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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe* left the meeting at 12:16 PM and returned at 1:47 PM
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Carter* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 12:42 PM
Councillor Collier* attended the meeting at 9:36 AM and left the meeting at 12:30 PM due to municipal business
Councillor Cook left the meeting at 12:43 PM and returned at 1:10 PM
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies*
Councillor Foster*
Councillor Garrod* left the meeting at 11:24 PM due to municipal business
Councillor Kerr left the meeting at 12:42 PM
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri left the meeting at 12:42 PM
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy left the meeting at 1:50 PM due to municipal business
Councillor Neal left the meeting at 11:54 AM and returned at 1:07 PM
Councillor Nicholson* attended the meeting at 9:36 AM
Councillor Pickles*
Councillor Roy left the meeting at 1:50 PM due to municipal business
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada* attended the meeting at 9:33 AM
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Barton, Jubb, Shahid and Wotten.

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Bridgeman, B. Bridgeman, A. Burgess, S. Ciani, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault, J. Dixon, L. Foulds, T. Fraser, J. Gaskin*, S. Gill*, C. Goodchild*, B. Goodwin*, B. Hannelas, A. Harras, A. Hector-Alexander, B. Holmes, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, R.J. Kyle*, K. McDermott, L. McIntosh, G. Muller, N. Pincombe, N. Taylor, and E. Valant.

***denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(9) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Members Motion
Items 8.1 and 8.2 at this time.

CARRIED

8.1 Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(10) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas the Durham Regional Council condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent acts of antisemitism and hate discovered at the Whitby Public Library and restates its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming community for all Durham residents; and

Whereas Regional Council reiterates its support for the past National Action Summit on antisemitism, which had the participation of the Federal, Provincial and local governments; and

Whereas Regional Council should commit to looking for ways to educate residents about antisemitism and ways to combat all forms of hate including antisemitism, including a possible combatting antisemitism campaign; and

Whereas Regional council in the past has expressed support for other communities experiencing hate and condemned racist behaviours, including but not exclusive to Islamophobia, anti-Black racism, and anti-Asian hate;

Therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council direct the CAO to report on the possibility of establishing a protocol or policy to notify various human rights organizations when hate-motivated acts that might not reach the threshold of criminality but affect targeted communities when they are identified or discovered by region staff; and

That the report mentioned above be undertaken in consultation with human rights organizations that include, but are not exclusive to, B'nai Brith, the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), the Centre for Israel Jewish Affairs (CIJA), and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, and that the CAO include any other Region of Durham organizations in the consultation process. The intent of the policy is to assist organizations in the collection of empirical evidence related to hate activities not meeting the threshold of crime.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Discussion ensued with respect to the objective of the proposed motion and the reporting of non-criminal acts of hate.

Councillors Leahy and Yamada requested that the motion be withdrawn to allow for a motion to rescind the previous motion to alter the order of business in order to hear the delegations prior to consideration of the members motions.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

- (11) That the previous motion (9) by Councillors Carter and Marimpietri to alter the order of business be rescinded.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE (A 2/3rds VOTE WAS NOT
ATTAINED):

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Jubb

Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

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MOTION TABLED
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(13) That the foregoing motion (12) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate be tabled.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

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

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(14) That we recommend to Council:

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 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.

MOTION TABLED

(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Nicholson,

- (15) That the foregoing motion (14) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada be tabled.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Pickles

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

4. Presentations

4.1 Elizabeth Roy and Allison Hector-Alexander, Co-Chairs, Durham Local Immigration Partnership (DLIP) Council, re: Durham Region Local Immigration Partnership 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan (2025-COW-6)

E. Roy, Co-Chair, Durham Local Immigration Partnership (DLIP) Council, introduced the 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan. The following members of the DLIP Council were also in attendance: Allison Hector-Alexander, Sydney Marcoux, Janelle Benjamin, Thom MacDonald, Marina Morgenshtern, Hermia Corbette, and Boluwa Massina.

Marina Morgenshtern and Hermia Corbette provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Local Immigration Partnership 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview of the DLIP and its role
- Durham Humanitarian Response Program
- Immigration in Durham
- 2020-2024 Durham Immigration and Inclusion Community Plan
- 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan Pillars
 - Champion Collective Action
 - Build Inclusive Communities
 - Embrace Innovation and Responsiveness
- Conclusion/Next Steps

H. Corbette and A. Hector-Alexander responded to questions with respect to recommendations for connecting with residents and newcomers; immigration figures for Oshawa and Clarington; funding for the Durham Local Immigration Partnership; and collaboration with other organizations.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(16) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item 7.2 at this time.
CARRIED

7.2 Durham Local Immigration Partnership 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan (2025-COW-6)

Report #2025-COW-6 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to community consultation and whether this is connected to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy; whether funding for the Durham Local Immigration Partnership is provided by the Region of Durham; the category that includes Ukrainian temporary immigrants; whether the initial arrival location of immigrants is mapped before moving to Durham Region;

programs to retain immigrants in Durham Region; and composition of the Durham Local Immigration Partnership.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(17) That we recommend to Council:

- 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.

CARRIED

4.2 Erin Valant, Director, Housing Services Division, re: At Home in Durham Update and Overview of Community Housing History

E. Valant, Director, Housing Services Division, provided a presentation regarding At Home in Durham Update and Overview of Community Housing History. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Devolution of Community Housing
- Community Housing Funding Through Devolution
- Role and Responsibilities of a Service System Manager
- Housing Services Act Funding Model
- Projects Reaching End of Operating Agreements (EOA) and End of Mortgage (EOM)
- Community Housing Sector Pressures
- Priority Areas as Service System Manager
- At Home in Durham: Update on the Development of the New 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
- At Home in Durham 2014-2024 Wrap Up
- Study Background
- Project Timeline
- Key Housing Insights
 - Insight: Non-Market Housing for Those in Greatest Need
 - Insight: Purpose-Built Rental Housing & Affordable Ownership Housing
 - Insight: Diverse Housing Options & Repair/Improve Housing Stock
 - Insight: Improved System & Programs
- Goals
- Strategies to Achieve Goals
- Potential Activities to Support Strategies
- Questions

E. Valant responded to questions with respect to community housing and funding; the cost to Ontario taxpayers compared to other provinces; statistics on the Ontario housing model compared to other provinces; whether the Province of Ontario has been requested to look at financial incentives for private investments; the amalgamation of housing providers; the definitions of non-market housing, community housing and affordable housing; examples of mixed income communities; the community housing waitlist; whether there are incentives for private developers; actions related to rent control; what is being done locally to educate home builders and realtors; and actions to assist families with young adults with disabilities.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Kerr
(18) That the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:24 AM and reconvened at 11:42 AM

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Barton, Carter, Garrod, Jubb, Neal, Shahid and Wotten.

5. Delegations

5.1 Emma Cunningham, Durham District School Board Trustee, Pickering, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

E. Cunningham appeared in support of the proposed motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada. E. Cunningham advised that she is appearing as a Durham District School Board Trustee but not on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) Board of Trustees. E. Cunningham shared an example of an antisemitic incident that occurred in 2024 and spoke to the emotional impact of encountering a Nazi Swastika or other Nazi imagery. E. Cunningham stated that hate crimes against Jewish people are on the rise in Durham Region and she concluded by urging the Committee to support the proposed motion and affirm their commitment to a community free from hate.

E. Cunningham responded to questions from the Committee.

5.3 Richard Robertson, Director of Research and Advocacy, B'nai Brith Canada, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate

R. Robertson appeared in support of the proposed motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. R. Robertson stated that hate crimes are on the rise in Canada and the number of antisemitic incidents has been increasing at an alarming rate. R. Robertson also stated that to properly combat the rise in hate we must be able to properly document it and

by developing a protocol or policy Durham Region will be directly aiding organizations, including B'nai Brith Canada, in ensuring their statistics are as accurate and all encompassing as possible. R. Robertson added that B'nai Brith Canada uses the federal and provincial definition of antisemitism, and no expertise would be required from the Region.

R. Robertson responded to questions from the Committee.

5.2 Richard Robertson, Director of Research and Advocacy, B'nai Brith Canada, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

R. Robertson appeared in support of the proposed motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada. R. Robertson advised that B'nai Brith Canada calls for a national ban on the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes. R. Robertson spoke to the online petition by B'nai Brith Canada and the history of the swastika.

R. Robertson responded to questions from the Committee.

5.4 David Larmour, Lead Pastor, King Street Community Church, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

D. Larmour appeared in support of the proposed motions regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada and Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. D. Larmour stated that there has been a rise in antisemitism in Canada and since the events of October 7, 2023, the Jewish Community has not felt safe in many parts of our world, including Canada. D. Larmour referenced recent incidents of antisemitism, and he stated that the Jewish community is a small percentage of the population, yet they are the target of about 70% of the religiously motivated hate crime in Canada. D. Larmour advised that he represents a local church, and they are concerned about the trend of antisemitism and are asking for their municipal leaders to take action.

A roll call was conducted to confirm quorum and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Barton, Carter, Chapman, Collier, Cook, Garrod, Jubb, Kerr, Marimpietri, Neal, Nicholson, Shahid and Wotten.

5.5 David Larmour, Lead Pastor, King Street Community Church, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate

D. Larmour spoke to this matter earlier in the meeting. See Item 5.4 on page 10 of these minutes.

- 5.6 Josh Landau, Director, Government Relations, Ontario, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
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J. Landau appeared in support of the proposed motions regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada and Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. J. Landau stated that the Jewish community faces an alarming rise in antisemitism and are the most targeted group since 2023. J. Landau referenced recent incidents of antisemitism and stated that education is a key component to addressing antisemitism. J. Landau further stated that the collection of data is key to understanding the problem and collaboration between Regional Council and human rights organizations will aid in identifying and tackling any cases of antisemitism in the Region. J. Landau also stated that the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs supports banning the Nazi Swastika and this would align Canada with other countries that have already enacted similar measures. J. Landau added that while they advocate for the ban of the Nazi swastika, it is important to clarify that the swastika's use in traditional religious contexts should remain protected and completely legal in Canada.

J. Landau responded to questions from the Committee.

- 5.7 Josh Landau, Director, Government Relations, Ontario, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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J. Landau spoke to this matter earlier in the meeting. See Item 5.6 on page 11 of these minutes.

- 5.8 Sari Watson, Resident, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
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S. Watson was not in attendance when called upon to provide a delegation.

- 5.9 Sari Watson, Resident, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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S. Watson was not in attendance when called upon to provide a delegation.

- 5.10 Rabbi Tzali Borenstein, Director, Chabad Jewish Centre of Durham Region, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
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Rabbi Tzali Borenstein appeared in support of the proposed motions regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada and Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. Rabbi Tzali Borenstein stated that there is a growing Jewish community in Durham Region and that the vast majority of residents are good people, however there is still a

group spreading hate in the community. Rabbi Tzali Borenstein referenced recent antisemitic incidents, including gunshots fired at the Jewish girls' school in Toronto, and he spoke to the impact on his family and other members of the community.

Rabbi Tzali Borenstein responded to questions from the Committee.

- 5.11 Rabbi Tzali Borenstein, Director, Chabad Jewish Centre of Durham Region, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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Rabbi Tzali Borenstein spoke to this matter earlier in the meeting. See Item 5.10 on pages 11 and 12 of these minutes.

- 5.12 Denise Boudreau, Resident, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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D. Boudreau appeared in support of the proposed motions regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada and Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. D. Boudreau referenced the report "Antisemitism in Canada Report October 14, 2024" by The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism. D. Boudreau stated there is a need to understand the difference between antisemitic incidents and hate crimes. D. Boudreau also stated that it is important to report and measure incidents within the community, and she outlined the steps for a potential protocol.

D. Boudreau responded to questions from the Committee.

- 5.13 Ira Walfish, Resident, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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I. Walfish withdrew his request to appear prior to the meeting.

- 5.14 Ira Walfish, Resident, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
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- 5.15 Sam Eskenasi, Director of Advocacy, La'ad Canada, re: Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate
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S. Eskenasi, participating electronically, appeared in support of the proposed motions regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada and Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate. S. Eskenasi advised that in 2021, La'ad Canada received funding from the Federal government to develop an antisemitism training program for police, first responders and public sector workers. S. Eskenasi spoke about antisemitism and

the feedback La'ad Canada received from participants in the antisemitism training. S. Eskenasi stated that it is important to send a message that we are not going to tolerate or accept the way of thinking about other groups that leads to hate crimes.

- 5.16 Sam Eskenasi, Director of Advocacy, La'ad Canada, re: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
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S. Eskenasi spoke to this matter earlier in the meeting. See Item 5.15 on pages 12 and 13 of these minutes.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Correspondence from Gillian Venning, Trustee Services Coordinator, Durham District School Board, re: DDSB Board of Trustees' Statement of Support for Combatting Jew Hate
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Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,

- (19) That correspondence from Gillian Venning, Trustee Services Coordinator, Durham District School Board, re: DDSB Board of Trustees' Statement of Support for Combatting Jew Hate, be referred to consideration of Item 8.2, Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada.

CARRIED

7. Reports

- 7.1 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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Report #2025-COW-5 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; and R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works; was received.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Woo,

- (20) That we recommend to Council:

- 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:

Project Element	Gross Cost
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
Total	\$2,950,000

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

7.2 Durham Local Immigration Partnership 2025-2030 Community and Inclusion Plan (2025-COW-6)

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 7 and 8 of these minutes.

7.3 Municipal Diversity Plan for the Durham Region Police Service Board
(2025-COW-7)

Report #2025-COW-7 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the composition of the DRPSB Appointments Committee; the current process for appointing citizen members; the approval process for the Municipal Diversity Plan; consultation undertaken with the Durham Regional Police Services Board and the Chief of Police; the definition of Diversity and the meaning of “other ideologies” in the proposed Municipal Diversity Plan and Recruitment Policy for Durham Regional Police Service Board; and the processes for Provincial and Regional Council appointees.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(21) That we recommend to Council:

- 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.

CARRIED

8. Members Motions

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(22) That motion (12) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate and motion (14) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

8.1 Motion regarding Combatting Antisemitism and Protocol for Reporting Non-Criminal Acts of Hate

Discussion ensued with respect to referring the proposed motion to staff for a report and it was requested that the Region discuss this matter with the Town of Whitby Chief Administrative Officer as Whitby Council has passed a similar

motion. In response to a question, E. Baxter-Trahair advised that staff would aim to report back in April 2025.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(12) That we recommend to Council:

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Whereas Regional Council reiterates its support for the past National Action Summit on antisemitism, which had the participation of the Federal, Provincial and local governments; and

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MOTION REFERRED TO STAFF ON A
RECORDED VOTE
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(23) That the foregoing motion (12) be referred to staff for a report.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes
Councillor Anderson

No
Councillor Brenner

Councillor Carter
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Councillor Cook
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

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

Discussion ensued with respect to amending the proposed motion to include exceptions for educational and historical purposes; and looking at the steps that could be taken by the Region and local municipalities as it relates to Regional and municipal property. It was requested that the petition from B'nai Brith Canada be included as an attachment to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(14) That we recommend to Council:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Garrod

Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

8.3 Motion regarding Made in Canada Approach to Procurement

Staff responded to questions with respect to the ability to adjust Regional policies and the timeframe required to make adjustments.

Discussion ensued with respect to the purpose of the motion; the actions currently being undertaken by Regional staff; interprovincial trade; and amending the last paragraph of the proposed motion.

A roll call was conducted to confirm quorum and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Anderson, Barton, Chapman, Collier, Garrod, Jubb, Kerr, Marimpietri, McDougall, Mulcahy, Roy, Shahid and Wotten.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(24) That we recommend to Council:

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 that, Region staff report back as soon as possible, on a "Made in Canada" procurement policy exception in response to tariff threats from the US, should they be implemented; and this motion be forwarded to the Durham member municipalities, FCM and AMO.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A RECORDED VOTE
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,

- (25) That the main motion (24) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada be amended by deleting the last paragraph in its entirety and replacing it with the following paragraphs:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Schummer

No

None

Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (23) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AS AMENDED, ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Neal	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Garrod

Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

8.4 Motion regarding Request for Gun Amnesty in 2025

The motion from Councillors Leahy and Kerr regarding request for gun amnesty in 2025 was not proceeded with at this time.

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(26) That Item 8.4 Motion regarding Request for Gun Amnesty in 2025 be
referred to the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting.
CARRIED

9. Confidential Matters

9.1 Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Social Services – Closed Matter with respect 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 Capital Projects submitted under the Last Mile Funding Program (2025-COW-8)

Confidential Report #2025-COW-8 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(27) That Confidential Report #2025-COW-8 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Ashe	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Leahy	

Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
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Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten

Declarations of Interest: None

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(28) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk