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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, L. Fleury, Legislative Officer, called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to appoint a Chair for the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,

(31) That Councillor Drew be appointed as Acting Chair for the April 12, 2022 Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Drew assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Drew
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Dies
Councillor Wotten

Absent: Councillor Foster, Chair
Councillor Collier, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services – Legal
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services - IT
C. Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

L. Fleury, Legislative Officer and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem, Corporate Services
– Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(32) That the minutes of the regular Finance & Administration Committee
meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

7. Administration

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from the Town of Ajax re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 28, 2022, in support of Bill C-229, the Banning Symbols of Hate Act

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(33) That Correspondence from the Town of Ajax re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 28, 2022, in support of Bill C-229, the Banning Symbols of Hate Act be received for information.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence from the Town of Ajax re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 28, 2022, in support of the NCCM Anti-Islamophobia Municipal Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(34) That Correspondence from the Town of Ajax re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 28, 2022, in support of the NCCM

Anti-Islamophobia Municipal Recommendations be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) The Regional Municipality of Durham 2022-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2022-A-7)

Report #2022-A-7 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received. E. Baxter-Trahair thanked the Committee for developing the Plan and noted that Durham 311 is a significant step towards greater accessibility. Councillor Mulcahy, as the Council member representative on the Committee, also thanked the Committee for the fantastic work they do and noted how valued their contributions are.

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

That the Regional Municipality of Durham 2022-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Community Member Appointment to the Durham Regional Police Services Board (2022-A-8)

Report #2022-A-8 from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(36) That we recommend to Council:

A) That the proposed Durham Regional Police Services Board Community Member Appointment Recruitment and Selection Policy included as Attachment #1 to Report #2022-A-8 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be approved; and

B) That the term of appointment for the current community member on the Durham Regional Police Services Board be extended to no later than the date that a new community member is appointed by Regional Council.

CARRIED

C) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce 2022 Workplan (2022-A-9)

Report #2022-A-9 from E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received. E. Baxter-Trahair advised that she is a member on the Taskforce and noted that the Workplan includes four pillars that are achievable during this term.

She added that the Taskforce has already provided incredible advice to the Region.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(37) That we recommend to Council:

That the 2022 Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Workplan, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2022-A-9 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be approved.

CARRIED

D) Council Approval of Procedures for Electronic Participation at Committee and Regional Council (2022-A-10)

Report #2022-A-10 from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received. D. Beaton noted that the procedures formalize what is already occurring during meetings. D. Beaton responded to a question with respect to the process for hybrid meetings which will include both in-person and remote participants. He explained that those participating in Council Chambers will use their devices for the camera function and will use the microphones and speakers in the room, and those participating remotely will continue in the same manner as present.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(38) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the attached procedures/practices for Electronic Participation be approved; and
- B) That the Regional Clerk, in consultation with the Regional Chair, be given the authority to make future revisions to the procedures for Electronic Participation, as required.

CARRIED

E) Policy regarding Appointments to Conservation Authorities (2022-A-11)

Report #2022-A-11 from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received. D. Beaton responded to a question with respect to whether the Conservation Authorities will be responsible for appointing representatives from the agricultural community.

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

- A) That the Regional policy regarding appointments to Conservation Authorities be amended by deleting the words "or appoint a citizen representative" so that the policy would read as follows:

“That only elected officials be appointed to the Conservation Authorities and further, that only members of Regional Council be appointed unless the municipalities have insufficient Regional Council representation, they shall be permitted to appoint a local Councillor to the Conservation Authority.”;
and

- B) That a copy of Report #2022-A-11 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.

CARRIED

F) Appointment of Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Durham (2022-A-12)

Report #2022-A-12 from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received. D. Beaton advised that a very competitive process was held to recruit a Regional Clerk and he is pleased to announce that Alexander Harras was the successful candidate. He welcomed Alexander and thanked Cheryl Bandel for her efforts in acting as the Regional Clerk during the recruitment process. Chair Drew thanked C. Bandel as well and welcomed A. Harras.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Ashe,
(40) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Alexander Harras be appointed as Regional Clerk, effective April 27, 2022; and
B) That the necessary by-law to give effect to the foregoing appointment be prepared by Corporate Services – Legal Services.

CARRIED

8. Finance

8.1 Correspondence

8.2 Reports

There were no Finance Reports.

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce

- A) Resolution regarding DRART Letter of Support for Racialized Ukrainian Immigrants
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Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
(41) That we recommend to Council:

That a letter be sent from the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce to Regional Council and Durham MPs regarding the Federal government's decision to open the immigration programs in response to the war to Ukrainian citizens only and leave other groups who live in Ukraine who are refugees and immigrants, and who are mostly racialized, that do not have access to come to Canada.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Use of Russian Products

Regional Chair Henry advised that he has been in discussion with N. Taylor with respect to how to stop the use of Russian steel or other Russian products through the Region's Purchasing By-law.

N. Taylor advised that in conjunction with Corporate Services – Legal, the Finance Department is investigating the option of amending the Purchasing By-law to require any company bidding on a Regional project to disclose if anyone included on a Sanctions List is part of their supply chain.

Regional Chair Henry suggested that direction be given to staff to continue to work on this initiative and the Committee consented.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Finance & Administration Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(42) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Drew, Acting Chair

L. Fleury, Legislative Officer