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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:32 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.

Regional Chair Henry thanked Durham Region Transit (DRT) for providing pink ties to members today in honour of Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying. Chair Henry recounted the story of the origin of Pink Shirt Day.

Regional Chair Henry announced that the Region has received national recognition for leadership on climate action, diversity, equity and inclusion through an FCM Sustainable Communities Award. In a truly interdepartmental effort co-led by the Works Department's Transportation Division and the Sustainability team in the CAO's Office Strategic Initiatives Division, with input from numerous other teams, the Region has implemented an innovative flood risk assessment that analyzed existing flood and climate related data with a social equity lens to ensure that transportation assets and financial planning considers increasing flood risks and other climate change impacts, while prioritizing infrastructure that supports vulnerable communities and social services.

2. Roll Call

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster, left the meeting at 11:00 AM and attended the meeting at 12:40 PM
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 9:45 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 Councillors Barton and Yamada.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

Chair Henry announced that the Family Services Division (FSD) of the Social Services Department has been selected by the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) as a recipient of its 2024 Local Municipal Champion Award, which recognizes work that advances excellence in human services integration and service system management. Many of Family Services Durham's services and supports are provided through various collaborations and partnerships that leverage existing expertise and resources to meet the mental health and social care needs of residents in Durham Region.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(15) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on January 29, 2025; and
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 12, 2025

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Jaki MacKinnon, DEAN Member at Large, Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN), re: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Challenge

Jaki MacKinnon, Member at Large, Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN) provided a presentation with respect to the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Challenge. Highlights of the presentation included:

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Friday, June 13, 2025
- Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN)
 - Mission
 - Action
- Elder Abuse is Increasing
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)
 - Purpose
 - Region and local municipalities have participated in past
 - Presenting challenge to Council: Help make WEAAD 2025 the best promoted, best attended and most impactful WEAAD in Durham's history
 - Ask Mayors to sign proclamation on behalf of their municipality
 - Ask Mayors to attend the WEAAD ceremony at the Region and bring others
 - Ask members to take action (hold elder abuse awareness event in your municipality)
 - Ask members to broadly promote on their social media and community engagement platforms

J. MacKinnon responded to questions from members of Council.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Communications

CC 01 Correspondence dated January 29, 2025 from Ray Stanton, President and Chairman, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, re: Notice of 2025 Appointment of a Representative to the RAWF Board of Governors

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(16) That Councillor Pickles be appointed to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors.

CARRIED

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

None

9.4 Report of the Works Committee

1. Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (Host Community Agreement Committee) Membership Appointments (2025-WR-1)
[CARRIED]

A) That the following five applicants (as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-WR-1 of the Commissioner of Works) be appointed for membership on the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026):

- Ashwin Mohan
- Greg Gordon

- Marcus Brennan
- Mike Hewitt
- Rochelle Fleming; and

B) That a copy of Report #2025-WR-1 be forwarded to the Municipality of Clarington for information.

2. Water & Wastewater Equipment Parts Service – Sole Source Approvals (2025-W-4)
[CARRIED]

- A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award sole source agreements in 2025 for the unanticipated or end of life replacement of existing equipment installed at various Water and Wastewater facilities throughout the Regional Municipality of Durham, where using a different manufacturer would require significant structural, electrical, mechanical, communication, instrumentation and other supplementary modifications;
- B) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award sole source agreements in 2025 for maintenance service and parts supply for the existing equipment installed as components of various Water and Wastewater facilities throughout the Regional Municipality of Durham, with terms not to exceed five years;
- C) That financing for the sole source agreements for equipment replacement, maintenance service and parts supply be provided from the approved Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Operating Budgets, at a cost not to exceed \$12,265,000*; and
- D) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary sole source agreements for equipment replacement, maintenance service and parts supply.
(*) before applicable taxes

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,

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

CARRIED

9.5 Report of the Committee of the Whole

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

- 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)
[CARRIED]
- 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.
3. Municipal Diversity Plan for the Durham Regional Police Service Board (2025-COW-7)
[CARRIED]
- 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
[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED, ON A RECORDED VOTE] [SEE MOTION (21) ON PAGE 9]

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, **with the exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes**, 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
[CARRIED]

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.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Carter,

- (18) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 2 and 5 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Carter,

- (19) That the recommendations contained in Item 3 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Carter,

- (20) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

- (21) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole, be amended to more closely reflect the original B'Nai Brith recommendation by adding the words "with the exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes," after the word "banning," in the first operative clause.

CARRIED

The main motion (20) of Councillors Shahid and Carter to adopt the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AS AMENDED, ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman

No

None

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

Members Absent: Councillor Barton

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(22) That the Rules of Procedure be waived in order to introduce a motion
without notice.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE (A 2/3RDS VOTE WAS ATTAINED):

Yes

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

No

None

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

Members Absent: Councillor Barton

Declarations of Interest: None

10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

10.4 Motion Regarding Installment Program for Regional Development Charges [CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AS AMENDED, ON A RECORDED VOTE] [SEE MOTION (27) ON PAGES 13 AND 14]

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(23) Whereas Regional Development Charges are collected on all new
developments across the Region of Durham including residential, industrial
and commercial developments; and

Whereas City of Oshawa has taken a position to exempt industrial developments
from City Development Charges in an effort to support investment leading to job
creation across the City; and

Whereas on February 4, 2025 the United States Government had announced it
would impose a 25 percent tariff on most Canadian goods and a 10 percent tariff on
energy; and

Whereas this initial announcement was postponed by a minimum of 30 days yet the
proposed tariffs continue to create an environment of economic uncertainty and
delay business investment; and

Whereas the Regional Chair and Mayor's of area municipalities released a statement on February 3, 2025 that stated "we align to stand up for our people and businesses" and that "we must safeguard and support the businesses that are the backbone of our local economy and community"; and

Whereas seeking opportunities to support expansion and growth of companies in the Region of Durham is directly aligned to Goal 3.2 of Invest Durham's Ready Set Future economic development strategy; and

Whereas evaluating opportunities to provide financial relief to businesses seeking growth or expansion in the Region of Durham may assist in developing a robust economic ecosystem which can begin to alleviate reliance on global markets and establish made in Canada solutions; and

Whereas the Region of Durham could consider an installment program for the payment of Regional Development Charges on industrial developments to provide a program that could stimulate further development from new and existing businesses in the Region while still accumulating the required funds for the infrastructure needed to service the expansions;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Council direct Finance Services staff to develop an installment program for the payment of Regional Development Charges **on industrial developments** to allow for payment over a five-year period in installments with interest and should the company cease to exist in the future that the Regional Development Charges be added to the property tax bill;

That the program be back dated to be available to industrial developments effective February 1, 2025 to be aligned with support extended under tariff relief programs; and

That Regional staff be directed to amend the associated bylaws required to incorporate the terms of the installment program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED
ON A RECORDED VOTE LATER IN THE MEETING
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(24) That Council recess for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:55 AM and reconvened at 11:10 AM

The Clerk conducted a roll call following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Barton and Neal.

Moved by Councillor Schummer, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(25) That the main motion (23) of Councillors Carter and Marimpietri be referred to staff for a report which implements a Development Charges instalment program and associated by-law amendments, to be presented at a Special Meeting of Regional Council prior to the regular April 2025 Regional Council Meeting.

MOTION DEFEATED ON A RECORDED VOTE
LATER IN THE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(26) That Council recess for 20 minutes.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:51 AM and reconvened at 12:11 PM

The Clerk conducted a roll following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Barton, Foster and Neal.

The referral motion (25) of Councillors Schummer and Anderson was then put to a vote and DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Dies
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Foster

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(27) That the main motion (23) of Councillors Carter and Marimpietri be amended by adding the words “on industrial developments” in the first operative clause so that it now reads as follows:

“That Council direct Finance Services staff to develop an installment program for the payment of Regional Development Charges **on industrial developments** to allow for payment over a five-year period in installments with interest and should the company cease to exist in the future that the Regional Development Charges be added to the property tax bill;”

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 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	

Members Absent: Councillor Foster

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (23) of Councillors Carter and Marimpietri 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 Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Collier	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
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	

Members Absent: Councillor Foster

Declarations of Interest: None

- 10.1 Request for Regional Financial Assistance under the Regional Revitalization Program by Heathrow Group (hereinafter referred to as “Heathrow”) for the Redevelopment at 40 King Street West in the City of Oshawa (2025-COW-9)
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,

(28) A) That the application submitted by the City of Oshawa, on behalf of Heathrow Group. (Heathrow), under the Regional Revitalization Program (RRP), requesting Regional financial assistance for the redevelopment of a vacant office building to a mixed-use commercial/residential rental apartment building located at 40 King Street West in the City of Oshawa be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- i) The Region to provide up to \$1,350,000 for the redevelopment, with funding provided from the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund and transferred to the City of Oshawa for distribution to Heathrow, in accordance with the timing and flow of funds under the RRP:
 - Full building permit issued to Heathrow 50 per cent
 - Framing inspection (or equivalent structural completion), passed by the area municipal building inspection authority 40 per cent
 - Occupancy permit received from the area municipal building authority or passed preoccupancy inspection of those municipalities which do not issue an occupancy permit 10 per cent
- ii) The City of Oshawa executes the necessary agreements with Heathrow for the provision of financial assistance by the City;
- iii) Heathrow 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, Heathrow, in keeping with Regional policies;
- v) Satisfaction of any performance criteria outlined in agreements between the City of Oshawa and Heathrow regarding 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; and

- vii) The City of Oshawa agrees to conduct annual post-project reviews and audits for five years after substantial occupancy of the development of lands, in conjunction with the Region, to ensure accountability and the 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 redevelopment project in the City of Oshawa be used to replenish the Regional Revitalization Reserve Fund.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
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Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Schummer

Members Absent: Councillor Foster

Declarations of Interest: None

10.2 Motion regarding Request for Gun Amnesty in 2025

[REFERRED ON A RECORDED VOTE] [SEE MOTIONS (30) AND (31)]

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

(29) That Whereas the Durham Regional Police have reported a 33% increase in shooting incidents in 2024 over the previous year; and

Whereas community safety is an essential pillar of a thriving and successful municipality; and

Whereas the Durham Regional Council is always concerned with providing residents with the greatest possible opportunities to use best practice tools; and

Whereas not all gun violence is gang violence and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have reported in the past that 80% of all gun deaths are caused by suicide; and

Whereas the recent increase in gun violence is cause for concern of all Durham Region residents; and

Whereas there is a current national gun amnesty related to regulated changes to the criminal code that started in 2020 and will run until October 2025 that affects previously licensed owners of firearms; and

Whereas this amnesty does not cover all devices and firearms that may be in the possession of currently unlicensed owners; and

Whereas the Durham Regional Police Service in co-operation with the Ontario Provincial Police previously held a successful gun amnesty gun surrender event in 2019; and

Whereas some Durham Region residents may be in possession of unwanted firearms that they wish to dispose of in a responsible manner; and

Whereas reducing and eliminating the number of unlicensed, unregistered, and unwanted firearms will contribute to making our Durham Region communities safer; and

Whereas it is the authority of the Chief of the Durham Regional Police Service working with the Chief Firearms Officer of the OPP to determine when and how to conduct a firearms amnesty in their jurisdiction;

Therefore be it resolved that Durham Region Council request the Chief of the Durham Regional Police to consider applying for and conducting a general firearms amnesty for a one month period in the 2025 calendar year; and

That this request be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Services Board for information.

REFERRED TO DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE
SERVICES BOARD
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri
(30) That the main motion (29) of Councillors Leahy and Kerr be amended by adding the following clause to the end:

“That the Chief of Police of the DRPS be requested to report back to Council at his next quarterly update to Council on the total number of firearms seized to gauge the actual effectiveness of the program.”

REFERRED TO DURHAM REGIONAL
POLICE SERVICES BOARD
(See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(31) That the main motion (29) of Councillors Leahy and Kerr and the amending motion (30) of Councillors Lee and Marimpietri be referred to the Durham Regional Police Services Board (DRPSB) for review and then sent back to Council.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE
LATER IN THE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(32) That a vote on the matter be now taken.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy

No

Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

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

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Cook
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

The referral motion (31) of Councillors Crawford and Foster was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

No
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Cook
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

10.3 Pre-Budget Approval for Operating Costs and Confirmation of Federal Investment in Capital for 1635 Dundas Street Phase 2, Whitby (2025-SS-1)

[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Carter,

- (33) A) That in order to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, pre-budget approval be granted to commit to funding operations for 1635 Dundas Street East Phase 2, Whitby with an expected occupancy date of Winter 2026;
- B) That the operating costs be funded through a combination of senior level government investments, potential partner contributions, regional tax base contributions, with any remaining amount being included in the 2026 Business Plans and Budgets to accommodate the commencement of operations projected for Winter 2026;
- C) That the Region of Durham commits to ensuring the full operationalization of all supportive housing units and shelter beds at 1635 Dundas Street East and is committed to providing an annual contribution of approximately \$6.6 million, if no other funding sources are realized or if funding received from other sources falls short, the Region will provide the additional contribution required to fully operate such programs; and
- D) That a copy of Report #2025-SS-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer be provided to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as Regional Council's support to fund the ongoing operational costs related to this project.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr

No

Councillor Schummer
Councillor Yamada

Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Barton
Councillor Cook

Declarations of Interest: None

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

There were no by-laws to be considered.

15. Confirming By-law

2025-010 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 26th day of February, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

(34) That By-law Number 2025-010 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on February 26, 2025 be passed.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
(35) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk