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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 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  
**\*denotes Councillors participating electronically**

#### **Staff**

Present: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development  
A. Burgess, Director, Corporate Communications  
C. Chai, Director, Financial Solutions, Finance Department  
B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance  
J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services, CAO's Office – Legal  
A. Harras, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
D. Ramkissoon, Manager, Investment Portfolio, Finance Department  
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

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

There were no declarations of interest made.

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

Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,  
(47) That the minutes of the regular Finance & Administration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 and the minutes of the Closed Finance & Administration Committee meeting held on April 11, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,  
(48) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Items 8.2 A), B) and C), at this time.

CARRIED

**8. Finance**

**8.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

**8.2 Reports**

**A) Tile Drainage Loan on Behalf of Township of Brock for Mr. Chris Vestergaard (B1160 Concession 3 Beaverton, ON) (2023-F-11)**

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Report #2023-F-11 from Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

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

A) That funds in the amount of \$41,700 be advanced to the Township of Brock with respect to a loan application pursuant to the *Tile Drainage Act*, R. S. O., 1990, c. T. 8 (the "Act") for Mr. Chris Vestergaard (B1160 Concession 3) in the Beaverton area of the Township of Brock; and

B) That the requisite by-laws be approved by Regional Council.

CARRIED

**B) Establishment of a Debenture Committee (2023-F-12)**

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Report #2023-F-12 from Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, was received. Discussion ensued regarding the composition of the Debenture Committee.

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

A) That a Debenture Committee be established in accordance with the Terms of Reference outlined in Attachment #1 of Report #2023-F-12 of the Commissioner of Finance;

- B) That Council delegate to the Debenture Committee the authority to enact by-laws authorizing the issuance of debentures and the entering into of prescribed financial agreements for long-term borrowing where the debt authority for the capital works or classes of capital works to be financed has been approved by Council;
- C) That Council delegate to the Debenture Committee the power to authorize by by-law any one or more officers of The Regional Municipality of Durham ("Region") to do all things, including the execution of all debentures, the entering into of financial agreements and all ancillary documents necessary in order to give effect to the issuance of any debentures and the financing pursuant to any financial agreements;
- D) That Council delegate to the Debenture Committee the authority to enact temporary borrowing by-laws for current operations in accordance with section 407 of the Municipal Act, 2001 to authorize short-term borrowing for the purpose of meeting current expenditures in any year until such time as the taxes are collected and other revenues are received and to authorize any one or more members of the Debenture Committee to do all things and execute any loan or other agreements required to give effect to any temporary borrowing;
- E) That any Regional policies on the delegation of the Region's powers and duties and on debt and capital financing reflect the establishment of the Debenture Committee and indicate that the authority to enact debenture, other long-term borrowing and temporary borrowing by-laws has been delegated to the Debenture Committee; and
- F) That the by-law (s) generally in the form contained in Attachment #2 and Attachment #3 of Report #2023-F-12 be presented to Council for adoption to give effect to these recommendations.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Schummer, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,

- (51) That the Terms of Reference be amended to add the Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee and one designated member of Regional Council to the composition of the Debenture Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED

The main motion (50) of Regional Chair Henry and Councillor McDougall was then put to a vote and was CARRIED.

- C) Updated Policies – Financial Securities Acceptance for Development Agreements  
(2023-F-16)
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Report #2023-F-16 from Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

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

- A) That the policy on Letter of Credit Acceptance be approved;
- B) That the policy on Surety Bond Acceptance be approved;
- C) That the Finance Department fee of \$475 for the initial acceptance of, and any subsequent exchanges of Letters of Credit, be extended to include Surety Bonds;
- D) That the local area municipalities be exempted from the requirement to provide a financial security in connection with local municipality development projects; and
- E) That staff be directed to update the Standard Subdivision Agreement and Standard Servicing Agreement for Non-Subdivision Development templates to reflect the changes implemented through Report #2023-F-16.

CARRIED

## **6. Delegations**

### **6.1 Patricia Conlin, President, Speaker, Author and Trainer, Global Consulting Group Inc. re: Digital Transformation and SMART Initiatives in Durham Region**

Patricia Conlin, President, Speaker, Author and Trainer, Global Consulting Group Inc., appeared before the Committee and expressed concerns regarding the following:

- SMART city, digital transformation and discriminatory spending and policies in Durham Region;
- Investments in CO2 emissions reduction;
- COVID-19 lockdowns and masking mandates;
- Digital surveillance and CO2 tracking technology;
- Assist farmers by eliminating CO2 taxes and nitrogen limits;
- Conduct an independent review of the safety of 5G towers and technology;
- Ban the purchase and installation of the new blue or purple LED street lights and the installation of any facial recognition cameras in stores, streets, buildings and public spaces;
- Reverse recent increases in property taxes for residents; and
- End spending on special interest groups.

## **7. Administration**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Administration reports to be considered.

8. **Finance**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

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This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting (see page 2 of these minutes).

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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, September 12, 2023 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Ashe, Chair

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N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council