

Report #9 of the Committee of the Whole

For consideration by Regional Council

November 29, 2023

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Durham Region's response to the proposed GO Transit Station Funding Act, which is a section within Bill 131: Transportation for the Future Act, 2023 ([2023-COW-38](#))

 - A) That the letter from the Acting CAO to the Province of Ontario as contained in Attachment 2 to Report #2023-COW-38 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning and Economic Development, be endorsed as Durham Region's response to Ontario's Regulatory Registry post regarding the proposed GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 which identifies the Region's strong support for this legislation and recommends that the Province consider the following amendments to the proposed legislation:
 - i) That section 3(3) of the draft legislation be amended to allow for the Minister's discretion to determine the definition of "construction" to ensure that prescribed municipalities are able to recover costs related to a GO Transit station, that have been incurred prior to the passing of the by-law; and
 - ii) That a consequential amendment to the definition of applicable law under section 1.1.4.3.(1) of the Ontario Building Code be enacted by the Province to permit municipal Chief Building Officials from withholding building permits if the required Transit Station Charge has not been paid, pursuant to section 9 of the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023, consistent with other similar charges; and
 - B) That a copy of Report #2023-COW-38 and Council resolution be sent to the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Oshawa.
2. Region of Durham Paramedic Services Linen Laundry Service ([2023-COW-39](#))

That authorization be granted to award a sole source agreement to Ecotex Healthcare Linen Services effective January 1, 2024, for a period of five (5) years to provide linen pick-up, laundering and delivery services, as well as contingency storage and heat transfer linen identification services, at an annual estimated cost of \$180,000 to be funded from the annual Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budget.

3. Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services – Closed matter regarding information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them as it relates to Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) Seniors Housing Project Scope Update and Request for Additional Financing (2023-COW-40)
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That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-COW-40 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO