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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

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

Present: Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Grant  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McLean  
Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at 10:07 AM  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

**\* all members of Council, except the Regional Chair and Councillor Marimpietri, participated electronically**

All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Anderson, Collier, John Neal, and Joe Neal.

**Staff**

Present: D. Beaton, B. Bridgeman\*, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Demanuele, J. Dixon, B. Holmes\*, J. Hunt\*, R. Inacio, G. Muller, D. Nagy, N. Taylor\*, C. Bandel, A. Harras, N. Prasad, K. Smith  
\*denotes staff participating electronically

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**4. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to be considered.

**7. Reports**

**A) Updated Construction Cost Estimate and Additional Capital Financing for the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project (2022-COW-11)**

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Report #2022-COW-11 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and J. Demanuele, Acting Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to continuing with the modular build of the project; the scenario if the motion were to be referred back to staff; the reason for the recent increase in costs; potential cost increases due to unexpected delays or issues; having to obtain a new design for the project; a comparison of a modular build versus putting the project to tender; grant funding received for the project; cost increases due to inflation; delays of the project; long-term operation costs; operating costs for utilities; competition with other municipalities; the possibility of requesting grant increases from the Province; the increase in homelessness; tender processes; the cost of inflation per month; and when the Provincial funding for the project will expire.

Discussion ensued with respect to how this project compares to the micro-homes in Oshawa; providing comparisons of similar modular builds; other potential ways for cost sharing and saving; ; the process of identifying the need for the facility and where it should be built; post COVID-19 construction costs; the need for more affordable housing in Durham Region; and operating costs.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(22) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the total project budget for the construction of the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project, in the Township of Brock, be increased from a project budget of \$13,552,990 by \$11,672,010, for a revised project budget of \$25,225,000;
- B) That Year 4 (2022-23) Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative funding allocation in the amount of \$3,343,000 be allocated to the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
- C) That the total estimated project cost of S\$25,225,000 be financed as follows:

**Previously Approved Financing (Project ID: G2016)**

Social Housing Reserve Fund	\$7,932,090
Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (years 2 and 3)	<u>5,620,900</u>
<b>Total Previously Approved Financing</b>	<b><u>\$13,552,990</u></b>

**Additional Financing**

Reallocation of Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative time-limited funding to other projects due to delays	\$(5,620,900)
2022-2023 Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Funding	3,343,000
Social Services Relief Fund – Phase 4	6,336,813
One-time allocation from the 2021 Property Tax Surplus (Capital Impact component)	<u>7,313,097</u>
<b>Total Additional Financing</b>	<b><u>11,672,010</u></b>

**Total Revised Project Financing** **\$25,225,000**

CARRIED LATER IN THE MEETING  
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Grant,  
(23) That the main motion (22) of Councillors Lee and Barton be referred back to staff to put out a Request for Proposal and bring back to the Committee at the first opportunity.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE  
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Grant  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Smith

No

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McLean  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (22) of Councillors Lee and Barton was then put to a vote and  
CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford

No

Councillor Grant

Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
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Members Absent: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor John Neal  
Councillor Joe Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

**8. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**9. Other Business**

**9.1 Livestream Link of the May 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Councillor Foster requested that staff send the link of the livestream of today's Committee of the Whole meeting to all members of Council prior to the May 25, 2022 Council meeting to assist with questions asked during the meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor McLean,  
(24) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair

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Committee Clerk