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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Crawford, Chair
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Brenner*
Commissioner Garrod
Commissioner Mulcahy
Commissioner Wotten*
Regional Chair Henry, attended the meeting at 1:58 PM
***denotes Commissioners participating electronically**

Absent: Commissioner Schummer, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Carter

Also
Present: None

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Conway, Program Manager, Sustainability and Strategic Initiatives,
Durham Region Transit
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
K. Hornburg, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region
Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
J. Kilgour, Acting Deputy General Manager, Maintenance, Durham Region
Transit
A. Mak, Supervisor, Financial, Durham Region Transit
D. Margiotta, Manager, Operations Conventional East, Durham Region
Transit
A. Naeem*, Solicitor, Legal Services
J. Phalen, Manager, Policy and Planning, Durham Region Transit
N. Taylor*, Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, and Commissioner of
Finance

P. Uthayakumar, Manager, Infrastructure, Safety and Technology, Durham Region Transit
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
* **denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Election of the Transit Executive Committee Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Transit Executive Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Garrod, Seconded by Commissioner Mulcahy,
(1) That Commissioner Schummer be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Transit Executive Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Mulcahy, Seconded by Commissioner Anderson,
(2) That nominations be closed.
CARRIED

In Commissioner Schummer's absence, the Chair noted that Commissioner Schummer had indicated he would stand as Vice-Chair prior to the Transit Executive Committee meeting.

Commissioner Schummer was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Transit Executive Committee.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Wotten, Seconded by Commissioner Garrod,
(3) That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Bill Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, re: General Manager's Verbal Update

B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit (DRT) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the General Manager's Verbal Update.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- General Manager Information Highlights

- DRT Accessibility Forum, January 14, 2025
- 2024 DRT Highlights
 - Engagement and Change
 - Community Engagement
 - Get Moving with On Demand – Ontario Seniors Grant Project
 - Other Amazing Accomplishments
 - Accessibility/Eligibility at DRT in 2024
 - Operations
 - Maintenance
 - Business Services

B. Holmes responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there are plans for scheduled service accessible to all residents across the Region of Durham; whether specialized services is integrated with On Demand service, and if On Demand vehicles are equipped to accommodate individuals with accessibility needs; whether DRT can prioritize public transit trips based on the purpose of the trip; the factors that may be contributing to the increase in collisions in the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa; and whether the increase in collisions affects insurance coverage.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

7. Correspondence

There were no communication items considered.

8. Reports

A) General Manager's Report – February 2025 (2025-DRT-01)

Report #2025-DRT-01 from B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, Seconded by Commissioner Mulcahy,
(4) That Report #2025-DRT-01 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 DRT's Product Sourcing Practices

Discussion ensued with regards to whether DRT currently sources Canadian products; if DRT is exploring the possibility of sourcing more products from Canada; and what DRT's purchasing policy involves.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Transit Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 1:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, Seconded by Commissioner Brenner,
(5) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

M. Crawford, Chair

S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk