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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, April 23, 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.

Councillor Foster assumed the Chair.

#### **1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment and National Anthem**

Acting Regional Chair Foster 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.

Acting Chair Foster asked all members to rise if able for the playing of O Canada and a moment of personal reflection.

Acting Chair Foster congratulated Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development, on his upcoming retirement and noted that this is Brian's last Council meeting. On behalf of Regional Council, Acting Chair Foster thanked Brian for the important planning related work that has been undertaken over the years, and added that it has been a pleasure working with Brian. Councillor Chapman thanked Brian on behalf of the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee and personally thanked Brian for his support and guidance over the years and the hard work that was done with the Envision Durham project; and wished Brian well in retirement.

## 2. Roll Call

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe\*  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook\*  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Regional Chair Henry\*  
Councillor Jubb\*  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy\*  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri attended the meeting at 9:45 AM  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy\*  
Councillor Nicholson\*  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo\*  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada\*  
Acting Regional Chair Foster

**\* indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person**

All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors Carter, Marimpietri and Neal.

## 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

## 4. Adoption of Minutes

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

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on March 26, 2025;
- Closed Regional Council meeting held on March 26, 2025;

- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 19, 2025; and
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 9, 2025.

CARRIED

## 5. Presentations

### 5.1 Troy Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services re: Ontario Paramedic Bravery Medal Presentation

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T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, stated that since its inception in 2015 and the subsequent transition to official medal status, only 79 paramedics have been recognized for the Ontario Paramedic Bravery Medal. The nominees go through a rigorous committee review before being chosen and consist of paramedics who have demonstrated great bravery without concern for their own personal safety, risking their lives to save others.

T. Cheseboro advised that in Durham Region there are 4 paramedics who have received this recognition and added that despite not all paramedics having received this recognition, the work performed by all paramedics is often done with a complete disregard for their own safety to ensure help is provided to those that need it.

T. Cheseboro announced Advanced Care Paramedic Nicole Gilchrist and Primary Care Paramedic Lynne Ross, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, as medal recipients. T. Cheseboro stated that on the night of June 7, 2015, paramedics Lynne Ross and Nicole Gilchrist noticed an individual sitting on a bridge railing, with their feet dangling over the side, facing a ravine where the drop to the creek below was about 100 feet. By quickly approaching the individual and persistently holding on to them, even at the risk of being pulled over the bridge themselves, they prevented the individual from committing suicide.

T. Cheseboro also announced Paramedic Petrus Kuypers, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, as a medal recipient. T. Cheseboro stated that on November 24, 2018, Paramedic Kuypers was caring for a patient in an ambulance on the way to a hospital who was experiencing mental health distress and had hurt themselves by lacerating their neck with a razor blade. The patient had subsequently hidden the razor in their mouth and while in the ambulance again tried to hurt themselves. Paramedic Kuypers restrained the patient's hand and struggled with them to gain control of the razor blade while calling for help. As the police boarded the ambulance and took over, Paramedic Kuypers fought to control the patient's bleeding and continued to care for them until they arrived at the hospital.

Council recognized the bravery shown by each of the award recipients.

**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**

1. The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Call for Board of Health Nominations (2025-MOH-3)  
[CARRIED]

A) That the nomination of Councillor Elizabeth Roy for election to the alPHa Board of Directors for a two-year term to represent the Central East Region be endorsed; and

**B) That Councillor Pickles and Councillor Anderson be identified to sponsor the nomination and complete the nomination form.**

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (66) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #2 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted and that Councillors Pickles and Anderson be identified as the two sponsors of Councillor Roy's nomination.

CARRIED

**9.3 Report of the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee**

None.

#### 9.4 Report of the Works Committee

1. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services for the Implementation of the Ephyra® Technology and Post Implementation Support for Digester #2 at the Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant in the Municipality of Clarington (2025-W-7)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That staff be authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with CIMA+ Canada Inc. for engineering services for the design and construction of the Ephyra® technology as part of the proposed upgrade of Digester #2 at Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant, with an upset limit of \$2,150,000\*, to be financed from within the approved project budget;
  - B) That staff be authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with Royal Haskoning DHV to provide operational and process optimization support following the commissioning of the Ephyra® technology, for a period of five years, at an upset limit of \$850,000, to be financed from the approved operating budget; and
  - C) That the Commissioner of Finance or designate be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source agreements.  
(\* ) before applicable taxes
2. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located in the City of Pickering (2025-W-8)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That staff be authorized to award a sole source contract to Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions for the provision of engineering field services for the Incineration Equipment Inspection, Process Monitoring and On-Site Support for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, in the amount of \$300,000\*, to be financed from within the approved project budget;
  - B) That staff be authorized to award a sole source contract to Metro Connect International Inc. for the provision of engineering services for the Incineration Process Control Programming, Commissioning and Support for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, in the amount of \$430,000\*, to be financed from within the approved project budget; and

- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements and associated amendments related to the sole source agreements.  
(\* ) before applicable taxes

3. Approval of Unbudgeted Capital Project and Financing to Undertake the Stage 3 Influent Pumping Station Toshiba Control System Upgrades for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering (2025-W-9)  
[CARRIED]

- A) That the unbudgeted capital project in the amount of \$90,000\* for the design of the Stage 3 Influent Pumping Station Toshiba Control System Upgrades for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, located in the City of Pickering, be approved; and
- B) That financing in the amount of \$90,000\* be provided from the following source:

**2025 Sanitary Sewerage Capital Budget**

Item 424: Allowance for unknown requirements

User Revenue	\$90,000*
(* ) before applicable taxes	

4. Sole Source Procurement of Engineering Services Support for the SCADA Division's Design Group (2025-W-10)  
[CARRIED]

- A) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Eramosa Engineering Ltd. to provide engineering services support for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Design Group for an amount not to exceed \$172,000\*; to be financed from savings in the approved 2025 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Operating Budgets; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary engineering services agreement.  
(\* ) before applicable taxes

5. Approval for Unbudgeted Capital Work and Financing for the Refurbishment of Four Vehicle Hoists at Durham Region Transit East Bus Repair Garage in the City of Oshawa (2025-W-11)  

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[CARRIED]

- A) That approval be granted for unbudgeted capital work in the amount not to exceed \$800,000 to refurbish four vehicle hoists at the Durham Region Transit East bus repair garage located in the City of Oshawa; and
- B) That financing in the amount of \$800,000 for the construction of the proposed refurbishment be provided from the following sources:

**2025 Approved Transit Capital Budget**

Tire-Bay Hoist Replacement (Project ID: H2515)

General Tax	\$450,000
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**Previously Approved Financing**

**2022 Transit Capital Budget**

Hoist Replacement (Project ID: H2221)

Provincial Gas Tax	\$167,000
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**2021 Transit Capital Budget**

Bus Wash Replacement (Project ID H2102)

Provincial Gas Tax	\$30,000
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**2019 Transit Capital Budget**

Facility Rehab Works (Project ID H1918)

General Tax	\$87,000
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Facility Rehab Main Shop (Project ID H1919)

General Tax	<u>\$66,000</u>
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Total Previously Approved Financing	\$350,000
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<b>Total Reallocated Financing</b>	<b><u>\$800,000</u></b>
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6. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – Proposed or Pending Acquisition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to Property in the Township of Brock (2025-W-12)  
[CARRIED]

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-W-12 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (67) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 5 and 6 of Report #4 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

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

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (69) That the recommendations contained in Item 3 of Report #4 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

- (70) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #4 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

## 9.5 Report of the Committee of the Whole

1. Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements (2025-COW-17)  
[CARRIED]

A) That Regional Council endorse the enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17 of the Chief Administrative Officer, including:

- i) Introducing services to support Durham Region residents in undertaking “weather-ready” home renovations that reduce the impacts and potential costs associated with extreme weather events on their homes through expert advice, program funding supports, industry training, and community engagement; and

- ii) Introducing a direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program, led by the Region and based on authority granted under the Municipal Act (2001), and associated Ontario Regulations 322/12 and 586/06 which authorizes municipalities to make available a Local Improvement Charge (LIC) financing option for energy and water retrofits on private property, subject to the Region successfully renegotiating the existing Grant and Loan Loss Reserve funding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through their Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) program to enable funds to be redirected towards home energy and water retrofit loan financing program;
- B) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with the Windfall Ecology Centre to deliver the proposed weather-ready enhancements through existing Durham Greener Homes Program supported by approved operating funding for a period of up to four (4) years (April 2025-March 2029);
- C) That Regional Council direct staff to prepare and submit a funding proposal through FCM's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program Financing Adaptation Stream anticipated to launch in Fall 2025 to support the full implementation of the Durham Greener Homes Program weather-ready program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- D) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other partners, in forms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance, to support implementation of the Program enhancements outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- E) That debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities not to exceed \$2 million be approved to implement the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program outlined in Recommendation A) ii);
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer, Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into any loan agreements or execute other documents that may be required to receive the debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- G) That approval be granted for the requisite by-laws to receive loan or grant financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance the Durham Greener Homes Program and the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program; and

- H) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-17 be forwarded to local area municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Durham Region Home Builders' Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for their information.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,  
(71) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #4 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED

**10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions**

There were no Departmental Reports and Other Resolutions.

**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.

**15. Confirming By-law**

2025-015 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(72) That By-law Number 2025-015 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on April 23, 2025 be passed.

CARRIED

**16. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Collier,  
(73) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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Adrian Foster, Acting Regional Chair

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Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk