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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
**Finance & Administration Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:34 AM

Councillor Ashe assumed the Chair.

**1. Roll Call**

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

Members

Present: Councillor Ashe, Chair  
Councillor Garrod, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Leahy\*  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Pettingill\*  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Neal\*

Staff Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, J. Biersteker\*, T. Fetter\*, L. Fleury, T. Fraser, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, J. Leonard\*, K. McDermott, N. Pincombe, M. Simpson\*, K. Smith, S. Vamathevan

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,  
That the minutes of the regular Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, be adopted.

**Carried**

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Administration**

**7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

**7.2 Reports**

**A) Information Technology Equipment and Cabling Standardizations  
([2026-A-6](#))**

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Report #2026-A-6 from Barb Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received.

B. Goodwin advised that standardization is being recommended for various reasons including cost optimization, operational efficiency, risk mitigation and agility.

Motion #16

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

- A) That Lenovo's suite of end user computing devices be approved as the corporate standard until December 31, 2031, to ensure compatibility and efficient maintenance and support of the existing devices;
- B) That Apple iOS-based mobile devices be approved as the corporate standard until December 31, 2031, to ensure secure lifecycle management and a consistent end user experience; and
- C) That the standardization of Belden for replacement, upgrade, addition, and new implementation of networking and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) cabling for Regional facilities be extended for six years, until December 31, 2031.

**Carried**

**B) Approval of 2026 to 2030 meeting schedule and the First Meeting of Regional Council following the 2026 Municipal Elections  
([2026-A-7](#))**

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Report #2026-A-7 from Barb Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received.

Motion #17

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

- A) That the Regional Clerk be directed to prepare a by-law to provide for the First Meeting of Regional Council to be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, Whitby;
- B) That the monthly Regional Council and Standing Committee meeting schedule outlined in Section 5.1 of Report #2026-A-7 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted for the 2026 to 2030 term of Council; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2026-A-7 be forwarded to the Clerks of the Area Municipalities for their information.

**Carried**

**8. Finance**

8.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from Mike Bradley, Mayor, City of Sarnia to The Premier of Ontario, re: Requesting the province to consider giving municipal councils more authority to adjust police service budget proposals to reduce municipal financial vulnerability
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Motion #18

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,  
That the correspondence received from Mike Bradley, Mayor, City of Sarnia to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario regarding requesting that the province consider giving municipal councils more authority to adjust police service budget proposals to reduce municipal financial vulnerability be referred to Regional Council.

**Carried**

- B) Information Report #2026-INFO-009 of the Commissioner of Finance, re: Economic Update – Anxiety and Hope Ahead of the Formal Renegotiation of the 2026 Canada – U.S. – Mexico Trade Agreement
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Staff responded to questions with respect to supply management as it pertains to the agricultural sector.

Councillor Neal requested that Report #2026-INFO-009 be referred to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee for their review and comment if appropriate.

Motion #19

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
That Information Report #2026-INFO-009 of the Commissioner of Finance regarding Economic Update – Anxiety and Hope Ahead of the

Formal Renegotiation of the 2026 Canada – U.S. – Mexico Trade Agreement, be referred to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment.

**Carried**

- C) Correspondence from Doug Glass, Durham Resident, re: Report #2026-F-4 – Unbudgeted Capital Request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board
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Motion #20

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
That the correspondence received from Doug Glass, Durham Resident regarding Report #2026-F-4 – Unbudgeted Capital Request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board be referred to the consideration of Report #2026-F-4 of the Commissioner of Finance.

**Carried**

## 8.2 Reports

- A) The Remuneration and Expenses in 2025 of Members of Regional Council and Regional Council Appointees to Local Boards, as Required by Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25  
([2026-F-3](#))
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Report #2026-F-3 from Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Motion #21

Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2026-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

**Carried**

- B) 2026 Unbudgeted Capital Request from the Durham Regional Police Service Board for Improvements to Existing Facilities  
([2026-F-4](#))
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Report #2026-F-4 from Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

N. Pincombe advised that a request was received from the Durham Region Police Service Board (DRPSB) for unbudgeted capital funds for facility improvements.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the surplus funds; and why this request was not brought forward during the budget deliberations.

Motion #22

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
That we recommend to 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.

**Carried**

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**11. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Finance & Administration Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion #23

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

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Ashe  
Chair

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L. Fleury  
Deputy Clerk