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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Works Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Councillor Barton assumed the Chair.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.  
\* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

##### Members

Present: Councillor Barton, Chair  
Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Cook\*  
Councillor Lee\*  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Regional Chair Henry

##### Also

Present: Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Wotten\*

##### Members

Absent: Councillor Foster was absent on municipal business

Staff Present: N. Andres, E. Baxter-Trahair, S. Dessureault, D. Dunn, A. Evans, M. Hubble, A. Hurst, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, J. Kilgour, B. McWade, N. Prasad, L. Saha\*, K. Smith, D. Waechter, R. Woon

#### **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

##### Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, be adopted.

**Carried**

#### **4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

#### **5. Presentations**

- 5.1 Dan Waechter, Director, Capital Projects Delivery; Adam Hurst, Manager, Sustainable Infrastructure; and Ben McWade, Manager, Construction Management Services  
Re: Advancing Predictive Analytics for Water and Wastewater Asset Management

Dan Waechter, Director, Capital Projects Delivery; Adam Hurst, Manager, Sustainable Infrastructure; and Ben McWade, Manager, Construction Management Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Advancing Predictive Analytics for Water and Wastewater Asset Management.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Organization Chart
- What is Asset Management?
- Why This Matters
- Can this happen here?
- Why did it break?
- Vertical Asset Management
- Linear Asset Management
- Rehabilitation Design
- Linear Rehab & Maintenance
- Capital Budget
- Looking Ahead

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding asset management and infrastructure planning including: the purpose of the presentation; impacts on taxpayers; budget allocation between asset management and growth; how asset management data and system improvements are reported to Council; how risks are assessed; how infrastructure condition and age are tracked and mapped; how high-risk areas are identified and prioritized for funding; funding responsibilities between upper- and lower-tier municipalities; the use of development charges; implications of deferring asset management in favour of growth; lessons learned from major pipe failures elsewhere, and how emergency repairs and infrastructure upgrades are monitored and managed to reduce future risk.

Councillor Nicholson requested that information be provided on where emergency (unplanned) repairs are primarily being done to help coordinate Regional repair works with local municipal road works. D. Waechter advised this coordination happens regularly. R. Jagannathan advised he would discuss with staff to determine appropriate formatting for the information.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Waste**

7.1 Correspondence

There were no Waste communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Waste reports to consider.

**8. Works**

8.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from Doug Glass, Ajax resident, re: Report #2026-W-5: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2025 Summary Report
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Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
That correspondence received from Doug Glass, Ajax resident, regarding Report #2026-W-5: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2025 Summary Report be referred to consideration of Item 8.2 A).

**Carried**

8.2 Reports

- A) The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2025 Summary Report  
([2026-W-5](#))
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Report #2026-W-5 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to a question from the Committee regarding why certain Drinking Water Systems are listed as "Not compliant".

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,  
That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the 2025 Summary Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham Drinking Water Systems be received for information;

- B) That receipt of Report #2026-W-5 of the Commissioner of Works be confirmed by resolution of Regional Council; and
- C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' York-Durham District Office to indicate that the conditions of Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been fulfilled.

**Carried**

## 9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

## 10. Confidential Matters

### 10.1 Reports

- A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to a Property Located in the City of Oshawa (2026-W-6)

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Confidential Report #2026-W-6 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to a question from the Committee regarding when the properties listed in Confidential Report #2026-W-6 and #2026-W-7 will be disclosed to the public; how the information will become public record; and whether an information sheet can be provided to Council to indicate what information can be shared with the public.

Motion #11

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,  
That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2026-W-6 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

**Carried**

- B) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to a Property Located in the Town of Whitby for the Durham Region Police Service (2026-W-7)

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Confidential Report #2026-W-7 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Motion #12

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,  
That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2026-W-7 of the  
Commissioner of Works be adopted.

**Carried**

**11. Other Business**

11.1 Women in Construction Week

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Regional Chair Henry advised that it was Women in Construction Week and  
thanked all of the teams that work in the field.

11.2 Simcoe Street South Road Closure

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Councillor Nicholson stated that due to the closure of Simcoe Street South in  
Oshawa for construction on the Metrolinx project, the traffic on Olive Street,  
Ritson Road and neighbourhoods in the area are seeing a huge increase in traffic  
and are becoming dangerous for residents, and requested that staff take steps to  
help reduce the impact of increased traffic in the area.

R. Jagannathan advised he would review the matter.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional  
Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion #13

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Barton  
Chair

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K. Smith  
Committee Clerk