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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Regional Chair Henry read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the large Métis communities and growing Inuit communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

2. Roll Call

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor 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

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

All members of Council were in attendance.

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 11:34 AM.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Regional Chair Henry advised that the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) will be hosting the Provincial Safety Truck Rodeo on Wednesday September 25th. The event will feature 45 of the top municipal equipment operators competing in a snowplow obstacle course that emulates the challenges faced every day clearing snow in communities. The top driver will be awarded the John Gloor Memorial Trophy and be crowned the "Driver of the Year" title. Regional Chair Henry shared that two regional employees, Jack Stiensky and Tyler Jackson, have qualified at their local regional Rodeo and will be representing the Region of Durham at the Provincial Rodeo.

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on June 26, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 11, 2024;
- Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 12, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Alison Burgess, Director of Communications and Engagement, Region of Durham and Robert Bell, Intelligent Community Forum re: Durham Region's Intelligent Community Journey

A. Burgess, Director of Communications and Engagement, and R. Bell, Intelligent Community Forum, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham's Intelligent Community Journey. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Region: An Intelligent Community
- Durham's Intelligent Community Journey
 - Hosted the Hello Tomorrow Smart City Forum which brought together more than 300 partners to share ideas
 - Smart City – Intelligent Community
 - Launched an Intelligent Community Framework
 - Partner Engagement - Intelligent Community Consortium

R. Bell responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(138) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Delegation Item 6.1, Correspondence Item 7.3 and the Motion on Report #2024-COW-36 listed under Item 8.1 at this time.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

6.1 Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (In-Person Attendance) re: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36) [Item 10.3]

Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation appeared before Council with respect to an Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington. Highlights of the delegation included:

- September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Motions
- Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation
- Partnerships
- Completed 18 2&3-bedroom rental units in December 2019 (Beaverton - Gillespie Gardens)
- Completed 50 1-bedroom rental units in June 2020 (Cannington - Allan's Place)

- Completed 24 3-bedroom rental units in December 2023 (Oshawa – Normandy Heights)
- In-Progress Now, 53 1-bedroom rental units (Oshawa – Conant Place Intensification)
- 1707 Ritson Road
 - 66 1,2,3-bedroom rental units (Oshawa – 1707 Ritson Road North)
 - The Challenge

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(139) That Tracy Greig's delegation be extended by two minutes.
CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE

T. Greig stated that the 1707 Ritson Road Project is ready to go and is one that will contribute to affordable housing for the Region. She requested that Council approve the transfer of \$3.5 million from the housing reserves that was awarded to DRNPHC for the Baseline Road project, which has been cancelled, to the new Ritson Road Project.

T. Greig responded to questions from members of Council.

7. Communications

CC 22 Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services re: Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(140) That Council Correspondence CC 22 be referred to the consideration of Item 8.1 (2024-COW-36).
CARRIED

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

8.1 Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(141) That the \$3,500,000 Regional financial assistance funds previously approved by Council for Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation's (DRNPHC's) affordable rental housing project at 200 Baseline Road Clarington project, be transferred to DRNPHC's affordable rental housing project at 1707 Ritson Road effective immediately.
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 Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

- 5.2 Confidential Presentation from Lisa Lavery, P.Eng., Director, Rapid Transit & Transit Oriented Development and Mark Conway, President RPP, MCIP, PLE, N. Barry Lyon Consultants Ltd. re: GO Station Implementation Strategy Update (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)
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Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(142) That the meeting be closed to the public to receive the Confidential Presentation from Lisa Lavery and Mark Conway regarding the GO Station Implementation Strategy Update (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).

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:20 AM and reconvened at 10:35 AM.

[Refer to the Closed Meeting minutes of September 25, 2024]

Council rose from the Closed Meeting and resumed open session at 11:10 AM.

Chair Henry advised that during the closed session there were no motions made or direction given.

6. Delegations

- 6.1 Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (In-Person Attendance) re: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36) [Item 10.3]
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Tracy Greig, Chief Executive Officer, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation appeared earlier in the meeting with regards to the Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington. See Item 6.1 on Pages 3 and 4.

7. Communications

- CC 20 Correspondence from Atria Development Corp dated September 13, 2024 re: NEO - 35, 40, 45 Division, 46 Kenneth Avenue, 196, 200 & 204 Bond Street East, Oshawa Regional Revitalization Program
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Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(144) That Council Correspondence CC 20 be referred to the consideration of Item #2 of Report #5 of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- CC 21 Memorandum dated September 18, 2024 from Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance & Treasurer re: Repeal of By-Law number 17-2020 - COVID-19 Pandemic Delegation of Authority
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Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(145) That Council Correspondence CC 21 be received for information.
CARRIED

CC 22 Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services re: Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington

The Memorandum dated September 25, 2024 from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services regarding Item #8.1 2024-COW-36: Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 7 on Page 4.

8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

1. Update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-36)
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- [CARRIED]

The Motion on Report #2024-COW-36 regarding the update on Regional Financial Assistance for the Development and Construction of an Affordable Housing Project in the Municipality of Clarington was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See Item 8.1 on Pages 4 and 5.

9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions

9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

1. Regional Council Expense Policy (2024-A-13)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]
 - A) That the Regional Council Expense Policy generally in the format included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-A-13 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Commissioner of Finance be approved;
 - B) That the base per term Discretionary Allocation be adjusted and that the Regional Treasurer be granted the authority to update the per term Discretionary Allocation, in Schedule A of the Council Expense Policy, at the start of each new term of Regional Council in accordance with Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflationary increases measured against the start of the previous term of office;

- C) That the Regional Treasurer be granted the authority to update the Per Diem Reimbursement and Mileage rates, in Schedule A of the Council Expense Policy, at any time in order to match changes to the rates for Regional employees; and
 - D) That a copy of the Council Expense Policy be sent to the local area municipalities following approval of the policy and at the beginning of each term of Council.
2. The issuance of debentures on behalf of the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Oshawa (2024-F-17)
[CARRIED]
- A) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to issue external debentures, in a total principal amount not to exceed \$56,516,500 on behalf of the Town of Ajax and the Municipality of Clarington over various terms, with such terms not to exceed 20 years relating to the financing requirements detailed in the body of Report #2024-F-17 of the Commissioner of Finance;
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to issue an internal debenture for and on behalf of the City of Oshawa in an amount of \$7,469,000 on the basis that the City of Oshawa will purchase the debenture using reserve funds of the City of Oshawa;
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to negotiate the proposed terms and conditions of the external debenture issue as deemed necessary by the Fiscal Agents and sign the Purchase Letter to successfully market the issue to prospective investors, with the possibility that the Region may purchase all or part of the debentures; and
 - D) That the Region be authorized to issue the external debentures through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.'s "Book Entry Only" system.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(146) That the recommendations contained in Item 2 of Report #6 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(147) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Cook
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

1. Accelerating Detailed Design Services for Christine Crescent, Oshawa and 1635 Dundas Street Phase 2, Whitby (2024-SS-7)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, an unbudgeted capital project for the detailed design of the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) Christine Crescent redevelopment in the upset amount of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, be approved and be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund and the Housing Services Development Charges Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;

- B) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, a sole source agreement with LGA Architectural Partners be approved to accelerate the detailed design for Phase 2 of 1635 Dundas Street West, Whitby at an upset limit of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, as an unbudgeted capital project to be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund or other sources at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
 - C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements.
2. Naming of the New 200-bed Long-Term Care Home Located in Seaton (2024-SS-8)
[CARRIED]

That approval be given to name the new 200-bed Long Term Care Home located in Seaton, "Seaton Village".

- Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(148) That the recommendation contained in Item 2 of Report #6 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

- Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(149) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.
CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson

No

Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

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

1. Durham Tourism Five Year Action Plan, the Regional Tourism Plan (2024-EDT-12)
[CARRIED]

That the Durham Tourism Strategic Action Plan 2024-2028 (as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-EDT-12 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development) be endorsed.

2. Municipal Accommodation Tax and the Forming of Tourism Municipal Services Corporations (2024-EDT-13)
[CARRIED]

That the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the Region and on terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, be authorized to issue letters of authorization to Area Municipalities upon request, to form a Tourism Municipal Services Corporation to receive Municipal Accommodation Tax revenue and perform promotional activities related to tourism.

3. Durham Environment Climate Advisory Committee Resolution regarding Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Building Code
[CARRIED]

Whereas to achieve GHG reduction targets in Durham Region a significant increase in the uptake of electric vehicles will be required;

Whereas to increase uptake there is an urgent need to ensure that new homes built in the Region are EV-ready with 200-amp electrical service, as well as electrical conduit, and outlet box in the garage;

Whereas the costs to make new homes EV ready are understood to be significantly less than the costs to retrofit homes;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) supports the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code outlined in Bill 199 and recommends to the Planning and Economic Development Committee that this motion be forwarded to Regional Council for their consideration and expression of support.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(150) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #7 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

9.4 Report of the Committee of The Whole

1. Public Art and Creative Placemaking Policy and Program (2024-COW-35)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the Region's existing policy for the use of Regional Infrastructure for Public Art Purposes (as set out in Report #2017-COW-285 of the Commissioner of Works) be replaced with Durham Region's Public Art and Creative Placemaking Policy (as contained in Attachment #2 to Report #2024-COW-35 of the Chief Administrative Officer); and
- B) That Durham Region's Public Art and Creative Placemaking Program (as contained in Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-35) be adopted.

2. Request for Regional Financial Assistance under the Regional Revitalization Program by Atria Development Corp. (hereinafter referred to as "Atria") for the Development at 35 Division Street in the City of Oshawa (2024-COW-37)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

- A) That the application submitted by the City of Oshawa, on behalf of Atria Development Corp. (Atria), under the Regional Revitalization Program (RRP), requesting Regional financial assistance for the development of a purpose-built rental apartment building with commercial space located at 35 Division Street in the City of Oshawa be approved, subject to the following conditions:
 - i) The Region to provide up to \$4,900,000, or the amount of assistance provided by the City of Oshawa, whichever is the lesser amount, for the development, with funding provided from the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund and transferred to the City of Oshawa for distribution to Atria, in accordance with the timing and flow of funds under the RRP:

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| | Full building permit issued to Atria | 50% |
| | Framing inspection (or equivalent structural completion), passed by the area municipal building inspection authority | 40% |
| | Occupancy permit received from the area municipal building authority or passed preoccupancy inspection of those municipalities which do not issue an occupancy permit | 10% |
- ii) The City of Oshawa executes the necessary agreements with Atria for the provision of financial assistance by the City;
 - iii) Atria must pay all applicable Regional Development Charges in accordance with the Regional Development Charge By-laws;
 - iv) All costs associated with works for the development of the lands will be borne by the developer, Atria, in keeping with Regional policies;
 - v) Satisfaction of any performance criteria outlined in agreements between the City of Oshawa and Atria in regard to incentives (financial or other) provided under the City's Urban Growth Centre Community Improvement Plan and applicable City By-laws;
 - vi) The City of Oshawa enter into an agreement with the Region that outlines the terms and conditions for Regional financial assistance to ensure accountability for Regional funding;
 - vii) The City of Oshawa agrees to annual post-project reviews and audits for five years after substantial occupancy of the development of lands, in conjunction with the Region, to provide accountability and ensure effective utilization of Regional resources; and
- B) That as per the RRP, the increased property tax revenue generated from the increased current value assessment of the development project in the City of Oshawa be used to replenish the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund.
3. Approval for the Additional Capital Financing for Regional Municipality of Durham Contract T-1149-2021 for the Construction of Clarington Police Complex Phase 2 in the Municipality of Clarington (2024-COW-38)
[CARRIED]

- A) That the total project budget for the construction of the Clarington Police Complex Phase 2 in the Municipality of Clarington be increased by \$3,502,805 for a revised project budget of \$106,250,365; and
- B) That financing for the additional project costs be provided as follows:

Previously Approved Financing (Project G1405)

Debenture Financing	\$63,867,000
Development Charges	\$21,300,000
Climate Mitigation & Environmental Initiatives Reserve Fund	\$ 1,342,700
Capital Project Reserve	<u>\$16,237,860</u>
Total Approved Financing	<u>\$102,747,560</u>

Proposed Additional Financing

Debenture Financing	\$ 3,502,805
Total Revised Project Financing	<u>\$106,250,365</u>

- 4. Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Recognize and Take Action on the Physician Shortage in Ontario

Whereas, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Medical Association, the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40 per cent of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

And whereas it is becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

And whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 per cent in 2022;

And whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

And whereas the Region of Durham, in collaboration with the eight Area Municipalities, are taking action to address the shortage of family physicians in the Region by launching a program to attract and retain family physicians, and support and welcome family medicine trainees enrolled in residency and in the Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program;

And whereas although the Region of Durham and Area Municipalities are jointly addressing the local shortage through this innovative program, the responsibility for ensuring an adequate provincial supply of Family Physicians lies with the Provincial Government;

And whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Durham and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health (Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org), all local Durham MPPs, local area municipalities and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca).

5. Motion Requesting An Expansion of Durham Regional Police Service Resources for Anti-Hate Crime Unit
[CARRIED]

Whereas hate crimes are on the rise in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA);

And whereas a significant proportion of hate crimes are targeting Jewish people through the GTA;

And whereas we have seen targeted Anti-Semitic hate in Whitby;

Now therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council urges the Durham Regional Police Service to expand resources for the Anti-Hate Crimes unit;

That the Police Services Board consider an additional resource request for the 2025 budget; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the local area municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(151) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Report #5
of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(152) That the recommendations contained in Item 2 of Report #5 of the
Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

9.5 Report of the Special Committee of the Whole

1. 2025 Regional Business Plans and Property Tax Supported Budget
Guideline (2024-COW-39)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]
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- A) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Property Tax Business Plans and Budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation not exceed \$658.776 million, an increase of 5.96 per cent compared to the 2024 approved budget for Regional Departments, Durham Region Transit Commission, and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 2.72 per cent for 2025 after assessment growth;
- B) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for the Durham Regional Police Services Board be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Business Plans and Budget for the Durham Regional Police Services Board not exceed \$292.753 million, an increase of 9.25 per cent compared to the 2024 approved budget for the Durham Regional Police Service, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 2.16 per cent for 2025 after assessment growth;
- C) That the following detailed direction and guideline for the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for each Conservation Authority be approved:
 - i) The 2025 Business Plans and Budget for each Conservation Authority not exceed an increase of 2.5 per cent, plus or minus any current value assessment adjustments, compared to the 2024 approved budget, which translates to an overall property tax impact of 0.02 per cent for 2025; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-39 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Services Board, Durham Region Transit Commission, Conservation Authorities, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, and other Outside Agencies to guide the development of detailed 2025 Business Plans and Budget.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(153) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the
Special Committee of the Whole be divided in order to allow voting on
Part B) separately.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Cook
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(154) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #6 of the
Special Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford

No

Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo

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

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

- 10.1 Motion requesting the Province of Ontario to commit to provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of Non-Native (“exotic”) wild animals
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- [CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

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

Whereas Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

Whereas the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity;

Whereas non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province;

Whereas the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

Whereas owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

Whereas municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with nonnative (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

That a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and the local MPPs, AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca).

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall

No

Councillor Foster
Councillor Woo

Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pickles

Declarations of Interest: None

10.2 Critical Technology Upgrade (2024-DRT-15)
[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (156) A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award the procurement to Innovations in Transportation Inc.'s (INIT) for 175 COPILOTpc3 devices to replace all existing COPILOTpc2 devices on Durham Region Transit (DRT) vehicles at an estimated one-time capital cost of \$1,160,000;
- B) That the 2024 unbudgeted costs for the purchase of the 175 COPILOTpc3 devices, estimated at \$1,160,000, be approved with financing to be provided from provincial gas tax funds; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.

CARRIED

10.3 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works and Finance – as it relates to 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 regarding infrastructure Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario (2024-COW-40)

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Foster,

- (157) A) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund Transfer Payment Agreement for the one-time Provincial grant funding in the amount of \$34.91 million approved for Durham Region's Housing-Enabling Water System Fund project;

- B) That the by-law attached as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-40 to permit the Regional Municipality of Durham to enter into the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund Transfer Payment Agreement be passed at the time this report is approved and that the by-law remain confidential until its effective date as defined in the by-law;
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements; and
- D) That the Regional Clerk be authorized to publicly release Report #2024-COW-40 and the requisite by-law upon confirmation of the official announcement by the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

11. Notice of Motions

There were no notice of motions.

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered.

13. Announcements

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

14. By-laws

2024-040 Being a by-law to authorize the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk to execute an Infrastructure Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Departmental Reports and Other Resolutions, Item #10.3 presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

2024-041 Being a by-law to repeal by-law #17-2020, which provided certain delegations of authority from Regional Council to the Regional Chair and/or Regional staff (as the case may be) to ensure that the administration of the Region can rapidly respond to the challenges being experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence CC 21, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on September 25, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(158) That By-law Numbers 2024-040 to 2024-041 inclusive be passed.
CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

2024-042 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The
Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 25th day of
September, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(159) That By-law Number 2024-042 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings
of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting
held on September 25, 2024 be passed.
CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(160) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk