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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, March 27, 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.

Chair Henry shared the news of two separate car accidents on March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>, which resulted in the passing of two employees from the Works Department. He also advised of the passing of an employee from the Social Services Department on January 30<sup>th</sup> and another employee from Hillsdale on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. He stated that these tragic losses have deeply affected employees at the Region and extended heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of the colleagues who have passed. He asked Council members to take a moment to reflect on the memories of those colleagues and remember the positive influence that they have had.

#### **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.

#### **2. Roll Call**

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 attended the meeting at 11:02 AM  
Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
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 Councillor Roy

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

Councillor Ashe made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.1 Report #2024-F-3: The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit, as it pertains to Departmental Operations. He indicated that his son works in the Works Department.

Councillor Crawford made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.1 Report #2024-F-3: The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit, as it pertains to Departmental Operations. She indicated that her son works in the Finance Department.

Councillor Woo made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 9.1 Report #2024-F-3: The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget 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.

At this time Regional Chair Henry announced the retirement of Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services and Lisa Fortuna, Director, Health Protection. He thanked them both for their years of dedication, outstanding service and leadership. He also announced that Anthony Di Pietro, Manager, Health Protection, will be L. Fortuna's successor.

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee, (33) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Regional Council meeting held on February 28, 2024;
- Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 20, 2024.

CARRIED

#### **5. Presentations**

##### **5.1 Shaun Collier, Board Chair, DRPS and Peter Moreira, Chief of Police, DRPS re: Durham Regional Police Services Board – Quarterly Update to Council**

Councillor Collier, Chair of the Durham Regional Police Services Board (DRPSB), was unable to present due to technical difficulties. Councillor Collier provided his written comments later in the meeting with regards to governance changes and the Community Safety and Policing Act as well as provided an official welcome to Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick and Deputy Chief Yeandle.

Chief Moreira, Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), appeared before Council to provide a quarterly update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Call for Service Stats
- Response and At-Scene Stats
- Arrests Made in 2023 Double Homicide
- Shootings & Firearm Discharges
- Persons Charged with Firearms Offences
- Violent Crime Stats
- The Inherent Dangers of Policing
- Project Washmill
- Property Crime Stats
- 2024 Auto Theft Summit

- Total Mental Health Act (MHA) Apprehensions by Individual & Subjects
- Roadway Safety
- Investments and Outcomes

Chief Moreira responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
(34) That Council recess for fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:24 AM and reconvened at 11:41 AM.

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

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Foster,  
(35) That the order of the agenda be altered in order to hear the delegations listed under Items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5, and to consider Item 11.1 Notice of Motion at this time.

CARRIED

## **6. Delegations**

- 6.3 Brian Kelly (In-Person Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item 11.1]

Brian Kelly appeared in support of the decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Context
- Why support the OEB decision
  - Enbridge subsidy is bad for existing customers
  - Enbridge subsidy is bad for new home buyers
  - Enbridge subsidy is bad for Durham
- Durham Greenhouse Gas (GHG) mitigation commitments
  - Durham Community Energy Plan, Low Carbon Pathway
  - Durham Climate Emergency Declaration
  - Regional Official Plan, May 25, 2023
- Questions

B. Kelly stated that the construction of new gas hookups for houses should not be subsidized as it results in higher energy bills for existing Enbridge customers, higher monthly expenses for new homeowners, and higher future costs to decarbonize/retrofit buildings in order to meet Durham Region's GHG reduction target.

B. Kelly responded to questions of Council.

- 6.4 Keith Brooks, Programs Director, Environmental Defense (Virtual Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item 11.1]
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Keith Brooks was unable to delegate due to technical difficulties. K. Brooks was requested to provide written comments and was advised that they would be contacted when this item comes to a subsequent meeting.

- 6.5 Gaby Kalapos, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership (Virtual Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item 11.1]
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Gaby Kalapos was unable to delegate due to technical difficulties. G. Kalapos was requested to provide written comments and was advised that they would be contacted when this item comes to a subsequent meeting.

Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
(36) That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to hear a delegation from Donna Popovic at this time.

CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE

- 6.6 Donna Popovic, Senior Advisor Stakeholder, Enbridge Gas re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item 11.1]
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Donna Popovic, Senior Advisor, Enbridge Gas appeared in opposition to the decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand.

D. Popovic stated that Enbridge's 2024 rate rebasing application was designed to provide their customers with safe and reliable natural gas at a reasonable cost, in addition to measured steps to help Ontario advance a practical transition to a sustainable energy future. D. Popovic stated that the December 2023 OEB decision conveys a strong bias against current and future use of natural gas and sets the course to eliminate it from Ontario's energy mix. D. Popovic further stated that this decision prescribes a path for Ontario's energy transition with no evidence to demonstrate that any other energy alternatives are available and ready to replace the energy supplied by natural gas, which has very deep and long-term economic implications for the entire energy sector and the future of Ontario's economic development.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,  
(37) That D. Popovic be granted a two-minute extension to finish the delegation.

CARRIED

D. Popovic requested that the motion be referred back to staff to provide an opportunity to meet with all appropriate stakeholders and get a comprehensive industry perspective on essential feedback.

D. Popovic responded to questions from members of Council.

## 11. Notice of Motions

- 11.1 Motion to support the decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand

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[REFERRED TO STAFF]

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Foster,  
(38) WHEREAS: Residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

AND WHEREAS: The Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS: The OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

AND WHEREAS: The construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with The Regional Municipality of Durham’s climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand.
2. THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

REFERRED TO STAFF ON THE  
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Pickles

No

Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier

Declarations of Interest: None

## 5. Presentations

- 5.2 Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and Nicole Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgets re: The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit (2024-F-3)
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E. Baxter-Trahair, N. Taylor, and N. Pincombe provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the 2024 Strategic Property Tax Study.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview of the 2024 Budget
- 2024 Property Taxes: Average Home
- 2024 Property Tax Impacts: Overall
- Base Budget Pressures
- Fiscal Sustainability – New Financial Framework
- Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas
  - Housing and Homelessness
  - Regional Transit
  - Paramedic Services
  - Police Services
  - Climate Action
  - Other
- Potential Social Housing Development/Redevelopment Projects
- 2024 Capital Budget and Nine-Year Forecast
- Bill 23 Impacts
- Items Deferred/Phased
- Looking forward: 2025 – 2033 Forecast
- Overview of the 2024 Budget

Staff responded to questions from members of Council.

## 6. Delegations

### 6.1 Statutory Public Meeting to Consider the Proposed Area Specific Development Charge By-law and Background Study re: Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Services in the Seaton Area

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Chair Henry advised that this portion of the Council meeting will be for a public meeting regarding a new Seaton Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Area Specific Development Charges By-law and Background Study.

This public meeting is required pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 as part of the process that Council must follow before passing a development charge by-law. This process also included the release of the proposed by-law and background study to the public on March 12, 2024.

The purpose of the public meeting is twofold:

- first, to provide the public with information relating to the Seaton Area Specific Development Charge Background Study and proposed by-law through Report #2024-F-5 under “Departmental Reports and Other Resolutions” in today’s agenda; and
- second, to allow any person who attends the meetings to make representation relating to the proposed by-law and background study. Teleconference and video options have been made available to the public to facilitate public participation.

Written submissions received by the Regional Clerk by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2024, including those opinions expressed verbally at today’s public meeting, will be considered in the preparation of the final development charge recommendations and by-law scheduled to be presented to Regional Council on May 29, 2024.

The Chair called on Mary Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies & Procurement Division, to provide a presentation with respect to the new Seaton Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Area Specific Development Charge By-law.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2024 Seaton Area Specific DC Background Study and Proposed By-Law
- Purpose of Public Meeting
- Seaton Front-Ending Agreement
- Seaton Area Map
- Purpose of the Seaton Area Specific Development Charges (ASDCs)
- Seaton Area Specific Water and Sewer DCs
- Planning Forecast to 2039

- Proposed Capital Forecast
- Proposed Residential DC Rates (\$ per unit)
- Changes in Proposed Residential DC Rates
- Proposed Non-Residential DC Rates
- Changes in Proposed Non-Residential DC Rates
- Incorporating Additional Changes in the DCA
- Proposed Policy Changes to align with Region-wide DC By-law
- Summary
- Next Steps
- Public Input

Staff responded to questions from Council.

Regional Chair Henry advised that no members of the public have registered to speak on this matter, but in the interest of transparency he asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make a submission or ask any questions on this particular matter. He asked a second and third time. Being none, he advised the portion of the public meeting with regard to the proposed Seaton Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Area Specific Development Charge By-law is closed.

6.2 Delegation(s) further to Public Notice regarding the 2024 Regional Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budgets

The public has been given Notice via the public notice section of the on-line newspapers, the Region's website, and social media that Regional Council today is intending to review and adopt or amend the 2024 Regional Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budgets including related fees and charges and the 2024 Regional Property Tax Rates.

Regional Chair Henry advised that no members of the public have registered to speak on this matter, but in the interest of transparency he asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make a submission or ask any questions on this particular matter. He asked a second and third time. Being none, he advised the portion of the public meeting with regard to the 2024 Regional Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budgets including related fees and charges and the 2024 Regional Property Tax Rates is closed.

6.3 Brian Kelly (In-Person Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item #11.1]

B. Kelly appeared earlier in the meeting (see pages 4 and 5).

- 6.4 Keith Brooks, Programs Director, Environmental Defense (Virtual Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item #11.1]
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K. Brooks was unable to delegate due to technical difficulties (see page 5).

- 6.5 Gaby Kalapos, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership (Virtual Attendance) re: The decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the Natural Gas Pipeline Subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand [Refer to Notice of Motions Item #11.1]
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G. Kalapos was unable to delegate due to technical difficulties (see page 5).

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(39) That Council recess for fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 2:03 PM and reconvened at 2:20 PM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Collier, Schummer and Shahid

## 7. **Communications**

- CC 07 Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from Shaun Collier, Board Chair, Durham Regional Police Services Board (DRPSB) re: Protocol for the Sharing of Information between the Durham Regional Police Services Board and The Durham Regional Council
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Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(40) That CC 07 Correspondence from Shaun Collier, Board Chair, Durham Regional Police Services Board regarding the execution of the Information Sharing Protocol between the Durham Regional Police Services Board and Regional Council be referred back to staff.

CARRIED

- CC 08 Correspondence dated March 26, 2024 from Wendy Bracken, Durham resident re: The 2024 Budget with regards to the District Heating related to the Durham York Incinerator
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Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Woo,  
(41) That Correspondence CC 08 from Wendy Bracken, Durham resident re: The 2024 Budget with regards to the District Heating related to the Durham York Incinerator, be referred to consideration of Report #2024-F-3.

CARRIED

CC 09 Correspondence dated March 26, 2024 from Robert Howe, Goodmans LLP re: Public Meeting Area Specific Development Charges for the Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Services in the Seaton Community of the City of Pickering

Moved by Councillor McDougal, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,  
(42) That Correspondence CC 09 from Robert Howe, Goodmans LLP re: Public Meeting Area Specific Development Charges for the Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Services in the Seaton Community of the City of Pickering be referred to the consideration of Report #2024-F-5.

CARRIED

## 8. Reports related to Delegations/Presentations

8.1 Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Seaton Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Area Specific Development Charges By-law and Background Study (2024-F-5)

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Woo,  
(43) A) That Report #2024-F-5 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information; and

B) That all submissions received by Regional Council and the written submissions received by the Regional Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024, including those opinions expressed verbally at the March 27, 2024 public meeting, be received and referred to Regional staff for consideration in the preparation of the final development charge recommendations and by-law scheduled to be presented to Regional Council for approval on May 29, 2024.

CARRIED

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

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

1. Motion Regarding Senior Government Funding  
[CARRIED]

Whereas Durham Region along with other regional governments in Ontario were excluded from major new federal and provincial infrastructure programs to enable housing; namely the Housing Accelerator Fund and the Building Faster Fund;

Whereas regional governments are responsible to deliver costly infrastructure to enable growth such as water and sewer infrastructure and transit investments;

Whereas there is a homelessness, housing affordability and supply crisis;

Whereas there is currently a gap in senior government infrastructure funding programs and new funding commitments are required to close the gap in a timely fashion;

Whereas Durham Region residents deserve a fair share of investment from senior level government;

Be it therefore resolved that Durham Region request the federal and provincial government to include regional governments in any new infrastructure program to enable growth and that new major infrastructure programs are established urgently;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, Durham MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

2. The Remuneration and Expenses in 2023 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 (2024-F-1)  
[CARRIED]

That Report #2024-F-1 of the Commissioner of Finance be received for information.

3. Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Logistics Vehicle to Support Community Programs (CP) (2024-F-4)  
[CARRIED]

That the purchase of a new Logistics Delivery vehicle, at an estimated upset limit of \$95,000 and financed 100 per cent from reallocation of surplus Provincial funding, be approved to better assist with delivery of supplies to address the need of our enhanced workload related to Community Programs (CP).

4. 2024 Strategic Property Tax Study (2024-F-2)  
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]

A) That for the 2024 property taxation year, the municipal property tax ratios for the following property classes and subclasses for the Regional Municipality of Durham and its area municipalities be set as follows, consistent with the 2023 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:
- update the Provincial statutory rate applicable to nuclear generating facilities;
  - institute an annual mechanism to ensure the rate continues to be updated in the future, and;
  - 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.

5. The 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit (2024-F-3)

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[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE] [PARTS A) i) AND A) vii) WERE DIVIDED FROM THE REMAINDER AND VOTED ON SEPARATELY] [SEE MOTIONS 46 TO 50 ON PAGES 23 TO 28]

**2024 General Purpose Property Tax Business Plans and Budget**

- A) That the 2024 Business Plans and Property Tax Budget for General Purposes (excluding Durham Region Transit and Solid Waste Management) be approved, at a total net property tax requirement of \$746,567,000 as detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, which are highlighted in this report and summarized as follows:

	<b>2024 Tax Requirements (\$000s)</b>
<b>Regional Operations</b>	
i) Departmental Operations - excluding Long-term Care	333,627
ii) Departmental Operations – Long-term Care	69,416
iii) Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act Provision	5,558
iv) Regional Roads Reserve – Growth	12,549
v) Regional Roads – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	26,050
vi) Regional Bridges – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	5,525
<b>Total Regional Operations</b>	<b>452,725</b>
vii) <b>Police Services</b>	267,966
viii) <b>Conservation Authorities</b>	9,383
<b>Special Contributions:</b>	
i) Land Conservation and Protection Reserve Fund	394
x) Durham Region Community Investment Grant	6,220
<b>Total Special Contributions</b>	<b>6,614</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>736,688</b>
xi) Deferral for Seaton Assessment Growth	9,879
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES</b>	<b>746,567</b>

- B) That the 2024 Capital Program for General Property Tax Purposes and financing (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation Authorities’ requirements), as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the amount of \$281,936,000 be approved including up to \$46,833,000 in debenture financing;

- C) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for General Property Tax Purposes (excluding Solid Waste, Durham Region Transit and Conservation Authorities' requirements), as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$3,782,409,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

**Contributions for Regional Roads and Bridges**

- D) That a 2024 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 2024 contribution of \$26,050,000 to the Regional Roads Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with road rehabilitation requirements;
- F) That a 2024 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 2024 Budget for the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$14,991,550.

**Conservation Authorities**

- H) That funding totalling \$6,963,838 for 2024 operations be approved for the Region's five Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (including transitioning the 2019-2023 Restoration pilot program to a permanent program in 2024)	\$4,620,240
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	729,104
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	658,597
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	724,800
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority*	231,097
<b>Total Conservation Authority Operations Funding</b>	<b>\$6,963,838</b>

\*The 2024 operating budget provision for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority includes all Category 1 Corporate Services costs.

- I) That funding totalling \$1,679,259 for 2024 special projects be approved for the Region’s Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	\$146,100
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	249,559
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	994,371
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	289,229
<b>Total Conservation Authority Special Projects Funding</b>	<b>\$1,679,259</b>

- J) That funding totalling \$200,000 for 2024 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
<b>Total Conservation Authority Land Management Funding</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

- K) That the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) Initiatives be continued in 2024 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 improvement to the entrance at Enniskillen Conservation Area and Russ Powell Nature Centre in the amount of \$120,000;
- b) Kawartha Conservation Authority for updates to their Watershed Planning in the amount of \$30,500;
- c) Kawartha Conservation Authority for phase five of five for the digitization of corporate records in the amount of \$5,446; and
- d) Kawartha Conservation Authority for the implementation of their 10-year Environmental Monitoring Strategy in the amount of \$9,077;

- M) That the special funding request from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority as outlined below be approved subject to securing the remainder of the project funding from the National Adaptation Strategy and Hydrologic Prediction and Innovation Program, project completion and accountability of project costs incurred:
  - a) LiDAR base mapping for the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority watershed to assist with floodplain mapping programs in the amount of \$80,000;
- N) That the approval for the special funding request from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan Pilot Project (SNAP) in the amount of \$120,000 be delegated to the Commissioner of Finance pending final review of the pilot project selected and its alignment with Regional responsibilities and priorities. The advancement of any funding approved for this special request will be subject to project completion and accountability of project costs incurred;
- O) That a contribution of \$393,977 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 2024 Business Plan and Budget**

- P) That the 2024 Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management at a net property tax requirement of \$60,075,000 be approved as detailed in the 2024 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget;
- Q) That the 2024 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management and financing, as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management, in the amount of \$4,732,000 be approved;
- R) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for Solid Waste Management as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$242,030,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals.

**Durham Region Transit 2024 Business Plan and Budget**

- S) That the 2024 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Region Transit be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$92,816,000, as detailed in the 2024 Durham Region Transit Business Plan and Budget;
- T) That the 2024 Capital Program for Durham Region Transit and financing, as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the gross amount of \$342,336,000 be approved, including up to \$63,095,000 in debenture financing (including \$20,230,000 in long-term financing from the Canada Infrastructure Bank) subject to federal funding approval for applicable projects;
- U) That the 2025 to 2033 Capital Forecast for Durham Region Transit as outlined in Attachment #5 to Report #2024-F-3 of the Commissioner of Finance and as further detailed within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$1,028,132,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals;
- V) That staff report back to the Transit Executive Committee and Finance and Administration Committee in advance of the 2025 Business Plan and Budget should sufficient senior government funding not be forthcoming to support the implementation of Durham Region Transit's fleet electrification strategy and forecasted service enhancements, with recommendations on updating the Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023 – 2032) to reflect funding realities.

**Financial Management and Accountability**

- W) That the Listing of 2024 Regional Fees and Charges, as set forth in the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget be approved and made available to the public and all applicable by-laws be amended accordingly;
- X) That a transfer of \$450,000 to the Climate Change Mitigation and Environmental Reserve Fund from savings in the Region's natural gas hedging account be approved;
- Y) That a transfer of \$3,068,880 to the Equipment Reserve from the Capital Impact Stabilization Reserve Fund be approved to support the ongoing sustainability of the reserve for fleet equipment replacement;

- Z) That the Growth Related General Infrastructure (Property Tax) Reserve Fund be established to finance the shortfall in development charge receipts from the mandatory phase-in, freezing, exemptions and discounts introduced through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 and related legislation, and that for 2023, any property tax surplus up to the maximum amount of the estimated 2023 development charge shortfall for property tax services be allocated to the Growth Related Property Tax Infrastructure Reserve Fund;
- AA) That the necessary By-laws for the establishment of the recommended Growth Related General Infrastructure (Property Tax) Reserve Fund be presented to Regional Council;
- BB) That the Region continue to advocate directly and jointly with our municipal partners and associations for senior government funding for shortfalls in development charge funding resulting from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 and related legislation as well as for the unplanned and accelerated infrastructure needs to meet the provincial housing targets;
- CC) That Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the Government of Canada for urgent investment in infrastructure and commitments to enhancements to the Canada Community Building Fund, establishing a permanent Public Transit Fund and enhanced investment in Reaching Homes funding;
- DD) That the Province of Ontario be requested to provide stability and certainty to the Provincial Gas Tax program to support transit operations and capital priorities;
- EE) That based upon the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget as recommended herein, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to set 2024 Regional Property Tax Rates for General Purposes, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit and approval be granted for the requisite By-laws;
- FF) That for any Regional program change or capital expenditure included within the 2024 Regional Business Plans and Budget 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;

- GG) That funding totalling up to \$83,250 be approved for the Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2024 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered;
- HH) That funding totalling up to \$52,160 be approved for COMRA Marine Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2024 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered;
- II) That the Commissioner of Finance be delegated authority, for purposes of the Region's Humanitarian response to asylum-seekers and refugees, to extend the Region's agreement with Community Development Council Durham to June 30, 2024, execute any transfer payment agreements, expend funds up to a maximum of an additional \$5,528,000 in accordance with the program guidelines, make any modifications to the program(s) to ensure desired outcomes are achieved, receive any federal and/or provincial funds for this response, and waive the Region's Purchasing By-law and Budget Management Policy as required for this response; and that any costs associated with the extension of this agreement not reimbursed under the federal Interim Housing Assistance Program or the provincial Homelessness Prevention Program or any other federal or provincial funds be funded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;
- JJ) That the federal government be requested to urgently reimburse the Region of Durham for all costs incurred to date and anticipated to be incurred up to June 30, 2024 for the Region's Humanitarian response to asylum-seekers and refugees and establish an ongoing funding program from July 1, 2024 onward to cover the costs of providing settlement services for asylum-seekers and refugees to prevent the cancellation of any programs offered by the Region of Durham after June 30, 2024;
- KK) That the Region continue to advocate for sustained senior government funding for growth related capital infrastructure to support the housing goals within the Region of Durham;
- LL) That staff be directed to prepare a 10-year Housing Service and Financing Strategy to be brought forward to Council in conjunction with the 2025 Business Plans and Budget;

MM) 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 2024 Business Plans and Budgets (\$,000's)**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>Total</u> \$
	<u>Total</u> \$	<u>Property Tax</u> \$	<u>Water</u> \$	<u>Sewer</u> \$	
<b><u>PSAS Additions to Budget</u></b>					
Tangible Capital Asset Amortization	164,648	104,174	29,860	36,776	170,810
Post-Employment Benefit Expense	27,301	43,820	738	890	45,448
Asset Retirement Obligation - Increase/(Decrease)	(248)	1,317	161	86	1,564
Transfers from Reserves and Reserve Funds	145,359	246,889	31,417	19,785	298,091
Proceeds of Debt issued for Regional Purposes	160,883	109,928	-	45,868	155,796
<b>Total PSAS Additions</b>	<b>497,943</b>	<b>506,128</b>	<b>62,176</b>	<b>103,405</b>	<b>671,709</b>
<b><u>PSAS Reductions to Budget</u></b>					
Gross Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions	(784,858)	(628,307)	(143,006)	(215,158)	(986,471)
Less: Tangible Capital Asset Recoveries	40,691	-	-	60,172	60,172
<b>Net Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions</b>	<b>(744,167)</b>	<b>(628,307)</b>	<b>(143,006)</b>	<b>(154,986)</b>	<b>(926,299)</b>
Debt Principal Payments	(18,643)	(18,589)	(695)	(2,802)	(22,086)
Transfers to Reserves and Reserve Funds	(155,268)	(152,579)	(9,836)	(20,773)	(183,188)
Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	(20,017)	(1,270)	(9,360)	(13,396)	(24,026)
<b>Total PSAS Reductions</b>	<b>(938,095)</b>	<b>(800,745)</b>	<b>(162,897)</b>	<b>(191,957)</b>	<b>(1,155,599)</b>
<b>Net Impact - (Increase) to Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b>(440,152)</b>	<b>(294,617)</b>	<b>(100,721)</b>	<b>(88,552)</b>	<b>(483,890)</b>

NN) That sections of this resolution be forwarded to each relevant party to inform them of their approved funding and/or Council's position on the appropriate matter.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
 (44) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 2 and 3 inclusive of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
 (45) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.  
**CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
 RECORDED VOTE:**

Yes  
 Councillor Ashe  
 Councillor Barton

No  
 Councillor Foster  
 Councillor Marimpietri

Councillor Brenner	Councillor Neal
Councillor Carter	Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cook	
Councillor Crawford	
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Woo	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Yamada	
Regional Chair Henry	

Members Absent: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
(46) That the recommendations contained in Item 5 of Report #2 of the  
Finance and Administration Committee be adopted.  
CARRIED LATER IN THE MEETING  
ON A RECORDED VOTE  
(See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(47) That the main motion (46) of Councillors Ashe and Leahy be amended by  
directing that the projected property tax increase be reduced to 4.0% and  
that the funds of \$29.9 million necessary to reduce this tax increase be  
drawn from current Region of Durham reserve fund accounts as  
determined by the Regional Treasurer.  
MOTION DEFEATED ON A RECORDED  
VOTE (See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Foster,  
(48) That a vote on the matter be now taken.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE (A 2/3rds VOTE WAS  
NOT ATTAINED):

Yes

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier

Declarations of Interest: None

The amending motion (47) of Councillors Nicholson and Marimpietri was  
put to vote and DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Yamada

No

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall

Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Schummer

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Cook,  
(49) That the main motion (46) of Councillors Ashe and Leahy be amended in Part S) to reflect an increase to transit tax levy funding of an additional 1.4% to the overall Regional levy or \$11,435 million; and that the related By-law numbers 2024-011 and 2024-015 be amended.

MOTION DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Cook

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
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

Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier

Declarations of Interest: None

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,  
(50) That the main motion (46) of Councillors Ashe and Leahy to adopt the recommendations contained in Item 5 of Report #2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be divided in order to allow voting on Parts A) i) Departmental Operations – excluding Long-term Care, and A) vii) separately from the remainder.

CARRIED

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

Yes

Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Yamada

Members Absent: Councillor Collier

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Woo

Part A) vii) was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

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 Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

The remainder of the main motion (46) of Councillors Ashe and Leahy [with the exception of Parts A) i) and A) vii)] was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Collier

No

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Yamada

Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

## 9.2 Report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

1. Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-001 (Regional Official Plan Amendment #197) [\(2024-P-6\)](#)

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[CARRIED]

  - A) That Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of nonabutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2024-P-6 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development;
  - B) That “Notice of Adoption” be sent to the applicant, the applicant’s agent, the Municipality of Clarington, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision; and

- C) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to modify the Council adopted Durham Regional Official Plan as shown on Attachment #4 to Report #2024-P-6 so that the approvals granted by Regional Council through Amendment #197 are carried forward and properly reflected in the Region's new Official Plan which is currently pending approval by the Minister.

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(51) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #3 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 9.3 Report of the Works Committee

1. New Waste Management Services By-law (2024-WR-1)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That By-law #46-2011, as amended, being a by-law to regulate the provision of Waste Management Services under the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Durham, be repealed and replaced with a revised Waste Management Services By-law generally in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-WR-1 of the Acting Commissioner of Works, as modified and approved by the Regional Solicitor; and
  - B) That staff be directed to submit a short form wording and set fines application, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, to the Provincial Regional Senior Justice for approval, and such court order be attached to the by-law once received for reference.
2. Update on Small Business Recycling Post Blue Box Transition (2024-WR-2)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That, effective January 1, 2026, the Regional Municipality of Durham cease to provide Blue Box recycling services to the small businesses currently receiving municipal waste collection services as listed in Attachments #1 and #2 of Report #2024-WR-2 of the Acting Commissioner of Works;
  - B) That staff be directed to develop and implement a communication plan to advise these small businesses that, effective January 1, 2026, they will no longer receive municipal Blue Box recycling services;

- C) That staff be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks strongly endorsing the creation of a Blue Box recycling regulation for Ontario's Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector as it has done for Ontario's residential sector; and
  - D) That a copy of Report #2024-WR-2 be shared with the Regional Local Area Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
3. The Regional Municipality of Durham's Drinking Water Systems 2023 Summary Report (2024-W-5)  
[CARRIED]
- A) That the 2023 Summary Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham Drinking Water Systems be received for information;
  - B) That receipt of Report #2024-W-5 of the Acting Commissioner of Works be confirmed by resolution of Regional Council; and
  - C) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' York-Durham District Office to indicate that the conditions of Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been fulfilled.
4. Lease Agreement with 555 Hastings Avenue Inc. for space for use by Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), located at 555 Hastings Avenue and 556 Hastings Avenue, City of Oshawa (2024-W-7)  
[CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE]
- A) That the Lease Agreement with 555 Hastings Avenue Inc. for the premises in the City of Oshawa, consisting of 8,784 square feet of office and Industrial space located at 555 Hastings Avenue and 0.22 acres of storage yard space at 556 Hastings Avenue, in the City of Oshawa, be approved with the following terms and conditions:
    - i) The lease term is for a period of five (5) years commencing April 1, 2024, and ending on March 31, 2029;
    - ii) The annual rent for the lease term will be \$228,384\*, payable in equal monthly instalments of \$19,031\*, based on a rate of \$26.00 per square foot per annum;
    - iii) The basic rent will be increased by 2.5 percent for each successive year of the lease term;

- iv) Additional rent is estimated at \$1.92 per square foot or \$16,865.28 per annum, including maintenance costs, property taxes and insurance;
  - v) The Region will have exclusive use of the 0.22-acre storage yard space at 556 Hastings Avenue, City of Oshawa. There is no additional cost for the use of this space;
  - vi) The Region will have the option to renew the lease for two additional terms of five (5) years under the same terms and conditions, with rent to be negotiated at the time of renewal;
  - vii) The Region will be responsible for all maintenance and repair to the leased space, snow and ice removal and lawn cutting;
  - viii) The Landlord will be responsible for all improvements, repairs, renovations and alterations to the exterior of the building and property, as well as all systems servicing the leased space (e.g., HVAC); and
- B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents associated with the Lease.  
(\* ) exclusive of applicable taxes

5. Standardization and Sole Source Acquisition of Combination Plow/Dump/Salter Trucks (2024-W-8)  
[CARRIED]

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham continue to standardize Viking Cives Ltd. International Truck combination cab, chassis, and truck mounted plows/dump/salter bodies;
- B) That staff negotiate and award a sole source agreement with Viking Cives Ltd. for the supply, customization, and delivery of Viking Cives Ltd. International Truck combination cab, chassis, and truck-mounted plows/dump/salter bodies, parts and servicing of the units from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, at an estimated cost of \$18,457,640\* for the term, including \$2,890,000\* for 2024; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to this sole source agreement.  
(\* ) before applicable taxes

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(52) That the recommendations contained in Items 1, 2, 3 and 5 inclusive of Report #3 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
(53) That the recommendations contained in Item 4 of Report #3 of the Works Committee be adopted.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

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 Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

No

Councillor Nicholson

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

9.4 **Report of the Committee of the Whole**

1. Durham Meadoway Visioning Study – Project Outcome and Next Steps  
(2024-COW-11)  
[REFERRED BACK TO STAFF]
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- A) That Regional Council endorse the Durham Meadowway Visioning Study as the framework and strategy to implement the active transportation corridor and linear park, forming Stage 1 of the project;
- B) That Regional Council authorize the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Region and the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa, outlining a framework for the Region to cost-share 20 per cent (estimated at \$240,000) and the affected area municipalities cost-sharing 80 per cent of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for the Durham Meadowway trail, subject to the approval of Commissioner of Finance and Regional funding through the Region's 2025 Business Planning and Budgets process; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2024-COW-11 of the Commissioners of Planning and Economic Development, Finance and Works, and Council resolution be sent to the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Durham OneNet Inc., Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Parks Canada, the City of Toronto, Infrastructure Ontario and Hydro One Networks Inc.

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Woo,

- (54) That the recommendations contained in Item 1 of Report #2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

REFERRED BACK TO STAFF LATER IN THE  
MEETING (See Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

- (55) That the main motion (54) of Councillor Yamada and Woo be amended by deleting Parts A) and B) and replacing them with the following:

- A) That Regional Council endorse the Durham Meadowway Visioning Study as the framework and strategy **to implement four unique but connected active transportation corridors and linear parks**, forming Stage 1 of the project;
- B) That Regional Council authorize the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development **to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding between Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa** outlining a framework for the Region to cost-share **any required studies and assessments for each phase of the project with the affected municipalities**, subject to the approval of Commissioner of Finance and Regional funding through the Region's 2025 Business Planning and Budgets process.

MOTION REFERRED BACK TO STAFF (See  
Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,  
(56) That the amending motion (55) of Councillors Crawford and Roy and the  
main motion (54) of Councillors Yamada and Woo be referred back to  
staff for a report back to Committee and Council before the summer  
recess.

CARRIED

**10. Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions**

**11. Notice of Motions**

- 11.1 Motion to support the decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to end the  
Natural Gas Pipeline subsidy and to ask the Ontario Government to allow the  
decision to stand

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[REFERRED TO STAFF]

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting (see Pages 6 to 8)

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Schummer,  
(57) That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to introduce an item of  
correspondence from the Township of Amaranth as contained in the  
March 22, 2024 Council Information Package, in order to endorse the  
resolution from the Township of Amaranth.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE (A 2/3rds VOTE WAS  
ATTAINED):

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Schummer

No

Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Roy

Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Shahid

Declarations of Interest: None

- 11.2 Endorsement of Resolution from the Township of Amaranth Regarding Fair and Equivalent Operational Budget Funding Amounts from the Province to all Ontario Municipalities  

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**(CARRIED)**

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Schummer,  
(58) That the following resolution from the Township of Amaranth be endorsed:

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

Be it Resolved That the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Carter

No  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Garrod

Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Jubb  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McDougall  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Schummer  
Councillor Woo  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Yamada  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Shahid

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.

Councillor Crawford was extended congratulations by Councillor Roy on behalf of the Council of the Town of Whitby on receiving the International Women's Day 2024 Woman of Impact Award.

**14. By-laws**

2024-008 Being a by-law to adopt Amendment #197 to the Durham Regional Official Plan.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Planning & Economic Development Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

- 2024-009 Being a by-law to consolidate, repeal and replace the by-laws that regulate the provision of Waste Management Services under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Durham.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #1 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Works Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.
- 2024-010 Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for General Purposes including the payment of all debt of the Regional Corporation falling due excluding current and capital expenditures and debts for Water Supply and Sanitary Sewage Works, Solid Waste Management and Durham Region Transit Commission.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.
- 2024-011 Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for the Durham Region Transit Commission.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.
- 2024-012 Being a by-law to approve and adopt the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets for Solid Waste Management.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.
- 2024-013 Being a by-law to establish tax ratios for 2024 and to specify the percentage by which tax rates are to be reduced for prescribed property subclasses.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #4 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.
- 2024-014 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional General purposes for the year 2024.
- This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

2024-015 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for the Durham Region Transit Commission for the year 2024.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

2024-016 Being a by-law to set and levy rates of taxation for Regional Solid Waste Management purposes for the year 2024.

This by-law implements the recommendations contained in Item #5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance & Administration Committee presented to Regional Council on March 27, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(59) That By-law Numbers 2024-008 to 2024-016 inclusive be passed.  
CARRIED LATER IN THE MEETING (See  
Following Motions)

Moved by Councillor Nicolson, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
(60) That By-law Numbers 2024-010 to 2024-016 be divided in order to vote  
on them separately.  
CARRIED

By-law Numbers 2024-008 and 2024-009 were put to a vote and CARRIED.

By-law Numbers 2024-010 to 2024-016 were put to a vote and CARRIED ON  
THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Ashe	Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton	Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Brenner	Councillor Neal
Councillor Carter	Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Chapman	Councillor Schummer
Councillor Crawford	Councillor Yamada
Councillor Dies	
Councillor Garrod	
Councillor Jubb	
Councillor Kerr	
Councillor Leahy	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor McDougall	
Councillor Mulcahy	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Shahid	
Councillor Woo	

Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry

Members Absent: Councillor Collier  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Pickles

Declarations of Interest: None

**15. Confirming By-law**

2024-017 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham at its meeting on the 27th day of March, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Ashe, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(61) That By-law Number 2024-017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on March 27, 2024 be passed.

CARRIED

**16. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Lee,  
(62) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO

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Cheryl Bandel, Deputy Regional Clerk