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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 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 Chapman

Councillor Collier*

Councillor Cook*

Councillor Crawford

Councillor Dies

Councillor Foster

Councillor Garrod

Councillor Jubb

Councillor Kerr attended the meeting at 9:36 AM

Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy*
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

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

All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillor Carter.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Regional Chair Henry stated that Hospice Awareness Day in Durham Region was celebrated on Monday, January 29th with the raising of 3 flags for each of their locations in Durham Region: Clarington, Port Perry and Whitby. He stated that the Marigold Hospice Care build in Clarington is now underway. Tendering is complete; the construction contract has been awarded and they anticipate beginning operations in 2025. He stated that fundraising continues for the building as well as the medical equipment and supplies.

Regional Chair Henry also stated that Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham, located in Port Perry, currently serves every community in the Regional Municipality of Durham and is currently the only hospice residence in the Region. He stated that it was nominated by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce as a finalist for the 2024 Business Excellence Awards in the category of Community Engagement.

Regional Chair Henry further stated that Hospice Whitby, which is also known as Roger Anderson House, will be going to tender shortly and is hoping to celebrate a ground breaking in the Spring. He stated that hospices provide support and comfort to families facing end-of-life illnesses and depend on fund-raised dollars from community members.

Regional Chair Henry stated that February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month in Durham Region. He stated that Black History Month is a time to recognize the positive impact of Black contributions to the Region and Canada. He stated that on February 1st, Durham Region and community partners will come together to celebrate Black History Month at Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex in Pickering. The theme is “Together We Rise Durham: Black History, Intersectionality and Joy” and the evening will include live music, performances and a panel discussion.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(1) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on December 20, 2023;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 17, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Recognition of Local Residents for their Help and Efforts in Saving the Life of Mr. Jim Stanger on April 21, 2023

Regional Chair Henry stated that the Region would like to recognize 8 individuals for saving the life of Jim Stanger. He advised that Jim Stanger collapsed when he suffered a cardiac event while jogging at the Heber Down Conservation Area in Whitby. The 8 individuals responded quickly to provide CPR and placing a call to 911, while others ran for help towards a nearby street, where they saw a Whitby Fire Services Firetruck who had been called out on a false alarm.

The following individuals were recognized and thanked by Regional Chair Henry, Dr. Kyle, and Deputy Chief Jake Svanda on behalf of Regional Council:

- Jim Stanger
- Shelly Dennis-Gordon
- Shelly Edwards
- Brenda Bemis
- Aranka Mason
- Patrick Meade
- Bill Woolley
- Liza Smith

5.2 Mackenzie Dupont, Case Coordinator and Ashley Johns, Case Coordinator, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division re: Ontario Works: Truusted Youth Program

Lisa McIntosh, Director, Income and Employment Support, introduced Mackenzie Dupont, Case Coordinator and Ashley Johns, Case Coordinator, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, who provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Ontario Works: Trusted Youth Program.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Ontario Works: Supporting and Empowering Youth
- Trusted Youth (TY) Program
- Trusted Youth
- Program Benefits for 16-17 year old Youth
- Trustee Youth Program Partnerships
- Current Youth Served
- Challenges
- Measures of Success
- Community Feedback

L. McIntosh responded to questions from members of council.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

7. Communications

CC 01 Memorandum dated January 11, 2024 from Adnan Naeem, Solicitor re: By-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(2) That Council Correspondence CC 01 from Adnan Naeem, Solicitor regarding By-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, be received for information.

CARRIED

CC 02 Memorandum dated January 31, 2024 from Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk re: Repeal and Replacement of Deputy Clerk "Pro Tem" By-law

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(3) That Council Correspondence CC 02 from Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk regarding the Repeal and Replacement of Deputy Clerk "Pro Tem" By-law, be received for information.

CARRIED

CC 03 Memorandum dated January 24, 2024 from Alexander McPherson, Solicitor re: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Liberty Street (Regional Road 14) Road Rehabilitation and Urbanization Project from Longworth Avenue to Concession Road 3, in the Municipality of Clarington (2023-COW-29)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,

- (4) That recommendations A), B), C) and D) as stated in Council Correspondence CC 03 from Alexander McPherson, Solicitor regarding Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Liberty Street (Regional Road 14) Road Rehabilitation and Urbanization Project from Longworth Avenue to Concession Road 3, in the Municipality of Clarington, be adopted.

CARRIED

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 Health and Social Services Committee

1. Approval to Accept One-Time Federal Funding for Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Provided by Infrastructure Canada (2024-SS-1)
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[CARRIED]

- A) That approval be granted to accept one-time Federal funding from Infrastructure Canada in the amount of up to \$1,831,412 for the period of November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, to be expended in accordance with the Reaching Home guidelines; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Social Services be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements related to the Reaching Home program in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (5) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #1 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2 Report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-1)
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[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-P-1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report #2024-P-1; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-1 be forwarded to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and Durham's Area Municipalities.
2. Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-2)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2024-P-2 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report #2024-P-2; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-2 be forwarded to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee and Durham's Area Municipalities.
3. Durham Active Transportation Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-3)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2024-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Active Transportation Committee 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-P-3; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-3 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, Conservation Authorities, and Durham's Area Municipalities.
4. Smart Mobility Durham 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan (2024-P-4)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-P-4 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received as the Smart Mobility Durham's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan;
- B) That Smart Mobility Durham's 2024 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 2 to Report #2024-P-4; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2024-P-4 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, and the Area Municipalities.

5. Durham Region's Active Transportation Progress Report 2022-2023 (2024-P5)
[CARRIED]

That Report #2024-P-5 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received by Council for information.

6. Tourism Delivery in Durham Region and Comments on Central Counties Tourism Draft 2024-2025 Business Plan (2023-EDT-2)
[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-EDT-2 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be submitted to Central Counties Tourism as Durham Region's comments on their draft 2024-2025 Business Plan, and that Central Counties Tourism be advised that Durham Tourism (Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism Division) remains the preferred Destination Management Organization for Durham Region;
- B) That the Region continue to collaborate with Central Counties Tourism and area municipal tourism staff and organizations to promote, support, and develop the tourism industries in Durham Region; and
- C) That Report #2024-EDT-2 be sent to all other municipalities covered by the work of Central Counties Tourism, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, and Durham's area municipalities.

7. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act
[CARRIED]

That Regional Council be advised of Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) being in support of Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act and that it be received for information.

8. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) Battery Storage Sites
[CARRIED]

That Regional Council be advised of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) not being in support of battery storage sites being located on, or adjacent to, agricultural land in Durham Region.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (6) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 8 inclusive of Report #1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.3 Report of the Works Committee

1. Appointment of Additional Risk Management Official as required by the Clean Water Act, 2006 (2024-W-1)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Regional Council appoint Shelly Cuddy as Risk Management Official under the Clean Water Act, 2006, Part IV, Sec.47(6);
 - B) That the Regional Clerk issue a certificate of appointment bearing the clerk's signature to the Risk Management Official as appointed by Regional Council;
 - C) That the necessary by-laws be amended to affect the appointment;
 - D) That the Regional Clerk circulate Report #2024-W-1 of the Acting Commissioner of Works to Source Protection Authorities with a request to obtain Section 88 Powers of Entry for Regional staff for the purposes of inspection as defined in the Clean Water Act, 2006; and
 - E) That the Regional Clerk circulate Report #2024-W-1 to the Clerks of local municipalities and Chairs of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe, Trent Conservation Coalition and Credit Valley Toronto and Region Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committees.
2. Sole Source Purchase of System Integrator Services from Talan (formerly Createch) for the upgrade of IBM's (the vendor) Enterprise Maintenance Management System (Maximo) to IBM's (Maximo Application Suite (MAS) Platform) (2024-W-2)
[CARRIED]

- A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Talan (formerly Createch) for the provision of System Integrator Services for the upgrade of the existing IBM's Enterprise Asset Management Software (Maximo) to be compatible with the Software provider's (IBM) most recent platform, Maximo Application Suite (MAS), for a total project estimated amount of \$751,250* to be funded within the approved project budget; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents for the negotiated agreement.
(*) before applicable taxes

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

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

CARRIED

9.4 Report of the Committee of the Whole

- 1. Courtice Transit-Oriented Community District Energy System Preliminary Business Case Update (2024-COW-1)
[CARRIED]
 - A) That Regional Council endorse in principle the concept of a district energy system (DES) in the Courtice Transit-Oriented Community (CTOC) that leverages waste heat from Regional infrastructure in the adjacent Clarington Energy Park, as outlined in Report #2024-COW-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-1;
 - B) That Regional Council direct staff to work with staff from the Municipality of Clarington to incorporate the DES concept into the CTOC Secondary Plan to support the future implementation of a DES focused on serving new development in the CTOC Major Transit Station Area (MTSA);
 - C) That Regional Council direct staff to evaluate potential grant and low-interest financing options that might be available to support the proposed CTOC DES project concept; and

- D) That Regional Council direct staff to evaluate ownership and governance models for the CTOC DES in collaboration with the Municipality of Clarington, landowners in the area, as well as potential energy utility partners, and report back to Council in mid-2024 with a recommendation as well as an updated and refined preliminary business case, identifying Regional financial, business planning and budget implications, opportunity costs and assessment of risk and potential mitigation strategies based on refined project timing and implementation strategies.
2. Durham Region's Response to provincial consultation on proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 316/07 related to the establishment of a recreational class provincial park within the Township of Uxbridge (ERO Posting #019-7733) (2024-COW-2)
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- [CARRIED]

- A) That the following Regional staff comments be endorsed and forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #019-7733 related to the establishment of recreational class provincial park within the Township of Uxbridge:
- i) It is requested that the Region be included in any stakeholder advisory committees and/or working groups related to park management planning, to ensure regional interests are recognized;
 - ii) It should be made clear how the province envisions the connections between the individual parcels of proposed park, as this will likely require coordination on implementation and maintenance between the Region, Province, Township of Uxbridge, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and private landowners;
 - iii) It is requested that the province consult with the Region on potential land rights that may be required to accommodate potential future Regional infrastructure projects in the park area;
 - iv) The list of permitted uses within specific locations in the park should be clarified to ensure no negative impacts on significant natural features;

- v) The province, in partnership with the Region and Township of Uxbridge, should investigate trail and cycling connections between the proposed park and other significant tourism areas (e.g., Rouge National Urban Park, Durham Region Forest, CN Rail Trail) to support and strengthen sustainable tourism and active transportation initiatives within the Township and wider region;
 - vi) Access points for the proposed park should be identified, to assist Regional staff in understanding alignment with current and future plans for active transportation connectivity and cycling tourism;
 - vii) An analysis of increased traffic volumes from various modes and road users from within and outside Durham should be conducted to determine required modifications to planned and existing transportation infrastructure, as identified through the Regional Transportation Master Plan, Regional Cycling Plan, and Regional Official Plan. This analysis should also address potential impacts and mitigation measures on the Regional road network, Strategic Goods Movement Network, and on the surrounding community;
 - viii) Protection and conservation of the land as a publicly accessible provincial park supports resident wellness and economic prosperity by enhancing biodiversity and air and water quality, providing increased access to green space and opportunities for physical activity and social connection, and providing a new opportunity to attract tourism and generate increased visitor spending at locally owned and operated businesses; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-2 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development be forwarded to the Township of Uxbridge and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
3. Family Physician Recruitment Program (2024-COW-3)
[CARRIED]
- A) That the recommendations contained within the Family Physician Recruitment Strategy (Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-3 of the Commissioners of Planning & Economic Development and Finance) be endorsed, being the creation of a Durham Region-wide program to attract and retain family medicine trainees and family physicians to Durham, and the hiring of a full-time permanent family physician recruiter by the Durham Ontario Health Team (DOHT);

- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be directed to identify a source for one-time funding of up to \$55,000 in the 2024 budget subject to an extension agreement between the Durham Economic Development Partnership, the Region and Area Municipalities, through the Clarington Board of Trade;
 - C) That a total contribution from the Region and local municipalities of up to \$225,000 annually, beginning in 2025 (with annual escalation by CPI plus 2 per cent), be approved for the Physician Retention and Recruitment Strategy in three-year increments and conditional upon the program meeting established performance metrics, annual financial participation by the local area municipalities, and further subject to an annual update to Council and Council approval annually of the annual Business Plans and Budget, to the DOHT for the delivery of this program;
 - D) That area municipalities be requested to participate in a reasonable cost-sharing arrangement, whereby the core funding for this program would be shared between the Region and the area municipalities annually, and report back to Regional Council at the appropriate time;
 - E) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any funding agreements, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, necessary to implement these recommendations; and
 - F) That Report #2024-COW-3 be provided to Durham Region's area municipalities and to the Durham Ontario Health Team.
4. Approval of Memoranda of Understanding between Durham Region and Partner Conservation Authorities (2024-COW-4)
[CARRIED]
- A) That separate Memoranda of Understanding be entered into between the Region of Durham and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority;
 - B) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Memoranda of Understanding, substantially in the form as attached to Report #2024-COW-4 of the Commissioners of Planning & Economic Development and Finance as Attachments #1 to 5 subject to any immaterial amendments, and any future amendments or ancillary documents that may be required, all in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance and the Regional Solicitor; and

- C) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-4 be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Durham Region's area municipalities, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.
5. Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land in close proximity to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (Hubble Property) (2024-COW-6)
[CARRIED]
- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$66,286, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 11.58 hectares (28.62 acres) of land located in close proximity to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (Hubble property), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.
6. Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (3029 Regional Road 20) (2024-COW-7)
[CARRIED]
- A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$584,096, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 60.61 hectares (149.78 acres) of land located adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (3029 Regional Road 20), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Nicholson,
(8) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 6 inclusive of Report #1 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

11. Notice of Motions

11.1 Motion to Request the Province of Ontario to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region

[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(9) 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;

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.

Be it therefore resolved that:

The Province be requested to temporarily remove tolls on Highway 407 in Durham during the duration of the planned Winchester Road construction work; and

A copy of this request be sent to all Durham local area municipalities, local MPPs and the Minister of Transportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Cook	

Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
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Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Carter

Declarations of Interest: None

- 11.2 Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Commit to Undertake with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a Social and Economic Prosperity Review to Promote the Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances Across Ontario [CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(10) Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like supporting asylum seekers and addressing the homelessness, mental health and addictions crises;

Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Chair write a letter on behalf of Council to the Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

That a copy of this motion and the supporting letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local MPPs and the local area municipalities in Durham Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
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

No

None

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Carter

Declarations of Interest: None

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered.

13. Announcements

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

14. By-laws

2024-001 Being a by-law to designate certain road widenings under s. 31(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 01, Item #7.1 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

2024-002 Being a by-law to appoint risk management officials and risk management inspectors for the purpose of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 1st Report of the Works Committee presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

2024-003 Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk for The Regional Municipality of Durham.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 02, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

- 2024-004 Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Lot 10, Concession 3, in the Geographic Township of Darlington, in the Municipality of Clarington, in the Regional Municipality of Durham and described further as Part 1 on Reference Plan 40R-31987.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence 03, Item #7.3 presented to Regional Council on January 31, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(11) That By-law Numbers 2024-001 to 2024-004 inclusive be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

- 2024-005 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 31st day of January, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(12) That By-law Number 2024-005 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on January 31, 2024 be passed.
CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(13) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk