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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Finance and Administration Committee
From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2026-F-4
Date: March 10, 2026

Subject:

2026 Unbudgeted Capital Request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board for Improvements to Existing Facilities

Recommendation:

That the Finance and Administration Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board for unbudgeted capital improvements at existing police facilities in the amount of \$4,500,000 be approved; and
 - B) That \$2,304,348 be financed from the projected 2025 Durham Regional Police Service surplus, with the balance of \$2,195,652 to be financed first from savings identified within the approved 2026 Durham Regional Police Service Budget, with any remaining balance to be brought forward as part of future Durham Regional Police Services Business Plans and Budgets.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee and Council of a 2026 unbudgeted capital request received from the Durham Regional Police Service Board for capital improvements at existing police facilities.

2. Request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board

- 2.1 As noted in Confidential Attachment #1 and Confidential Attachment #2, the Durham Regional Police Service Board, at their December 16, 2025, meeting, approved the unbudgeted capital request of \$4,500,000 to address improvements at existing police facilities identified through a 2026 assessment.

3. Unbudgeted Capital Request for Facility Improvements at Existing Facilities

- 3.1 Regional Staff received Confidential Correspondence (Confidential Attachment #1) from the Chair of the Police Services Board on December 19, 2025, advising of an unbudgeted capital request totaling \$4.5 million for improvements at existing facilities. Confidential Attachment #2 to this Report is a redacted copy of the December 16, 2025 Confidential Report to the Durham Regional Police Services Board on the unbudgeted capital request and provides additional details on this capital budget request.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Section 15.2 of the Region's Budget Management Policy indicates that for capital projects of the Durham Regional Police Service Board, the CAO and Finance Department shall be consulted and a report to the Finance and Administration Committee and Council that provides an appropriate business case, including items such as revenue projections, financing risks and sensitivity analysis, shall be submitted for approval.
- 4.2 The total capital request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board is for \$4,500,000. It is recommended that the Durham Regional Police Service's projected 2025 surplus of \$2,304,348 be allocated to this project. The remaining \$2,195,652 is recommended to be funded from savings to be identified within the approved 2026 Durham Regional Police Service Budget, with any remaining balance to be brought forward as part of future Durham Regional Police Service Business Plans and Budgets.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Directions and Pathways in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Connected and Vibrant Communities
 - C1. Align Regional infrastructure and asset management with projected growth, climate impacts, and community needs.
 - b. Strong Relationships
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 In accordance with the Budget Management Policy, this request by the Durham Regional Police Service Board has been brought to Finance and Administration Committee for their consideration.

7. Attachments

- 7.1 Confidential Attachment #1: Confidential Letter from Durham Regional Police Service Board Chair Collier re In Camera Report to the Durham Regional Police Service Board
- 7.2 Confidential Attachment #2: In Camera Report to the Durham Regional Police Service Board

Respectfully submitted,

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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