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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Councillor Ashe assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter*
Councillor Chapman*
Councillor Collier*
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies*
Councillor Foster*
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb*
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal*
Councillor Nicholson*
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten*
Regional Chair Henry*
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Present: All members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Yamada.

Staff

Present: S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, B. Bridgeman, A. Burgess, T. Cheseboro, A. Chung, S. Ciani, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault, C. Dunkley, A. Evans*, H. Finlay, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, B. Holmes, M. Hubble*, L. Huinink, J. Hunt, R. Jagannathan, I. McVey, G. Muller, N. Pincombe, A. Robins, N. Taylor, and V. Walker

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2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Correspondence

There were no communications items to be considered.

7. Reports

7.1 Durham Region's Response to the Proposed GO Transit Station Funding Act, which is a Section within Bill 131: Transportation for the Future Act, 2023 (2023-COW-38)

Report #2023-COW-38 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Discussion ensued with respect to whether the Region will receive a full cost recovery for the monies paid to fund the station, and whether there will be any impacts to taxpayers as a result of this project.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(58) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the letter from the Acting CAO to the Province of Ontario as contained in Attachment 2 to Report #2023-COW-38 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning and Economic Development, be endorsed as Durham

Region's response to Ontario's Regulatory Registry post regarding the proposed GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 which identifies the Region's strong support for this legislation and recommends that the Province consider the following amendments to the proposed legislation:

- i) That section 3(3) of the draft legislation be amended to allow for the Minister's discretion to determine the definition of "construction" to ensure that prescribed municipalities are able to recover costs related to a GO Transit station, that have been incurred prior to the passing of the by-law; and
 - ii) That a consequential amendment to the definition of applicable law under section 1.1.4.3.(1) of the Ontario Building Code be enacted by the Province to permit municipal Chief Building Officials from withholding building permits if the required Transit Station Charge has not been paid, pursuant to section 9 of the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023, consistent with other similar charges; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2023-COW-38 and Council resolution be sent to the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Oshawa.

CARRIED

7.2 Region of Durham Paramedic Services Linen Laundry Service (2023-COW-39)

Report #2023-COW-39 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Discussion ensued with respect to the number of times the Region has awarded a sole source agreement for this service; if there is an intention to look at the market and go to tender at the expiry of this agreement; and whether this same vendor would be considered for the Region's long-term care facilities and if a preferred rate may be offered.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
(59) That we recommend to Council:

That authorization be granted to award a sole source agreement to Ecotex Healthcare Linen Services effective January 1, 2024, for a period of five (5) years to provide linen pick-up, laundering and delivery services, as well as contingency storage and heat transfer linen identification services, at an annual estimated cost of \$180,000 to be funded from the annual Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budget.

CARRIED

8. Confidential Matters

- 8.1 Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services – Closed matter regarding information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them as it relates to Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) Seniors Housing Project Scope Update and Request for Additional Financing (2023-COW-40)
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Confidential Report #2023-COW-40 from R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner of Works, N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(60) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-COW-40 of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services be adopted.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(61) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk