Report #3 of the Finance & Administration Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

June 25, 2025

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. <u>Community-Based Hate Reporting Program (2025-A-4)</u>

   A) That Council approve the development of a community-based hate reporting program;

   B) That Council approve the expenditure of $50,000 to fund this project;

   C) That Council request that the Durham Regional Police Service Board publicly report a summary of hate activity data on an annual basis; and

   D) That Council request that the Durham Regional Police Service Board direct staff to consult religious and cultural groups when developing antihate initiatives.

2. Administrative Penalty System for Contraventions Detected Using Camera Systems (2025-A-5)

   A) That Council authorize the Commissioner of Legal Services and Regional Solicitor to take all necessary steps to establish a Regional Administrative Penalty System (APS) for automated speed enforcement offences and red-light camera offences laid under the Highway Traffic Act;

   B) That the Commissioner of Legal Services and Regional Solicitor be authorized to execute any agreements as required to implement the APS with the Province and other entities;

   C) That approval be granted for unbudgeted capital work in the amount not to exceed $400,000 for the development of a case management system for the implementation of the APS to be funded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;

   D) That the Commissioner of Legal Services and Regional Solicitor report back to Council when the system is ready for implementation; and

   E) That all necessary by-laws be enacted to give effect to Council's direction.

3. <u>Succession Management Biennial Update (2025-A-6)</u>

   That Report #2025-A-6 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be received for information.

4.   <u>2025 Electric Bus Procurement and Budget (2025-F-10)</u>

That the 2025 approved capital project budget for the purchase of 18 battery electric buses be increased by $650,000, from $29,410,575 to $30,060,575 with the $650,000 in additional financing to be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.

5.   <u>Tariff Response Tourism Program Funding (2025-F-11)</u>

That one-time funding in the amount of $250,000 be provided from the Economic Development Reserve Fund to be used for:

A)   A tariff response tourism promotional campaign related to the new Discovery Guide; and

B)   Other related economic development and tourism initiatives planned for 2025 that address local economic impacts on small businesses in Durham caused by the tariff dispute primarily between Canada and the United States.

6.   <u>Indexing of Regional Development Charges (2025-F-13)</u>

A)   That the pending 3.8 per cent indexing of the Regional development charges in By-law #42-2023 (Regional Residential and Non-residential Development Charges) and By-law #39-2022 (Regional Transit Development Charge) that is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2025 be deferred until November 1, 2025;

B)   That as Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 has amended the Development Charges Act, 1997 to enable municipalities to amend development charge by-laws to waive indexing without certain procedural requirements, that by-laws to amend By-law #42-2023 and By-law #39-2022, generally in the form included as Attachment #6 and Attachment #7 to Report #2025-F-13 of the Commissioner of Finance, to reflect Recommendation A) of Report #2025-F-13 be approved;

C)   That staff report back to Regional Council in the Fall of 2025 on whether a further deferral of indexing beyond November 1, 2025, is recommended.

7.   Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Finance – Proposed Acquisition of a Property in the City of Oshawa for Durham Regional Police Service Purposes (2025-F-12)

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

Respectfully submitted,

K. Ashe, Chair, Finance & Administration Committee