

Report #7 of the Finance & Administration Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

November 27, 2024

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Establishment of a Fees and Charges By-law for Court Clerk operations ([2024-A-17](#))
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That a by-law establishing rates to be charged by the Region's court clerks for processing out-of-jurisdiction provincial offences tickets, as generally set out in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-A-17 of the Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal Services be adopted.

2. 2024 Durham Region Transit Bus Order and Capital Project Budget Re-allocations ([2024-F-18](#))
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- A) That the project gross costs and financing shown in Section B of Attachment #1 to Report #2024-F-18 of the Commissioner of Finance be approved, replacing the previously approved bus stop infrastructure, vehicles, vehicle outfitting, facility, charging infrastructure and other project costs and financing shown in Section A of Attachment #1 to Report #2024-F-18;
- B) That staff be granted authority to request the necessary federal and provincial approvals to re-allocate Investment in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant funding among bus stop infrastructure and the administrative building re-build projects, as shown in Attachment #1 to Report 2024-F-18, and potentially further re-allocations as necessary, to mitigate risk that federal and provincial ICIP funding is left un-spent and to align ICIP funding with current priorities; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust financing for the projects in Section B of Attachment #1 to Report #2024-F-18 in the unlikely event that the Region's request to reallocate ICIP funding is not approved by the federal or provincial governments.

3. 2025 Interim Regional Property Tax Levy ([2024-F-19](#))
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- A) That a 2025 interim regional property tax levy be imposed on the lower-tier municipalities for all property tax classes;
- B) That the amount due from each lower-tier municipality is estimated to be equivalent to 50% of their respective share of the regional property taxes collected in 2024;

- C) That the 2025 interim regional property tax levy be paid by the lower-tier municipalities seven calendar days subsequent to the instalment due dates established by each lower-tier municipality for the collection of their respective interim municipal property taxes;
- D) That the 2025 Regional supplementary property taxes be paid by the lower-tier municipalities seven calendar days subsequent to the instalment due dates established by each lower-tier municipality for the collection of their respective supplementary municipal property taxes;
- E) That 25 per cent of the previous year's Regional payments-in-lieu of taxation, railway and utility lands and payments related to universities/colleges and public hospitals be remitted by the lower-tier municipalities by March 31, 2025;
- F) That an interest rate equivalent to the prevailing prime interest rate shall be charged for late payments of the amounts described in recommendations A) to E);
- G) That the Regional Clerk be requested to advise the lower-tier municipalities of the imposition of the 2025 interim regional property tax levy for all property tax classes and the due dates for remittance to the Region; and
- H) That approval be granted for the requisite by-law.

4. Temporary Borrowing By-Law for 2025 ([2024-F-20](#))

- A) That the Regional Chair and the Treasurer be authorized in 2025 to borrow funds not to exceed \$500 million to meet current expenditures and liabilities until such time as the general tax revenues and other revenues of the Region are received; and
- B) That approval be granted for the requisite by-law(s).

Respectfully submitted,

K. Ashe, Chair, Finance & Administration Committee