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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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 Cook*
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 Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles*
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten*
Councillor Yamada*, attended the meeting at 9:35 AM
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 Yamada.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Regional Chair Henry announced that the Region of Durham has declared January 29th as Hospice Awareness Day.

Regional Chair Henry requested that S. Danos-Papaconstantinou provide a verbal update with regards to the emergency closure of the Fosterbrooke Long-Term Care Home in the Municipality of Clarington on January 23rd.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou advised that residents had to be evacuated from the Long-Term Care Home due to overnight flooding. She advised that there was prompt response from a number of service providers and all residents were safely relocated to temporary accommodations. She thanked all involved as well as the Municipality of Clarington and Clarington Emergency and Fire Services for their immediate response to coordinate the relocation of the residents. She also thanked Region of Durham staff, Christian Closs, Manager of Emergency Services, John Rankin, Administrator – Homes, and Durham Region Transit for their exceptional service.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Woo,

- (1) That the verbal update from Commissioner Danos-Papaconstantinou with regards to the temporary relocation of the residents of Fosterbrooke Long-Term Care Home be received for information.

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 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	

Members Absent: Councillor Leahy

Declarations of Interest: None

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on December 18, 2024;
- Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 12, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 15, 2025.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Communications

There were no communications to be considered.

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 Finance and Administration Committee

None

9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

None

9.3 Report of the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan (2025-CG-1)

[CARRIED]

A) That Report #2025-CG-1 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development be received as the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2024 Annual Report;

B) That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2025 Workplan and Terms of Reference be approved, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 to Report #2025-CG-1; and

C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-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 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan (2025-CG-2)

[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2025-CG-2 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development be received as the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2024 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's 2025 Workplan and Terms of Reference be approved, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 to Report #2025-CG-2; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-2 be forwarded to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee and Durham's Area Municipalities.
3. Durham Active Transportation Committee 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan (2025-CG-3)
[CARRIED]
- A) That Report #2025-CG-3 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development be received as the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2024 Annual Report;
 - B) That the Durham Active Transportation Committee's 2025 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-CG-3; and
 - C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-3 be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee and the Area Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (3) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of Report #1 of the Community Growth & Economic Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.4 **Report of the Works Committee**

1. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services for Michael Starr Trail Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project in the City of Oshawa (2025-W-1)
[CARRIED]
- A) That staff be authorized to award a sole source engineering services agreement to CIMA Canada Inc. for engineering services for the detailed design of a 450-millimetre (mm) diameter trunk sanitary sewer along the Michael Starr Trail in Oshawa, for \$193,577.80*, to be financed from the approved project budget; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source agreement.
(*) before applicable taxes

2. Lease Renewal with The Corporation of the Township of Brock for Space Located at S1015 Regional Road 10, in the Township of Brock, for Use by the Works Department Sunderland Depot (2025-W-2)
[CARRIED]
 - A) That the Lease Agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Brock (the “Landlord”) for premises at S1015 Regional Road 10, in the Township of Brock, containing approximately 2,900 square feet be renewed with the following terms and conditions:
 - i) The renewal term is for a period of four years and eleven months (4 years and 11 months) commencing February 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2029;
 - ii) The Annual gross rent for year one of the lease term will be \$23,200 based on a rate of \$8.00 per square foot per annum, to be paid annually. The annual gross rent will be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index for Ontario for each remaining year of the term;
 - iii) The Landlord will be responsible for the payment of the utilities, maintenance, repairs and replacement of the systems, facilities, and equipment necessary to operate the building and parking lot; and
 - B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with the Lease renewal.
3. Declaration of Significant Weather Events and the Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner of Works (2025-W-3)
[CARRIED]
 - A) That Regional Council delegate authority to the Commissioner of Works or their designate to declare the beginning and end of a Significant Weather Event and issue the prescribed notifications to the public for purposes of O. Reg. 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25; and
 - B) That a By-law to amend the Delegation of Authority By-law (By-law #04- 2023), generally in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2025-W3 of the Commissioner or Works, to reflect the addition of the delegation of authority as provided in Recommendation A) to Report #2025-W-3, be approved.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (4) That the recommendations contained in Items 2 and 3 of Report #1 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (5) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #1 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

9.5 Report of the Committee of the Whole

1. Government Relations 2024 Update and 2025 Priorities (2025-COW-1)

[CARRIED]

That Report #2025-COW-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information.

2. Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan (2025-COW-2)

[CARRIED]

- A) That Regional Council adopt Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan (Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-2 of the Chief Administrative Officer);
- B) That Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop related performance indicators to demonstrate Plan progress;
- C) That Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the first supporting Implementation Plan for 2025-2028 that identifies key actions and related corporate performance measures; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-2 be forwarded to the local area municipalities within the Region of Durham.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

- (6) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #1 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

- 10.1 Regional Council Member Appointments to Agencies, Boards and Committees

[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(7) That the appointment of Regional Council members and individuals to the following agencies, boards and committees, be approved and confirmed:

	Committees	Appointment Details
a)	Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Community Growth & Economic Development Committee Alternate	One member of Community Growth & Economic Development Committee as an alternate. Councillor Woo
b)	Durham Vision Zero Task Force Works Committee	Two members of the Works Committee Councillor Marimpietri Councillor Barton
c)	Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Alliance Community Growth & Economic Development Committee Alternate	One member of the Community Growth & Economic Development Committee as an alternate. Councillor Woo

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

2025-001 Being a by-law to amend By-law #04-2023 to provide the Commissioner of Works and their designate with the authority to declare the beginning and end of Significant Weather Events, for the purposes of O.Reg. 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

This by-law the recommendations contained in Item #3 of the 1st Report of the Works Committee presented to Regional Council on January 29, 2025.

- 2025-002 Being a by-law to establish municipal tax ratios for 2025, to specify the percentage by which municipal tax rates are to be reduced for prescribed property subclasses, and to establish 2025 lower-tier municipal payment due dates for supplementary taxes, payments in lieu of taxation, railway and utility lands and universities, colleges and public hospital amounts.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

- 2025-003 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional General purposes for the year 2025.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

- 2025-004 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Durham Regional Police Service Board purposes for the year 2025.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

- 2025-005 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Durham Region Transit Commission purposes for the year 2025.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

- 2025-006 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional Solid Waste Management purposes for the year 2025.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

- 2025-007 Being a by-law to amend By-Law #34-2023 that established the Capital Impact Stabilization Reserve Fund.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

2025-008 Being a by-law to amend By-Law #87-2001 that established the Social Housing Reserve Fund.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #2 of the 10th Report of the Committee of the Whole presented to Regional Council on December 18, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(8) That By-law Numbers 2025-001, 2025-004, 2025-007 and 2025-008 be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(9) That By-law Number 2025-002 be passed.

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 Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Lee

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(10) That By-law Number 2025-003 be passed.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	Councillor Jubb
Councillor Ashe	Councillor Neal
Councillor Barton	Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Brenner	Councillor Schummer
Councillor Carter	Councillor Yamada
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Lee

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(11) That By-law Number 2025-005 be passed.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	Councillor Yamada

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
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
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Lee

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(12) That By-law Number 2025-006 be passed.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

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

No

Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Yamada

Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Lee

Declarations of Interest: None

15. Confirming By-law

2025-009 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 29th day of January, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(13) That By-law Number 2025-009 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on January 29, 2025 be passed.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod

No

Councillor Neal

Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
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 Collier
Councillor Lee

Declarations of Interest: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
(14) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

No

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Woo

Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Lee
Councillor Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk