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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

A regular meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:34 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Ashe, Chair
Councillor Leahy, Vice-Chair
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Collier*
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Foster* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Kerr* attended for part of the meeting
Councillor Mulcahy*
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Roy
***denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
G. Anello, Director, Waste Management
J. Austin, Deputy General Manager – Transit Support Services
S. Austin, Director, Strategic Initiatives
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development
T. Fetter, Director, Business Services, DRPS
P. Frizado, Director, Economic Development
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
A. Harras, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
W. Holmes, General Manager, DRT

J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services
J. Presta, Commissioner of Works
J. Demanuele, Director, Corporate Infrastructure and Strategic Business Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R. Jagannathan, Director, Transportation and Field Services
L. McIntosh, Director, Children’s Services and IESD
S. McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, DRPS
G. Muller, Director of Planning
L. Huinink, Director of Rapid Transit & Transit Oriented Development
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning & Budgets
T. Rollauer, Chief, DRPS
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Fleury, Legislative Officer and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Woo made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.4 B) Report #2023-F-9: The 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit, as it pertains to Departmental Operations. He indicated that he has a relative that works in the Social Services Department.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(20) That the minutes of the regular Finance & Administration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 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 was no correspondence.

7.2 Reports

A) Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) membership appointments (2023-A-6)

Report #2023-A-6 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, seconded by Councillor Woo,
(21) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the following five people be appointed as community members to the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:
- i. Aly Beach
 - ii. Dawn Campbell
 - iii. Rosanne Purnwasie
 - iv. Sarah Sones
 - v. Wayne Henshall
- B) That the following three individuals be appointed as representatives from industry, association and public institutions to the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:
- i. Doreen Hume-McKenna
 - ii. Heather Hall
 - iii. Lorrie Houston

CARRIED

B) Ukrainian Humanitarian Response in Durham (2023-A-7)

Report #2023-A-7 from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, was received. N. Taylor provided a brief introduction to the report and noted that it ties in with the budget documents. E. Baxter-Trahair commended staff for their work on this file and added that an important component of the recommendations is to recover costs from the federal and provincial governments for this initiative.

Staff responded to a question with respect to whether there is a Regional policy regarding committing funds to humanitarian issues.

Moved by Councillor Woo, seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(22) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Council approve a request for up to \$750,000 to continue to provide supports to individuals and families arriving in Durham via the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) without independent financial means and are risk of being precariously housed or homeless, with financing to be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;
- B) That Regional staff be authorized to amend an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Community Development Council of Durham (CDCD) to continue to provide the needed wrap-around supports for these individuals for the duration of the project;
- C) That Regional staff be delegated authority or utilize existing delegated authorities to execute any transfer payment agreements, expend funds in accordance with the program guidelines, make any modifications to the program(s) to ensure desired outcomes are achieved, that the Purchasing By-law and Budget Management Policy be waived for this project as applicable and to receive any federal and/or provincial funds should they become available for this response;
- D) That Regional staff be directed to pursue full recovery from federal and/or provincial levels of government for the costs associated with the Region of Durham's (Region) Ukrainian humanitarian response, and that staff report back on the outcome of this undertaking; and,
- E) That a copy of Report #2023-A-7 of the Chief Administrative Officer be circulated to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Durham Members of Parliament (MPs), Durham Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their information.

CARRIED

8. Finance

8.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from the City of Oshawa, re: Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto Requesting Support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,

- (23) That the correspondence from the City of Oshawa regarding the Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto's request for support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure, be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Reports

- A) The Remuneration and Expenses in 2022 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 (2023-F-7)

Report #2023-F-7 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance was received.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,

(24) That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2023-F-7 from the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

CARRIED

9. **Business Plan and Budget Review and Property Tax Study**

9.1 Presentations

- A) Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and Nicole Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets, re: The 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit (2023-F-9) and the 2023 Strategic Property Tax Study (2023-F-8)

E. Baxter-Trahair, N. Taylor, and N. Pincombe provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the 2023 Strategic Property Tax Study.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Proposed 2023 Property Tax Increase
- Overview of the 2023 Budget
- Engagement Opportunities and Insights
- Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas
- Advancing the Region's Strategic Plan
- Base Budget Pressures
- 2023 Capital Budget and Nine-Year Forecast
- Looking Forward: 2024 – 2032 Forecast
- Overview of 2023 Regional Budget
- Regional Property Tax Supported Budget
- 2023 Regional Property Taxes: Average Home

- Assessment Growth
- 2023 Property Tax Impacts: Regional
- 2023 Property Tax Impacts: Overall
- Looking Forward: Property Tax Considerations
- Conclusion

Staff responded to questions with respect to new positions that are receiving provincial funding, and water and sewer funding.

9.2 Correspondence

- A) Memorandum from the Transit Executive Committee, re: 2023 Durham Region Transit Business Plans and Budget (2023-DRT-7)
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(25) That Report #2023-DRT-7 from the General Manager of Durham Region Transit be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.
CARRIED

- B) Memorandum from the Health & Social Services Committee, re: 2023 Health Department Business Plans and Budget (2023-MOH-3)
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(26) That Report #2023-MOH-3 from the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.
CARRIED

- C) Memorandum from the Health & Social Services Committee, re: 2023 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budget (2023-SS-2)
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(27) That Report #2023-SS-2 from the Commissioner of Social Services be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.
CARRIED

- D) Memorandum from the Planning & Economic Development Committee, re: 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget (2023-P-4)
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(28) That Report #2023-P-4 from the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.
CARRIED

- E) Memorandum from the Works Committee, re: 2023 Works Department General Tax and Solid Waste Management Business Plans and Budget (2023-W-13)
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Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(29) That Report #2023-W-13 from the Commissioner of Works be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.

CARRIED

F) Memorandum from the 9-1-1 Management Board, re: 9-1-1 Emergency Service System 2023 Business Plans and Budget

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(30) That the memorandum from the 9-1-1 Management Board regarding the 9-1-1 Emergency Service System 2023 Business Plans and Budget be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.

CARRIED

G) Memorandum from the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, re: 2023 Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation Business Plans and Budget

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(31) That the memorandum from the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation regarding the 2023 Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation Business Plans and Budget be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.

CARRIED

H) Memorandum from the Durham OneNet Inc. Board, re: 2023 Durham OneNet Inc. Business Plans and Budget

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
(32) That the memorandum from the Durham OneNet Inc. Board, regarding the 2023 Durham OneNet Inc. Business Plans and Budget be referred to Report #2023-F-9 of the Commissioner of Finance.

CARRIED

9.3 Business Plans and Budgets

A) Conservation Authorities 2023 Business Plans and Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Conservation Authorities 2023 Business Plans and Budgets, including:

- Central Lake Ontario
- Kawartha Region
- Ganaraska Region
- Toronto and Region
- Lake Simcoe Region

Councillor Roy as Chair of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) spoke to the pressures resulting from Bill 23 and the need to be cognizant that more funding may be required in the future.

B) Durham Regional Police Service 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Durham Regional Police Service 2023 Business Plans and Budget.

Durham Regional Police Service Board (DRPSB) Chair Collier provided introductory remarks.

Questions were raised with respect to hiring front line officers; absences due to health related reasons; DurhamConnect; crime reduction techniques; the capital funding model for the helicopter; keeping up with the population growth expected in the Region; making policing more effective; staffing forecasts; bail reform; policing of offenders released in the Region; challenges not being dealt with by other levels of government; goals of Vision Zero; and the importance of having a full complement of both front line and civilian employees.

Chair Ashe wished Chief Rollauer well in his retirement.

C) Durham Region Transit 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Durham Region Transit (DRT) 2023 Business Plans and Budget.

D) Health 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Health 2023 Business Plans and Budget, including:

- Public Health
- Paramedic Services

E) Social Services 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Social Services 2023 Business Plans and Budget, including:

- Emergency Management and Program Support Services
- Social Assistance
- Children's Services
- Family Services
- Housing Services
- Long Term Care and Services for Seniors

Staff responded to questions with respect to the Beaverton Supportive Housing project; provincial and federal subsidies; uses for reserve funds; future use of the reserve fund for operations; and programming that caters to teenagers or youth.

F) Planning & Economic Development 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Planning & Economic Development 2023 Business Plans and Budget, including:

- Planning
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office

Staff responded to questions with respect to the impacts of Bill 23.

G) Works 2023 Business Plans and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Works 2022 Business Plans and Budgets, including:

- Works – General Tax
- Solid Waste Management

H) Finance & Administration 2023 Business Plans and Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Finance & Administration 2022 Business Plans and Budgets, including:

- Regional Council
- Office of the Regional Chair
- Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Corporate Services
- 9-1-1 Emergency Service System
- Finance
- Corporate Items
- Regional Headquarters
- Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation
- Durham OneNet Inc.
- Listing of Fees and Charges

Staff responded to questions with respect to development charges for GO Transit.

9.4 Reports

A) 2023 Strategic Property Tax Study (2023-F-8)

Report #2023-F-8 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, was received. N. Taylor provided opening remarks and noted that the recommended tax ratios are

being kept the same as prior years and there is a recommendation with respect to the assessment of nuclear facilities.

Staff responded to questions with respect to outstanding assessment disputes; municipalities receiving a share of HST revenue; stranded debt; and advocacy efforts for provincial funding for priority matters such as healthcare, housing and homelessness.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Woo,
(33) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That for the 2023 property taxation year, the municipal property tax ratios for the following property classes and subclasses for the Regional Municipality of Durham be set as follows, consistent with the 2022 ratios, and the requisite by-law be prepared, and approval be granted,

Multi-Residential	1.8665
New Multi-Residential	1.1000
Landfill	1.1000
Pipelines	1.2294
Farmland	0.2000
Managed Forests	0.2500

Commercial Broad Class

(Including Shopping Centres, Office Buildings, Parking Lots and Residual)

Occupied	1.4500
Vacant Land	1.4500
Excess Land	1.4500
On Farm	1.4500

Industrial Broad Class

(Including Large Industrial and Residual)

Occupied	2.0235
Vacant Land	2.0235
Excess Land	2.0235
On Farm	2.0235

- B) That to achieve greater fairness and equity in the Current Value Assessment (CVA) system and property taxation policy, the Province be requested to:
- i) update the Provincial statutory rate applicable to nuclear generating facilities;
 - ii) institute an annual mechanism to ensure the rate continues to be updated in the future, and;
 - iii) redirect proxy property tax payments currently paid by the Region's two nuclear generating facilities to the Ontario Electricity Financial

Corporation (OEFC) for the Ontario Hydro stranded debt to the host municipalities and the Region following retirement of the stranded debt.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
(34) That the Committee recess for ten minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:37 AM and reconvened at 11:47 AM.

A roll call vote was conducted following the recess and all members were present.

- B) The 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit (2023-F-9)
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Report #2023-F-9 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(35) That we recommend to Council:

2023 General Purpose Property Tax Business Plans and Budgets

- A) That the 2023 Business Plans and Property Tax Budgets for General Purposes (excluding Durham Region Transit and Solid Waste Management) be approved, at a total net property tax requirement of \$679,862,000 as detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets, which are highlighted in Report #2023-F-9 and summarized as follows:

	2023 Tax Requirements (\$000s)
Regional Operations	
i) Departmental Operations - excluding Long-term Care	306,178
ii) Departmental Operations – Long-term Care	56,954
iii) Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act Provision	1,900
iv) Regional Roads Reserve – Growth	12,549
v) Regional Roads – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	26,050
vi) Regional Bridges – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	5,525
Total Regional Operations	409,156
Police Services:	
vii) Police Services - Guideline	245,840
viii) Police Services – Incremental Request above Guideline	1,692
Total Police Services	247,532
ix) Conservation Authorities	9,218
Special Contributions:	
x) Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund	297
xi) Durham Region Community Investment Grant	6,220
Total Special Contributions	6,517
SUBTOTAL	672,423
xii) Deferral for Seaton Assessment Growth	7,047
xiii) Adjustment to Assessment Base (re: Assessment under appeal)	392
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES	679,862

- B) That the 2023 Capital Program for General Property Tax Purposes and financing (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation Authorities’ requirements), as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets, in the amount of \$408,039,000 be approved including up to \$15,667,000 in debenture financing;
- C) That the 2024 to 2032 Capital Forecast for General Property Tax Purposes (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation Authorities’ requirements), as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets in the amount of \$2,191,022,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

Contributions for Regional Roads and Bridges

- D) That a 2023 contribution of \$12,549,000 to the Regional Roads Reserve – Growth be authorized to allow for financing of Road Capital Construction Projects.
- E) That a 2023 contribution of \$26,050,000 to the Regional Roads Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with road rehabilitation requirements.
- F) That a 2023 contribution of \$5,525,000 to the Regional Bridges Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with bridge rehabilitation requirements.

Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation

- G) That the 2023 Budget for the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$14,185,000.

Conservation Authorities

H) That funding totalling \$6,628,702 for 2023 operations be approved for the Region’s five Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	\$4,380,990
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	707,684
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	570,974
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	707,600
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	261,454
Total Conservation Authority Operations Funding	\$6,628,702

I) That funding totalling \$1,752,525 for 2023 special projects be approved for the Region’s Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	\$144,130
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	245,871
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	874,871
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	487,653
Total Conservation Authority Special Projects Funding	\$1,752,525

J) That funding totalling \$200,000 for 2023 land management expenditures be approved for properties within Durham Region as outlined below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	\$85,000
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	15,000
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	37,000
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	41,000
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	22,000
Total Conservation Authority Land Management Funding	\$200,000

- K) That the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) Initiatives be continued in 2023 at a funding level of \$175,000 for ongoing groundwater

protection initiatives jointly funded with the City of Toronto, Region of York and Region of Peel.

- L) That the special funding requests as outlined below be approved subject to the accountability of project costs incurred and project completion:
 - a) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for phase five of five of the Restoration Program in the amount of \$150,000;
 - b) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for improvements to the washroom facilities at Enniskillen Conservation Area and Long Sault Conservation Area in the amount of \$130,000;
 - c) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for Lynde Creek Floodplain Mapping in the amount of \$110,000;
 - d) Kawartha Conservation Authority for a final phase of the Watershed Planning project in the amount of \$27,300;
 - e) Kawartha Conservation Authority for phase four of five for the digitization of corporate records in the amount of \$5,408; and
 - f) Kawartha Conservation Authority for the implementation of their 10-year Environmental Monitoring Strategy in the amount of \$9,014.

- M) That the special funding request as outlined below be approved subject to securing the remainder of the project from the National Resources Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, project completion and accountability of project costs incurred:
 - a) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for two electric vehicle charging stations at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Administration Centre in the amount of \$30,000.

- N) That a contribution of \$297,000 to the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund be authorized to assist in financing requests for funding received from the five Conservation Authorities to acquire environmentally sensitive lands within the Region, based on eligibility criteria per the approved Regional Land Acquisition Reserve Fund Policy.

Solid Waste Management 2023 Business Plan and Budget

- O) That the 2023 Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management at a net property tax requirement of \$57,821,000 be approved as detailed in the 2023 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget.

- P) That the 2023 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management and financing, as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management, in the amount of \$1,880,000 be approved.

- Q) That the 2024 to 2032 Capital Forecast for Solid Waste Management as

outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets in the amount of \$50,134,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

Durham Region Transit 2023 Business Plan and Budget

- R) That the 2023 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Region Transit be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$79,670,000, as detailed in the 2023 Durham Region Transit Business Plan and Budget.
- S) That the 2023 Capital Program for Durham Region Transit and financing, as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the gross amount of \$87,854,000 be approved, including up to \$19,804,000 in debenture financing (including \$12,804,000 in long-term financing from the Canada Infrastructure Bank), with the exception of the Harmony Terminal and the Windfield Farms Terminal project and associated financing of \$7,000,000 which is subject to further reporting and approval by Regional Council.
- T) That the 2024 to 2032 Capital Forecast for Durham Region Transit as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2023-F-9 and as further detailed within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$968,878,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) Credit Agreement for the Acquisition of Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Fleet

- U) That the borrowing upon credit of The Regional Municipality of Durham of a maximum principal amount of \$62,000,000.00 for the acquisition of the ZEB Fleet, the entering into of the Credit Agreement by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk, and the establishment of the Credit Facility described in the Credit Agreement be approved, subject to the concurrence of the Regional Treasurer and that approval be granted for the requisite authorizing by-law.
- V) That pursuant to the authority contained in Section 23.1 and Subsection 412 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Region hereby delegates to the Regional Treasurer, in consultation with the Regional Clerk, the authority to amend the authorizing by-law by attaching additional Schedules "C", commencing with Schedule "C-2" for the acquisition of additional ZEBs in respect of which additional Advances under the Credit Facility will be made by the CIB to the Region in accordance with the Credit Agreement. The Regional Treasurer will report the terms of any such additional Schedules "C" to Regional Council for information once every calendar year for Regional Council's information.

- W) That the Regional Treasurer be authorized to generally do all things and to execute all other documents and papers in the name of the Region in order to carry out the long-term borrowing under the Credit Agreement.

Financial Management and Accountability

- X) That the Listing of 2023 Regional Fees and Charges, as set forth in the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets be approved and made available to the public and all applicable by-laws be amended accordingly.
- Y) That the existing U-Pass agreement with Durham College, Ontario Tech University and Trent University (Durham Campus) be extended through the 2023-2024 academic year, including a 1.9 per cent increase in the fee per eligible student from \$147.25 per semester to \$150.00 per semester for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, an increase of \$2.75 per four month semester.
- Z) That based upon the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets as recommended herein, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to set 2023 Regional Property Tax Rates for General Purposes, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit and approval be granted for the requisite By-laws.
- AA) That for any Regional program change or capital expenditure included within the 2023 Regional Business Plans and Budgets which is proposed to be financed in whole, or in part, from Provincial/Federal subsidies, grants or related revenues, neither staffing, capital nor other related Regional expenditures can be committed until such time as adequate confirmation, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance/Treasurer, is received from the respective provincial/federal ministry to commit to the subsidy, grant or related revenues in accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy.
- BB) That funding totalling up to \$73,600 be approved for the Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2023 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) based upon services rendered.
- CC) That funding totalling up to \$47,245 be approved for COMRA with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2023 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service based upon services rendered.

- DD) That the policy approved in Report #2019-F-33 to fund the post year-end payment for 50 per cent of the unused incidental sick hours from the Employee Benefits reserve be rescinded.
- EE) That the reporting of the Impact of Excluded Expenses for tangible capital asset amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure/post-closure expenses be adopted, per requirements under the Ontario Regulation 284/09 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB).

**Estimated Impact of Excluded Expenses on Accumulated Surplus
 For the 2023 Business Plans and Budgets (\$,000's)**

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Property</u>			<u>Total</u>
		<u>Tax</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>PSAS Additions to Budget</u>					
Tangible Capital Asset Amortization	162,021	98,750	29,047	36,851	164,648
Post-Employment Benefit Expense	15,354	25,863	670	768	27,301
Landfill Closure Costs - Increase/(Decrease) in Liability	(38)	(248)	-	-	(248)
Transfers from Reserves and Reserve Funds	156,495	123,847	9,447	12,065	145,359
Proceeds of Debt issued for Regional Purposes	134,300	129,549	15,667	15,667	160,883
Total PSAB Additions	468,132	377,761	54,831	65,351	497,943
<u>PSAS Reductions to Budget</u>					
Gross Tangible Capital Assets Acquisitions	(763,443)	(493,157)	(144,198)	(147,503)	(784,858)
Less: Tangible Capital Asset Recoveries	63,388	-	-	40,691	40,691
Net Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions	(700,055)	(493,157)	(144,198)	(106,812)	(744,167)
Debt Principal Payments	(12,412)	(16,602)	-	(2,041)	(18,643)
Transfers to Reserves and Reserve Funds	(143,817)	(124,977)	(9,447)	(20,844)	(155,268)
Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	(21,197)	(297)	(8,972)	(10,748)	(20,017)
Total PSAB Reductions	(877,481)	(635,033)	(162,617)	(140,445)	(938,095)
Net Impact - (Increase) to Accumulated Surplus	(409,349)	(257,272)	(107,786)	(75,094)	(440,152)

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
 (36) That the main motion (35) of Councillors Leahy and Lee be divided in order to allow voting on part A i) Departmental Operations – excluding Long-term Care, separately from the remainder.

CARRIED

Part A) i) was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE. Councillor Woo declared a conflict of interest on this item earlier in the meeting and did not vote on this item:

Yes

No

Councillor Ashe, Chair
Councillor Garrod
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall

Councillor Schummer

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Woo

The main motion (35) of Councillors Leahy and Lee [with the exception of Part A) i)] was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

Councillor Ashe, Chair
Councillor Garrod
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Schummer
Councillor Woo

None

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Chair Ashe thanked staff for all of their hard work on the budget. The Clerk was requested to ask members of Council to submit any budget related questions for the March 29, 2023 Regional Council meeting in writing, prior to the meeting, so that staff may provide more effective responses.

10. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

11. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

12. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Finance & Administration Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(37) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM

Respectfully submitted,

K. Ashe, Chair

L. Fleury, Legislative Officer