

## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham met 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. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment**

Regional Chair Henry read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the large Métis communities and growing Inuit communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

Regional Chair Henry recognized former Regional Councillor Peter Rodrigues who passed away on Thursday, February 22nd. Chair Henry offered condolences on behalf of Regional Council.

Regional Chair Henry advised that today is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a grade 9 student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two grade 12 students from the same high school organized a high-school protest to wear pink in support of the student. Pink Shirt Day has since been recognized annually worldwide - encouraging ideas of diversity, inclusion and acceptance, and to be welcoming and supportive with colleagues, clients, friends and family and to stand up against bullying.

Chair Henry advised that Mayors Ashe and Foster and Councillor Woo are attending a nuclear summit in Ottawa.

## **2. Roll Call**

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy\*  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada\*  
Regional Chair Henry

**\* indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person**

All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Collier, Cook, Foster, Neal and Woo.

Councillors Ashe, Collier, Foster and Woo were absent on municipal business.

Councillor Butt appeared as the alternate Council member for the City of Pickering.

## **3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(14) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Special Regional Council meeting held on January 25, 2024;
- Regular Regional Council meeting held on January 31, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2024; and
- Closed Regional Council meeting held on June 28, 2023.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Communications**

CC 04 Correspondence dated January 26, 2024 from Ray Stanton, President and Chairman, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair re: Notice of 2024 Appointment of a Representative to the RAWF Board of Governors

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Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(15) That Councillor Pickles be appointed to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors.

CARRIED

CC 05 Memorandum dated February 28, 2024 from Alexander McPherson, Solicitor re: Expropriation of lands required for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax (2018-COW-101)

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Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(16) That recommendations A), B), C) and D) as contained in Council Correspondence CC 05 be adopted.

CARRIED

CC 06 Confidential Memorandum from Kelly McDermott, Senior Solicitor regarding an Update to Report #2024-A-3: Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services – Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations with respect to CUPE Local 1785, and CUPE 132; and Approval for Management/Exempt Group to Adopt Annual Economic Increase Mirror Language

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Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
(17) That Correspondence CC 06 be referred to consideration of Report  
#2024-A-3, Item 3 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration  
Committee.

CARRIED

**8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations**

There are no reports related to Delegations/Presentations.

**9. Committee Reports and any related Notice of Motions**

**9.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee**

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee's  
2023 Annual Report, 2024 Workplan and Revised Terms of Reference

(2024-A-1)

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[CARRIED]

- A) That Report #2024-A-1 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received  
for information as The Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility  
Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory  
Committee's 2024 Workplan be approved; and
- C) That the Regional Municipality of Durham's Accessibility Advisory  
Committee's Revised Terms of Reference be approved.

2. Repeal of Public Notice By-law and Approval of new Public Notice Policy

(2024-A-2)

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[CARRIED]

- A) That the Public Notice Policy included as Attachment #1 to Report  
#2024-A-2 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be approved;
- B) That the Regional Clerk, in consultation with the Chief Administrative  
Officer, be granted the authority to amend the Public Notice Policy as  
required; and
- C) That Public Notice By-law #82-2007 be repealed.

3. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services – Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations with respect to the CUPE Local 1785, and CUPE Local 132; and Approval for Management/Exempt Group to Adopt Annual Economic Increase Mirror Language (2024-A-3)  
[CARRIED AS AMENDED] [SEE MOTION (19) ON PAGE 5]

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2024-A-3 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted.

- Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(18) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

- Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(19) That the recommendations contained in Item 3 of Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted, in accordance with the recommendations of staff contained in Confidential Correspondence CC 06.  
CARRIED

## 9.2 Report of the Health and Social Services Committee

1. Primary Care Outreach Program (2024-MOH-1)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That the Region of Durham advocates for the provincial government to provide sustained provincial funding for the expansion of the Primary Care Outreach Program to meet the growing needs of Durham Region residents experiencing homelessness and needing urgent health care, mental health and addictions supports; and
  - B) That a letter from the Regional Chair on behalf of Regional Council, along with a copy of Report #2024-MOH-1 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, all Durham MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), for their information and consideration.
2. Motion Calling on the Province to Increase Ontario Works Rates  
[CARRIED]

Whereas the Region of Durham is one of the fastest growing communities in Ontario;

And whereas Ontario Works financial assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 and economic challenges are disproportionately impacting our vulnerable residents by contributing to increasing income insecurity, housing unaffordability, homelessness and food insecurity;

And whereas a basic income program can ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to addressing income inequality and financial instability;

And whereas Ontario Works recipients only have a \$200 income exemption compared to \$1000 for recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program;

And whereas improved financial stability would result in improved social, economic and health outcomes for Durham's vulnerable residents as well as increased opportunities for vulnerable residents to contribute to and invest in their local economies;

And whereas Social Assistance Modernization was introduced by the province with the intention to reduce municipal administrative burden to allow staff to focus efforts on providing intensive stability supports for vulnerable residents;

And whereas administrative efficiencies for municipalities have not been realized under the Social Assistance Modernization;

And whereas the Social Assistance Modernization program has had unintended consequences including delays to processing applications and eliminating essential people-centred supports such as bus fare that are jeopardizing individuals' ability to move out of poverty;

And whereas leadership is urgently needed from the provincial government to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive and inclusive plan to address increasing levels of poverty for people living in Ontario, in particular for those receiving Ontario Works;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham calls on the provincial government to urgently increase Ontario Works rates to a liveable rate and commit to indexing rates to inflation annually in line with the Ontario Disability Support Program; and further that the Ontario Works earning exemption be aligned with the Ontario Disability Support Program to allow individuals in the workforce to keep more of their earning and potentially encourage more participation in the workforce;

That the Region of Durham calls on the provincial government to evaluate the effectiveness of Social Services Modernization in consultation with Municipal Service Managers, particularly to what extent the partial upload of the Ontario Works application process has resulted in streamlining, efficiencies and maintained service standards;

That the province ensure an adequate level of employment services funding is maintained by restoring funding within the Ontario Works program that was reduced as a result of the transfer of responsibility for employment services to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) Service System Managers; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, Minister of Finance, Durham Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

(20) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Health and Social Services Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 9.3 Report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

#### 1. Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Final Report and Legacy Fund (2024-EDT-5)

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[CARRIED]

A) That the Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund of \$145,579 be distributed as follows:

- i) Durham Community Foundation "Durham Region Adaptive Sport & Recreation Legacy Fund": \$112,000;
- ii) Adaptive Sport Festival: \$30,000;
- iii) Community Tree and Shrub Planting: \$3,579; and

B) That, prior to the distribution of funds to any agency receiving funding from the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Legacy Fund, the Region enter into an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding which prescribes appropriate reporting requirements, and which are otherwise in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance.

2. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas  
[CARRIED]

That as the introduction of chickens within urban and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets) can result in the potential spread of Avian Influenza and other diseases to livestock in the Region, particularly poultry farms;

And that backyard chickens attract pests and predators, resulting in conflicts between predatory animals and chickens, and additional vectors for spreading disease;

Therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council be advised that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) does not support permitting chickens being kept in urban settlement areas and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets); and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (21) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### 9.4 Report of the Works Committee

1. Lease Extension and Amendment Agreement with 2381502 Ontario Inc., Operating as Midtown Centre for Premises occupied by Social Services Department, Income and Employment Support Division, located at 200 John Street in the City of Oshawa (2024-W-3)  
[CARRIED]

A) That the Lease Extension and Amendment Agreement with 2381502 Ontario Inc., for the premises located at 200 John Street, in the City of Oshawa, containing 15,776 square feet of office space, be approved with the following terms and conditions:

- i) The term is for a period of two years, commencing May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2026, with the option to renew the lease for an additional two years under the same terms and conditions except the rental rate, which is to be negotiated at time of renewal;



- ii) The annual rental rate for the two years is \$236,640\* based on a rate of \$15.00\* per square foot per annum;
    - iii) The Regional Municipality of Durham will be responsible for all operating costs for the leased space, including utilities, security and its proportionate share of the common area maintenance costs and taxes; and
  - B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with this Lease Agreement.  
(\* ) excludes applicable taxes
2. Sole Source Procurement of Plow and Grader Blades and Maintenance Parts for Maintenance Operations and Fleet Services (2024-W-4)  
[CARRIED]
- A) That a sole source contract be awarded to Valley Blades Ltd. for the supply of plow and grader blades and maintenance parts for the Fleet Services Division and the five (5) Maintenance Operations Depots (Ajax/Pickering, Oshawa/Whitby, Orono, Sunderland, and Scugog Depots) for a one (1) year term, with the option to extend for an additional four (4) one (1) year terms, with an upset limit of \$400,000\* (\$80,000\* per annum), to be financed through the Winter Maintenance program Business Plans and Budget; and
  - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the contract.  
(\* ) before applicable taxes.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(22) That the recommendations contained in Items 1 and 2 inclusive of Report #2 of the Works Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED

## 10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions

### 10.1 2024 Transit Fares (2024-DRT-03) [CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(23) That the proposed transit fares included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-DRT-03 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit and Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, be approved and implemented as of July 1, 2024.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

- 10.2 Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008) (2024-COW-9)  
[CARRIED]
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Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

- (24) A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$155,453, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 26.25 hectares (64.86 acres) of land located adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and

- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.

CARRIED

- 10.3 Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016) (2024-COW-10)  
[CARRIED]

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

- (25) A) That in response to the request for funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, that funding in the amount of \$95,774, representing 40 per cent of the estimated eligible acquisition costs for approximately 17.22 hectares (42.54 acres) of land located adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016), be approved and financed from the Region's Land Conservation and Protection Reserve; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to adjust the total payment amount to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority pending a review of the eligibility of final costs incurred pursuant to the Region's Land Acquisition Funding Policy.

CARRIED

## 11. Notice of Motions

- 11.1 Motion Requesting the Permanent Removal of Tolls on the Provincially Owned Portion of Highway 407 between Brock Road (Durham Regional Road 1) in Pickering and Highway 35/115

[CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

- (26) WHEREAS Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province;

AND WHEREAS the province introduced legislation that if passed would ban tolls from provincially owned highways including all 400-series highways except for Highway 407 which is located almost exclusively in Durham Region;

AND WHEREAS if excluded from the proposed ban on tolls, Highway 407 would become the only tolled provincially owned highway in Ontario, resulting in unfair economic impacts to Durham Region residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has previously removed tolls on Highways 412 and 418 located within Durham, demonstrating the willingness to removing existing unfair tolls on provincially owned highways and should therefore include the provincial 407 as part of the proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS the removal of tolls on the provincial Highway 407 would reduce the cost of living for Durham Region residents and drive economic growth, while ensuring fair and equitable treatment across all provincial 400-series highways;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby requests that the Province of Ontario include the provincially owned portion of Highway 407 in any legislation banning tolls on provincially owned highways;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Transportation, all local Durham MPPs, and all Durham local area municipalities; the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County, Northumberland County, Cobourg, Belleville and their MPs and MPPs; the Ontario Trucking Association; and associations related to the farming community in Durham Region and Ontario.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE  
LATER IN THE MEETING (See Following  
Motions)

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Butt,  
(27) That the main motion (26) of Councillors Mulcahy and Roy be amended to add that tolls on the provincially owned section of Highway 407 be removed by January 1, 2035.

MOTION DEFEATED

The main motion (26) of Councillors Mulcahy and Roy was then put to a vote and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Brenner	
Councillor Butt	
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Marimpietri	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Schummer	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo

Declarations of Interest: None

- 11.2 Motion Requesting the Province of Ontario to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a Constructor for a Project
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- [CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
(28) Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (“Sudbury”) entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core;

And whereas, the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the “Act”);

And whereas, an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

And whereas, Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

And whereas, after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found Sudbury to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

And whereas, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury’s appeal;

And whereas, the consequence of this decision is that provincial government agencies, municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

And whereas, the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

And whereas, The Regional Municipality of Durham believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and
2. That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE  
LATER IN THE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(29) That the main motion (28) of Councillors Mulcahy and Crawford be referred to staff.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE  
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Schummer

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
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Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None

The main motion (28) of Councillors Mulcahy and Crawford was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Butt  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Schummer

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Yamada

Declarations of Interest: None



**12. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to be considered.

**13. Announcements**

Various announcements were made relating to activities and events within the Region and area municipalities.

Regional Chair Henry advised that he has been working to advance partnerships at the federal level including through a meeting with MP Turnbull on homelessness, mental health and addictions and related challenges. He stated that it's clear that Regional communications are having an impact in effectively getting across both what we are facing in Durham and also what can be accomplished, and added that MP Turnbull and Chair Henry committed to continue to work together on a path forward and to advance conversations on these issues in Ottawa.

**14. By-laws**

2024-006 Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Block 105, Plan 40M-1230, in the Town of Ajax, designated as Parts 1, 2, and 3 on Reference Plan 40R-31630 for the purposes of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project along Highway 2 (Kingston Road) in the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Council Correspondence CC 05, Item #7.2 presented to Regional Council on February 28, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(30) That By-law Number 2024-006 be passed.

CARRIED

**15. Confirming By-law**

2024-007 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(31) That By-law Number 2024-007 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on February 28, 2024 be passed.

CARRIED

**16. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Butt, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(32) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

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Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk