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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Works Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Councillor Barton assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.
* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

Members

Present: Councillor Barton, Chair
Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair
Councillor Cook*
Councillor Foster
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Lee*
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson*

Also

Present: Councillor McDougall

Members

Absent: None

Staff Present: N. Andres, E. Baxter-Trahair, S. Ciani, S. Dessureault, D. Dunn, A. Evans, C. Goodchild*, M. Harris, B. Holmes*, M. Hubble, J. Hunt, H. Khan, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, J. Kilgour, D. Waechter, N. Williams*

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Barton made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.2 B) Project Update and Request for Additional Engineering Consulting Services for the Proposed Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion in the Town of Whitby (2025-W-31). He indicated that the Township of Uxbridge and AECOM Canada ULC are currently in active litigation.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion #63

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Dan Waechter, Director, Capital Projects Delivery, Michael Harris, Manager, Design Contracts – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Design, and Hammad Khan, Project Engineer – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Design
Re: Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion (2025-W-31 [Item 8.2 b.], 2025-W-32 [Item 8.2 c.], and 2025-W-33 [Item 8.2 d.]
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Dan Waechter, Director, Capital Projects Delivery, Michael Harris, Manager, Design Contracts – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Design, and Hammad Khan, Project Engineer – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Design provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP) Expansion.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Introductions
- Goals of Today's Presentation
- Whitby-Oshawa-Courtice Water Supply System
- Overall Project Site
- Project Background
- Whitby WSP Expansion
- Contracts Overview
- Whitby WSP – Overview
- Contracts 1-3 Completion (~2028)
- Final Site Rendering (After C4 and C5)
- Consulting Services Assignment (CSA) History
- Proposed Consulting Services Agreement (CSA) Amendment
- October Works Committee Reports – Sole Sources

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether the WSP expansion will increase capacity for the Region; what the 10-year completion process looks like (phases/contracts); what the communication strategy will look like and how detailed it will be; the hiring of local talent and equipment where possible, and including a “preference for local” within the contracts issued; the purpose of the Energy Production Center; what the back-up plan is when there is

a power outage; and how the reduction of chlorine use in the Region's water system is a result of using ultra-violet light.

Staff responded to further questions from the Committee regarding whether staff could prepare a memorandum to be forwarded to the local members of parliament (MPP) detailing the justification for the requested funds; and whether staff could prepare a specific webpage outlining the top capital projects for each municipality with an associated project summary in order to keep the public informed.

Motion #64

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
That the agenda be altered to consider the following items next:

- Item 8.2 B) Project Update and Request for Additional Engineering Consulting Services for the Proposed Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion in the Town of Whitby (2025-W-31);
- Item 8.2 C) Sole Source Procurement of the Lake Ontario Water Quality Monitoring System (LOWQMS) for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby (2025-W-32); and
- Item 8.2 D) Sole Source Procurement of Stainless Steel Filter Underdrain System for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby (2025-W-33), to be considered next.

Carried

8. Works

8.2 Reports

- B) Project Update and Request for Additional Engineering Consulting Services for the Proposed Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-31](#))
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Report #2025-W-31 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Motion #65

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Report #2025-W-31 of the Commissioner of Works be received for information for an update on the project and for three (3) amendments approved by Staff for RC00000682 since Semi-Annual Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law Report #2025-INFO-39 was issued;
- B) That contract amendment with AECOM Canada ULC be authorized for consulting costs associated with the additional engineering services for Contract 4 of the Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion project in the

amount of \$14,362,622, over the approved upset limit of \$23,280,589 for a revised upset limit not to exceed \$37,643,211; and

- C) That the award of Construction Administration Services for Contract 4 to AECOM Canada ULC, valued at \$17,400,000 be deferred until the Contract 4 construction tender closes.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson

No: None

Members

Absent: None

Declaration

of Interest: Councillor Barton, Chair

- C) Sole Source Procurement of the Lake Ontario Water Quality Monitoring System (LOWQMS) for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-32](#))
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Report #2025-W-32 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Motion #66

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
That we recommend to Council:

That staff be authorized to sole source MTE Instruments (MTE) for the supply, installation and commissioning of the Lake Ontario Water Quality Monitoring System (LOWQMS) through the tender documents for the rehabilitation of the Whitby Water Supply Plant at an estimated cost of \$2.2M to be tendered in 2026.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Barton, Chair

No: None

Members

Absent: None

Declaration

of Interest: None

- D) Sole Source Procurement of Stainless Steel Filter Underdrain System for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-33](#))
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Report #2025-W-33 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Motion #67

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
That we recommend to Council:

That staff be authorized to sole source Anthratech Western Inc. (AWI) for the supply of an engineered stainless steel filter underdrain system through the tender documents for the rehabilitation of the Whitby Water Supply Plant.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Barton, Chair

No: None

Members

Absent: None

Declaration

of Interest: None

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Waste

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence received from the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP), dated October 1, 2025, re: Blue Box Waste Collection from Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) Sources
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Detailed discussion ensued regarding what the next steps would be for Durham's local business improvement areas (BIAs) as a result of the announcement from the Province advising that beginning in 2026, producer responsibility organizations (PRO) would no longer voluntarily continue to collect blue box waste from industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) sources.

Staff reminded Committee that Council made a decision last year to cease to provide blue box recycling services to the small businesses currently receiving municipal waste collection services, and that communication is ready to be distributed to the small businesses that currently receive that service to inform them of such.

E. Baxter-Trahair advised that she would follow-up with Works and Economic Development staff to discuss possible options for Durham's local BIA's with respect to the future of their blue box waste collection.

Motion #68

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the correspondence received from the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP), dated October 1, 2025, regarding blue box waste collection from industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) sources be received for information; and
- B) That the correspondence be forwarded to the Region of Durham's Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) or the equivalent body (Economic Development Department) of that particular municipality for additional discussions in coordination with the appropriate Regional staff.

Carried

7.2 Reports

There were no Waste reports to consider.

8. Works

8.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence received from the Township of Brock, dated September 23, 2025, re: Petition – Request to Remove Passing Zone, Reduce Speed Limits, and Install Enhanced Signage near Ball Avenue East, Beaverton (Thorah)
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Motion #69

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,

That the correspondence received from the Township of Brock, dated September 23, 2025, regarding Petition – Request to Remove Passing Zone, Reduce Speed Limits, and Install Enhanced Signage near Ball Avenue East, Beaverton (Thorah), be referred to staff for review.

Carried

8.2 Reports

- A) Declaration of Surplus Lands adjacent to Taunton Road West and east of Des Newman Boulevard in the Town of Whitby
([2025-W-30](#))
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Report #2025-W-30 from R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Motion #70

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

That we recommend to Council:

- A) That property located east of Des Newman Boulevard and adjacent to Taunton Road West in the Town of Whitby, legally described as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 40R-32553 in the Town of Whitby, Regional Municipality of Durham, identified as part of PIN 26570-1143 (LT) be declared as surplus to Regional requirements;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham pass a by-law to stop up and close as a public highway, subject to any easements that may be required by any utility, that portion of Taunton Road West (Regional Road 4) located in Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 40R-32553 in the Town of Whitby, Regional Municipality of Durham, identified as part of PIN 26570-1143 (LT);
- C) That the requirements in Section 3 of Regional Municipality of Durham By-Law #52-95 establishing the procedures, including giving notice to the public, governing the sale of real property be waived;
- D) That Regional staff be permitted to enter into an agreement to dispose of the lands described above in Recommendation A) of Report #2025-W-30 of the Commissioner of Works with Whitby Taunton Holdings Limited at market value; and
- E) That the Commissioner of Works be authorized to execute all documents associated with the transaction.

Carried

- B) Project Update and Request for Additional Engineering Consulting Services for the Proposed Whitby Water Supply Plant Expansion in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-31](#))
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Pages 3 to 4 of these minutes.

- C) Sole Source Procurement of the Lake Ontario Water Quality Monitoring System (LOWQMS) for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-32](#))
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Page 4 of 5 of these minutes.

- D) Sole Source Procurement of Stainless Steel Filter Underdrain System for the Whitby Water Supply Plant located in the Town of Whitby ([2025-W-33](#))
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Page 5 of these minutes.

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Motion regarding Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras (ASE)

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the benefits that automated speed enforcement cameras (ASE) have had on the Region and their ability to improve public safety for its residents.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether statistics have been collected with respect to how many vehicles pass through an ASE camera, and of those, how many receive a ticket; and whether the decision to remove the ASE cameras could be challenged legally as they provide increased road safety to the residents.

Motion #71

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,

That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to introduce a motion regarding Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) without notice.

Carried on a 2/3rds Vote

Motion #72

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
That we recommend to Council:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has indicated concerns with respect to the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program, including issues related to affordability for residents, effectiveness, fairness, transparency, and consistency in application;

Whereas ASE cameras in Durham have been very effective in achieving compliance with posted speed limits, particularly in sensitive areas such as in the vicinity of school locations, with an average reduction of 80 per cent over time in charges issued at the enforced locations, along with a 30 per cent average improvement in overall compliance with the posted speed limit;

Whereas since the start of the Region's ASE program, there has been an 8 km/h reduction in average operating speeds following ASE deployment;

Whereas the Region of Durham welcomes the opportunity to work with the Province to ensure that ASE is used effectively, including the use of consistent thresholds for issuing of fines, application of more stringent criteria for the locations and times of ASE enforcement, and the allocation of net ASE revenues exclusively to road safety initiatives; and

Whereas road safety initiatives should include enhanced police enforcement, improved signage and other forms of public notification to warn motorists of ASE enforcement zones, and additional traffic calming measures to further support speed compliance and protect vulnerable road users;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Regional Council endorse the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) as outlined in their correspondence dated September 10, 2025 (<https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Letters/2025/OPOLTRAPAutomatedSpeedEnforcement2025-09-10.pdf?OR=OfficeMobile>) to the Premier of Ontario, to work with the Province to ensure that ASE is used effectively and to improve public understanding of their importance;
2. That Regional Council advocate to the province that net revenues generated from ASE enforcement be directed exclusively to road safety initiatives, including enhanced police enforcement, improved signage and notification for ASE zones, and other traffic calming measures; and

3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, Durham Local Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Barton, Chair

No: None

Members

Absent: None

Declaration

of Interest: None

11.2 Construction Work Completion Deadlines

Staff responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether there is a coordinated inspection department that provides a detailed inspection for every construction project to ensure the work is being completed on time and consistently throughout the Region.

11.3 Activation of Signalized Intersections

In response to a question from Councillor Marimpietri, R. Jagannathan stated that he could provide a list directly to him of the signalized intersections waiting to be activated.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Motion #73

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy,
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Barton
Chair

S. Ciani
Committee Clerk