

## **Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole**

For consideration by Regional Council

February 26, 2025

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the following:

1. Durham Local Immigration Partnership 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan ([2025-COW-6](#))

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  - A) That the new Durham Local Immigration Partnership (DLIP) 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan be approved and implemented by the Durham Local Immigration Partnership secretariat; and
  - B) That Regional Council endorse the DLIP 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan.
2. Revitalization of the Ritson School Site in the City of Oshawa to include Sustainably Built, Mixed-Income Housing, the Adaptive Reuse of the Existing Heritage School Building to a Community Hub with Community Services and Supports and the Creation of New Public Open Spaces ([2025-COW-5](#))

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  - A) That the phased redevelopment of the Ritson School site as described within Report #2025-COW-5 of the Commissioners of Social Services, Finance and Works, be endorsed as follows:
    - i) The development of a total of approximately 660 units of new purpose-built rental housing, with a minimum of 30% of the units being affordable within each building;
    - ii) Advancing approximately 500 units on Blocks 1A, 1B, 3A and 3B as shown on Figure 2 to Report #2025-COW-5 through the release of a Request for Proposals to prospective development partners as described within Report #2025-COW-5 through a long-term lease model;
    - iii) The restoration and adaptive reuse of the existing Ritson School building to provide a community hub and complementary multi-functional space, in a manner consistent with its designation under the Ontario Heritage Act;
    - iv) The creation of new public pedestrian open spaces;

- B) That an unbudgeted capital project for building stabilization works, abatement, heritage impact assessment, detailed design for adaptive reuse and design of public realm improvements on Block 2 in the amount of \$2,950,000 be approved and funded first from any surplus that arises in the 2025 Business Plans and Budgets of the Social Services Department, with any shortfall funded from debenture financing or other sources at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance, as follows:

<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Gross Cost</b>
Building Stabilization	\$1,000,000
Heritage Impact Assessment/Conservation Master Plan	\$100,000
School Building Adaptive Reuse Detailed Design	\$1,750,000
Public Realm Improvements Landscape Design	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,950,000</b>

- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to take all necessary steps to obtain debenture financing and execute any required documents.

3. Municipal Diversity Plan for the Durham Regional Police Service Board  
([2025-COW-7](#))

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- A) That the Municipal Diversity Plan and Recruitment Policy for the Durham Regional Police Service Board, as set out in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-7 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be approved;
- B) That the size of the Durham Regional Police Service Board be composed of seven members; and
- C) That the Durham Regional Police Services Board Community Member Appointment Recruitment and Selection Policy, adopted by Council in April 2022, be replaced with the new Municipal Diversity Plan and Recruitment Policy, as set out in Attachment #1 of Report #2025-COW-7.

4. Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call ([as attached](#)) to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)
2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.

5. Motion regarding Made in Canada Approach to Procurement

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Whereas possible tariffs from the United States of America (US), would threaten local jobs and the economy in Whitby; and

Whereas other orders of government are preparing to respond to such threats; and

Whereas all municipalities like the Durham Region, are major purchasers of goods and services; and

Whereas The Durham Region purchasing bylaw upholds respect for trade agreements, with specific reference to CETA (between Canada and the EU), but nothing specific to the United States;

Therefore be it resolved:

- A) That Durham staff be directed to strike a working group to take on a strategic review of procurement and to work with other municipal partners where appropriate, including looking at whether some project timing should be reassessed; and

B) That review will be directed to achieve three aims:

- To ensure Durham's procurement is resilient to the financial, supply chain and other risks associated with the changing Canada-US trade relationship;
- To align Durham's procurement to take advantage of opportunities arising from reduction of interprovincial trade barriers, support for local businesses and development of new strategic trading partners; and
- To inform and support Economic Development in a mission to assist local businesses in adapting and aligning to a renewed focus on strengthening Canadian business, with a view to increasing the amount of Canadian and local businesses who are competing and winning in Durham's procurement activities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

## **B'nai Brith Canada Petition**

### **Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada**

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika.

In recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society.

Since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation.

Eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols. It is imperative that Canada follow suit.

We urgently demand that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika
2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

The people of Canada are counting on you to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected.