

## Report #2 of the Finance & Administration Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

March 01, 2023

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan ([2023-A-4](#))

- A) That Report #2023-A-4 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information as The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2022 Annual Report; and
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2023 Workplan be approved.

2. Appointment of new members to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) ([2023-A-5](#))

That the following people be appointed to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Mr. Jim McEwen – Community member; and

Mr. Adam Blum – community member.

3. Investment Portfolio Update ([2023-F-4](#))

That staff continue to investigate alternatives for transitioning to the prudent investor standard to assess its suitability for the Region's portfolio.

4. Transit Service and Financing Strategy ([2023-F-5](#))

- A) That the 10-year plan to phase investment in transit service enhancements, electrification, and new facilities and amenities be approved in principle subject to annual investment approvals through the Region's business planning and budget process, and that the 10-year plan be reviewed every four years or earlier as necessary in consideration of new information that may impact plan delivery, financing and timelines; and
- B) That given the current level of funding to Durham Region Transit supports a significantly lower service level than that provided by our comparators, and that the 10-year plan requires a long term, not a one year commitment, to achieve the outcomes needed, that annual incremental increases for Durham Region Transit be acknowledged at a starting increase of approximately 2 per cent per year on the overall Regional tax levy with a

goal to incorporate new funding opportunities that may arise annually to smooth annual tax levy impacts where possible; and

- C) That staff enhance advocacy for sustained, incremental, targeted funding from the Provincial and Federal governments to support the funding gaps identified in this 10-year plan; and
- D) That the General Manager of Durham Region Transit and the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to implement a 2023 charter service rate for standard 12 metre transit buses on a cost recovery basis at \$925.00 per hour for a minimum four hour booking, with a rate of \$505.00 for each additional bus and \$130.00 for each additional hour; and
- E) That the proposed DRT Fare Structure listed in Attachment #2 to Report #2023-F-5 of the Commissioner of Finance be approved establishing a base adult fare and associated discount for trip rates for each fare category ensuring the proportional application of any future adjustments to the base fare is maintained; and
- F) That DRT fares be adjusted with a \$0.10 increase to the base fare to take effect on July 1, 2023 as detailed in Attachment #2 to Report #2023-F-5.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Ashe, Chair, Finance & Administration Committee