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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 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 Collier
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy* attended the meeting in-person at 9:56 AM
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy* left the meeting at 11:15 AM
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

All members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Dies.

Staff

Present: S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, B. Bridgeman, A. Burgess, S. Ciani, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Demanuele, M. D'Souza, J. Dixon, A. Evans, S. Gill, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, S. Hickman, W. Holmes, M. Hubble, L. Huinink, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, J. Kilgour, R.J. Kyle, J. Maiorano, L. MacDermaid, K. McDermott, L. O'Dell, N. Taylor, and K. Smith

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Reports

7.1 Updated Regional Response to the City of Oshawa Request for Cost Sharing for Dedicated Downtown Patrol Enforcement (2023-COW-19)

Report #2023-COW-19 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the health and safety of the City of Oshawa's residents, and the cost to the City of Oshawa to hire private special security to patrol Oshawa's downtowns between the hours of 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM; the number of incidents that are dealt with in the City of Oshawa overnight and during the day; and the concerns regarding police response to residents' calls with respect to these incidents.

Concerns were raised from the Committee members regarding the seriousness of the issues that the City of Oshawa is facing that includes a high degree of criminal activity, addiction, homelessness, and mental health issues, and how it could spread throughout the Region of Durham.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Region of Durham supporting the City of Oshawa in their time of need, and for staff to continue to work with municipalities

to address short-term action items, performance metrics, communications, and intergovernmental advocacy to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness.

In response to a question from Councillor Carter regarding the key findings from the meetings held between Regional staff and the local Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade, S. Austin advised that she would provide a summary of the downtown business consultations on private security and follow-up with him directly.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(26) That Committee recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 10:08 AM and reconvened at 10:25 AM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Dies and Councillor McDougall.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Regional outreach services will look and how long it will take to establish those services; Regional staff reviewing the ongoing need for special security; the Region continuing to assist those in the community who are most vulnerable by investing in social services, health, policing and other supports such as communications and engagement, to address the complex challenges of homelessness, mental health and addictions; and the need for the Provincial and Federal levels of government to address homelessness as a crisis and make it a priority.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Collier,
(27) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Region of Durham compensate the City of Oshawa for 50% of its 2023 special security costs to a maximum of \$500,000;
- B) That consideration of transferring these funds to expanded Regional outreach services in 2024 be considered as part of the 2024 business planning and budget process; and
- C) That recognizing that two outreach supervisors were included in the 2023 budget, that the next six months be used to recruit and train ten Regional outreach workers, for implementation in 2023, with funding for these workers to be sourced at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance & Treasurer.

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

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,
(28) That the main motion (27) of Councillors Carter and Collier be divided in order to allow voting on Part A) separately.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Foster
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Dies
Councillor McDougall

Declarations of Interest: None

Part A) was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy

No

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Schummer

Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Dies
Councillor Roy

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (27) of Councillors Carter and Collier [with the exception of Part A)] was then put to a vote and CARRIED 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 Foster	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
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Councillor Neal	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Dies

Councillor Roy

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(29) That Committee recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:18 AM and reconvened at 11:28 AM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Dies and Councillor Roy.

7.2 Project Woodward – Disposition and Development of Regional Lands for Economic Development (2023-COW-20)

Report #2023-COW-20 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development, and J. Presta, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Discussion ensued regarding where the funds from the sale of the lands would be allocated, and whether those funds could be used to help address the homelessness issue in Durham Region.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Collier,
(30) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the properties described Firstly as Part Lot 28 Concession Broken Front Darlington, Part 1 on plan 40R-29418, Municipality of Clarington and identified with PIN 266050139; and Secondly as Part of Lots 27 and 28 Concession Broken Front Darlington, Parts 9 and 10 on plan 40R-29418, Municipality of Clarington and identified by PIN 266050114, be declared surplus to Regional Municipality of Durham requirements;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham, as the expropriating authority, approve the disposition of lands without offering the expropriated owners the first chance to repurchase the lands on the terms of the best offer received, therefore approving a waiver of the requirement under s.42 of the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26;
- C) That the plan outlined in Report #2023-COW-20 of the Commissioners of Planning & Economic Development and Works be endorsed, which is to market the lands declared surplus in Recommendation A) of Report #2023-COW-20 to potential buyers, and execute a purchase and sale agreement that obligates the prospective purchaser to develop the lands in a manner consistent with the Region's, and the Municipality of Clarington's, vision to create a clean energy business and industrial park, and attract users from the clean energy and/or advanced automotive sectors; and

- D) That staff return to Council for approval of the agreement of purchase and sale in the event a suitable buyer is identified.

CARRIED

7.3 Development of Lands Removed from the Greenbelt (2023-COW-23)

Report #2023-COW-23 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the challenges municipalities face with the new requirements established by the Province with respect to lands being removed from the Greenbelt.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding the impractical impacts the Provincial changes are causing for municipalities, B. Bridgeman advised that a report will be presented to the Planning & Economic Development Committee in June that will highlight the changes to the planning regime and any unintended consequences will be explained.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(31) That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2023-COW-23 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. **Confidential Matters**

8.1 Reports

- A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services – Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations with respect to Collective Bargaining 2023-2026 (2023-COW-21)
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Report #2023-COW-21 from B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services was received.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(32) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-COW-21 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services, be approved.

CARRIED

- B) Confidential Report of the Chief Administrative Officer - A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to any Negotiations Carried on or to be Carried on with Respect to the Development of Lands Removed from the Greenbelt (2023-COW-22)
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Report #2023-COW-22 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(33) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-COW-22 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(34) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk