;
- That consideration of the new Regional Official Plan by Council not take place until the above mentioned report has been completed.

MOTION DEFEATED, AS AMENDED,
LATER IN THE MEETING
ON A RECORDED VOTE (See Following
Motions)

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(35) That a vote on the matter be now taken.

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

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

No

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Lee
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(36) That the foregoing main motion (34) from Councillors Collier and Anderson with respect to the Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands be amended by deleting the second bullet point.

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

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri
(37) That a vote on the matter be now taken.

CARRIED on a 2/3rds VOTE ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Chapman
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Neal
Councillor Woo

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

The foregoing amending motion (36) from Councillors Collier and Brenner was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(38) That a vote on the main motion as amended be now taken.
CARRIED on a 2/3rds VOTE ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

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

No

Councillor Neal
Councillor Woo

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

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (34) of Councillors Collier and Anderson, as amended, was then put to a vote and DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Lee
Councillor Neal
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

1. Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-WR-1)

[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

That the implementation of a clear garbage bag pilot program in the Municipality of Clarington be terminated.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,

- (39) That the recommendation contained in Item 1 of Report #2 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

No

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Neal
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

2. Organics Management Plan – Next Steps (2023-WR-3)

[CARRIED]

- A) That Regional Council approve the following requirements to implement the proposed organics management program:

- i) Launch an Enhanced Green Bin that adds diapers, personal sanitary products, adult incontinence products, pet waste, pet litter, and any other material deemed processible by the Regional Municipality of Durham to the list of acceptable materials in the Regional Municipality of Durham's Green Bin program; and
 - ii) To accommodate the requirements of the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement, Regional Council approve, in principle, the development of a Green Bin program for multi-residential buildings receiving Regional waste collection services;
- B) That Regional Council direct staff to amend By-Law #46-2011, A By-Law to Regulate the Provision of Waste Management Services Under the Jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Durham, effective July 1, 2024 to reflect the above program changes; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2023-WR-3 of the Commissioner of Works be distributed to Local Area Municipalities and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks York-Durham District Office for their information.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,

- (40) That the recommendations contained in Item 3 of Report #2 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

- 1. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan (2023-A-4)
[CARRIED]
 - A) That Report #2023-A-4 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information as The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2022 Annual Report; and
 - B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2023 Workplan be approved.
- 2. Appointment of new members to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) (2023-A-5)
[CARRIED]

That the following people be appointed to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Mr. Jim McEwen – Community member; and

Mr. Adam Blum – Community member.

3. Investment Portfolio Update (2023-F-4)
[CARRIED]

That staff continue to investigate alternatives for transitioning to the prudent investor standard to assess its suitability for the Region's portfolio.

4. Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023-F-5)
[CARRIED] [PARTS E) AND F) CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That the 10-year plan to phase investment in transit service enhancements, electrification, and new facilities and amenities be approved in principle subject to annual investment approvals through the Region's business planning and budget process, and that the 10-year plan be reviewed every four years or earlier as necessary in consideration of new information that may impact plan delivery, financing and timelines; and
- B) That given the current level of funding to Durham Region Transit supports a significantly lower service level than that provided by our comparators, and that the 10-year plan requires a long term, not a one year commitment, to achieve the outcomes needed, that annual incremental increases for Durham Region Transit be acknowledged at a starting increase of approximately 2 per cent per year on the overall Regional tax levy with a goal to incorporate new funding opportunities that may arise annually to smooth annual tax levy impacts where possible; and
- C) That staff enhance advocacy for sustained, incremental, targeted funding from the Provincial and Federal governments to support the funding gaps identified in this 10-year plan; and
- D) That the General Manager of Durham Region Transit and the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to implement a 2023 charter service rate for standard 12 metre transit buses on a cost recovery basis at \$925.00 per hour for a minimum four hour booking, with a rate of \$505.00 for each additional bus and \$130.00 for each additional hour; and

- E) That the proposed DRT Fare Structure listed in Attachment #2 to Report #2023-F-5 of the Commissioner of Finance be approved establishing a base adult fare and associated discount for trip rates for each fare category ensuring the proportional application of any future adjustments to the base fare is maintained; and
- F) That DRT fares be adjusted with a \$0.10 increase to the base fare to take effect on July 1, 2023 as detailed in Attachment #2 to Report #2023-F-5.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (41) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (42) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED LATER IN THE MEETING

(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

- (43) That Parts E) and F) of the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be divided so that they can be voted on separately from the remainder.

CARRIED

The recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee, with the exception of Parts E) and F), were then put to a vote and CARRIED.

Parts E) and F) of the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee were then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies

No

Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada

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

Members Absent: Councillor Leahy

Declarations of Interest: None

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

1. Correspondence from the Town of Ajax, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 23, 2023, regarding Accelerating Development of Thousands of New Housing Units

[CARRIED]

That the following motion passed by the Ajax Town Council on January 23, 2023, be endorsed:

Whereas the Ontario government has recognized that there is a housing crisis and has established a goal to have 1.5 million homes built in the next ten (10) years, and has additionally set a specific target of 17,000 new homes for the Town of Ajax by 2031;

And whereas on February 22, 2021, Ajax Council supported five (5) Employment Area Conversion Requests to advance residential growth in the Town;

And whereas these requests were endorsed by Durham Region Council on December 22, 2021 for inclusion within a new Regional Official Plan;

And whereas up to 4,100 housing units and 50 job per hectare could be created through developments proposed in the following Employment Area Conversion Requests:

- a) CNR-07 – 8.8 hectares – located at the southeast corner of Salem Road North and Kerrison Drive East,

- b) CNR-15 – 2.99 hectares – located at 1401 Harwood Avenue North,
- c) CNR-19 – 3.8 hectares – located at 250 Rossland Road East,
- d) CNR-20 – 0.69 hectares – located at 650 Beck Crescent, and
- e) CNR-33 – 1.11 hectares – located at 1541 Harwood Avenue North;

And whereas these lands are located within an existing Settlement Area Boundary;

And whereas the development of these urgently needed housing units could be delayed for years while approvals are sought;

And whereas Durham Region's Official Plan process is in question due to changes to the regional planning framework implemented by the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022;

And whereas by accelerating the timeline, landowners can take advantage of developing at today's costs and interest rates, while conversely, further delaying the process could put development at risk due to the unknown future rate of inflation;

And whereas through inclusion in the Durham Region Official Plan process, these parcels have been subject to review and public consultation;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Council requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing enact Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) as follows:
 - a. CNR-07 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 2,873 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 40,000 m² non-residential gross floor area within multiple buildings up to a maximum height of 25 storeys;
 - b. CNR-15 to permit a residential development with approximately 150 townhouse dwelling units with a minimum height of 3-storeys;
 - c. CNR-19 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 800 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 9,300 m² non-residential gross floor area within buildings up to a maximum building height of 25 storeys;
 - d. CNR-20 to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 200 apartment dwelling units and a maximum height of 25 storeys; and
 - e. CNR-33 to permit a residential development of between 33 and 77 townhouse dwelling units;

2. Affordable and below market rent options shall be included in the housing mix where feasible;
3. Council requests the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing engage Town of Ajax planning staff to establish site specific development standards incorporating Town of Ajax Official Plan policies and other technical elements to ensure land use compatibility, good urban design, and appropriate project phasing;
4. Should the negotiation between all parties not achieve the outcomes in clause 1 and 2, that specific MZO request not move forward;
5. Council be empowered to request the revocation of any MZO approved in response to this motion if a site plan application or plan of subdivision application is not submitted within one year of the issuance of the MZO;
6. Staff be directed to deliver a presentation to Council detailing the contents of MZOs issued by the Minister in response to this motion; and
7. This motion be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, and Durham Region Chair, John Henry.

2. Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan
(2023-EDT-2)

[CARRIED]

That the Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan, be endorsed.

3. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee re: Impacts on Food Prices and Opportunities for Advocacy to Improve Financial Viability for the Agri-food Sector

[CARRIED]

Whereas the agri-food industry is one of the top economic drivers in Durham Region supporting a workforce of over 27,105 people through 3,360 agri-food businesses, more than 1,200 farms and farm families, contributing upwards of \$354 million to Ontario's total farm production and supporting \$775 million in GDP;

And Whereas food prices have seen their steepest increase since 1981 with a year over year increase of 11% as of October 2022;

And Whereas inputs for farmers and primary producers have increased significantly in the last year, including fertilizer prices increasing 95.8% compared to July 2020, fuel prices have seen a historic year-over-year increase, while chemical/herbicide markets have experienced shortages and increased prices. Despite these changes, farmers have not seen a significant increase in their primary product price to compensate for the rising cost of inputs;

And Whereas the profit margin for farmers was adversely impacted by a 35% tariff placed on fertilizer imports, including fertilizer purchased prior to economic sanctions being placed on Russia and Belarus that farmers in Canada rely on to support food production.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Regional Council recognize the importance of agriculture in Durham Region by encouraging the federal government to compensate farmers for tariffs paid on fertilizer, one of the contributing factors to increased food costs.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(44) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.3 Report of the Works Committee

1. Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-WR-1)

[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 8.1 on pages 18 and 19.

2. Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (Host Community Agreement Committee) Membership Appointments (2023-WR-2)

[CARRIED]

A) That the following five applicants selected by members of the Works Committee be appointed for membership on the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2023-2024):

- Ginette Best
- Greg Gordon
- Karissa Palinka
- Matthew Cannon

- Rochelle Fleming; and

B) That a copy of Report #2023-WR-2 of the Commissioner of Works be forwarded to the Municipality of Clarington for information.

3. Organics Management Plan – Next Steps (2023-WR-3)
[CARRIED]

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 8.2 on pages 18 and 19.

4. Outline of Noise Attenuation Guidelines and Policies for Regional Road Corridors (2023-W-8)
[CARRIED]

That Report #2023-W-8 of the Commissioner of Works be received for information.

5. Sole Source Approval to Award Maintenance Service and Parts Supply Agreement for Ultraviolet Light Disinfection Equipment Installed at Various Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Facilities (2023-W-9)
[CARRIED]

A) That staff be authorized to enter into a sole source maintenance service and parts supply agreement with Trojan Technologies at an upset limit of \$275,000* per annum with a term not to exceed five (5) years; and

B) That financing for the sole source maintenance service and/or parts supply agreement be provided from the approved and future annual Water Supply System and Sanitary Sewerage System Business Plans and Budgets.
(*) before applicable taxes

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

(45) That the recommendations contained in Items 2, 4 and 5 of Report #2 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.4 **Report of the Committee of the Whole**

1. 2023 – 2032 Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Service and Financing Strategy (2023-COW-7)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the 10-year implementation plan outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2023-COW-7 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Finance for increased investment in Paramedic Services response be approved in principle subject to annual investment approvals through the Region's business planning and budget process;
 - B) That given the significant service level investments needed, that annual incremental increases for Paramedic Services be acknowledged in the range of half to threequarters of a per cent per year on the overall Regional tax levy over the forecast period;
 - C) That staff monitors and reports every two years on the outcomes of the implementation plan and that the plan be updated as required to respond to changes impacting the forecast including, but not limited to, changes in service demands, provincial funding, offload delays and provincial policy decisions impacting the delivery of Paramedic Services; and
 - D) That staff continues working with the Province and local hospitals to improve hospital offload delays, advance provincial legislative changes to improve paramedic service delivery and efficiency and advocate for additional funding to support the increased investment in paramedic services response.
2. Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) Leadership Committee - Regional Councillor Nominations (2023-COW-6)
[CARRIED]

That the appointment of the following Regional Council members to the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) Leadership Committee be approved and confirmed:

- Councillor Brenner, Pickering
 - Councillor Lee, Ajax
 - Councillor Leahy, Whitby
 - Councillor Carter, Oshawa
 - Councillor Foster, Clarington
 - Councillor Barton, Uxbridge
 - Councillor Wotten, Scugog; and
 - Councillor Schummer, Brock
3. Tender Award and Additional Financing for Regional Municipality of Durham Tender T-1109-2022 for Early Learning Child Care Centre Playground Refurbishments at Various Locations (2023-COW-8)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the lowest compliant bid of DonRos Landscape Construction in the amount of \$1,198,199* be awarded for Regional Municipality of Durham Tender T-1109- 2022 for Early Learning Child Care Centre Playground Refurbishments in the Town of Ajax, City of Oshawa, City of Pickering and the Town of Whitby, resulting in a total estimate project cost of \$1,364,500;
- B) That the previously approved project budget of \$849,500 for the Early Learning Child Care Centre Playground Refurbishments in the Town of Ajax, City of Oshawa, City of Pickering and the Town of Whitby be increased by \$515,000 to a revised total project cost of \$1,364,500; and
- C) That financing for the additional project commitments in the amount of \$515,000 be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.
(*before applicable taxes)

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

- (46) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

10.1 Memorandum of Understanding for the Sharing of the Pickering Casino Revenue (2023-F-6)

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

- (47) A) That the Memorandum of Understanding attached to Report #2023-F-6 of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for the Sharing of the Pickering Casino Revenues with Durham Region be approved subject to any minor revisions acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer with the Chair and Clerk authorized to execute the agreement;
- B) That a new Reserve Fund "Pickering Casino Revenues Reserve Fund" be established for the new Regional share of the Pickering Casino funds with the use of the reserve fund for the provision of Regional services impacted by casino operations, subject to Regional Council approval, anticipated to be through the annual Business Planning and Budget process; and
- C) That the Regional Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to establish the recommended reserve fund.

CARRIED

11. Notice of Motions

11.1 Motion to Endorse a TGV in the Quebec Toronto Corridor [CARRIED AS AMENDED]

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(48) Whereas the federal government recently made an important decision to modernize the rail network in the Quebec-Toronto corridor;

Whereas the federal government is instead aiming for a high-frequency train (TGF) project rather than a high-speed train (TGV) project, which will only slightly reduce the travel time between the major cities located in this corridor and therefore make the project much less attractive to the population;

Whereas if Canada wants to significantly reduce its GHG emissions and reach its targets promised to the international community, significant sums will have to be invested in public transit, particularly in rail transportation;

Whereas a TGV could make the Montreal-Toronto trip in 2 h 18 min and Montreal-Québec in 1 h 13 min, which would allow real competition with air transport and automobile transport, in terms of efficiency, comfort, and speed;

Whereas the population residing in the Quebec-Toronto corridor represents approximately one third of the total population of Canada, which is an ideal population density for the establishment of a TGV system;

Whereas the TGV could have enormous leverage effects for the economic and cultural development of the major cities located in this corridor, notably Montreal;

Whereas over the next ten years, Quebec and Ontario alone plan to spend \$56 billion on their road network, an amount that represents approximately twice the cost of a TGV between Quebec and Toronto;

Whereas Canada is the only G7 country that does not yet have a TGV system;

That Region of Durham openly endorse and pledge support for the City of Montreal's motion of February 20th 2023 (Moved by Craig Sauvé, Conseiller de la Ville du district de Saint-Henri-Est-Petite-Bourgogne-Pointe-Saint-Charles--Griffintown and seconded by Serge Sasseville, Conseiller de la ville du district de Peter-McGill.)

And that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Transport, The Honorable Omar Alghabra; the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, The Honorable Dominic LeBlanc; as well as to members of the House of Commons; The Prime Minister of Canada; The Premiers of Ontario and Quebec and respective legislatures; La Ville de Montreal, The City of Toronto Council, each Municipality and Region on the Toronto Montreal Rail Corridor, VIA Rail, CN Rail, AMO and FCM.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Marimpietri,
(49) That the foregoing main motion (48) of Councillors Marimpietri and Chapman be amended in the first operative clause by adding the words, “; and that due consideration be given for a stop in Durham Region”.

CARRIED

The main motion (48) of Councillors Marimpietri and Chapman was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

- 11.2 Impacts of the Release and Development of Greenbelt Lands
[MOTION DEFEATED, AS AMENDED, ON A RECORDED VOTE] [SEE MOTIONS (34) AND (36) ON PAGES 13 TO 18]

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting. See Item 11.2 on pages 13 to 18.

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

09-2023 Being a by-law to amend By-law Number 07-2023 being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Land Division Committee of The Regional Municipality of Durham

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence Item #CC 04 presented to Regional Council on March 1, 2023

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(50) That By-law Number 09-2023 be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

10-2023 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the
Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on March 1,
2023.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(51) That By-law Number 10-2023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings
of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting
held on March 1, 2023 be passed.
CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(52) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk