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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Committee of the Whole Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025, and Friday, December 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 AM, and on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

Members

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe*
Councillor Barton attended the meeting at 10:52 AM
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter attended the meeting at 10:42 AM
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy attended the meeting at 10:21 AM
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri attended the meeting at 10:43 AM
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:54 AM
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster was absent on municipal business

Staff Present: K. Allore-Engel, S. Austin, C. Bandel, E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Burgess, T. Cheseboro, C. Chu, S. Clarke, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Dixon, A. Evans*, T. Fetter, L. Fleury, L. Foulds*, P. Frizado, J. Gaskin, S. Gill, C. Goodchild, B. Goodwin, A. Harras, A. Hector-Alexander, B. Holmes, K. Hornburg, M. Hubble*, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, Z. Jaffer*, R. Jagannathan, J. Kilgour, R.J. Kyle, M. Laschuk*, J. Leonard, L. Lovery*, L. MacDermaid*, K. McDermott*, I. McVey, P. Moreira, G. Muller, A. Pezzetti*, N. Pincombe and N. Taylor. E. Valant, D. Waechter

Regional Chair Henry announced that today is Nancy Taylor's final Committee of the Whole meeting as the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer. Since stepping into the role in 2018, Nancy has been the steward of Durham Region's financial health, ensuring stability and accountability. Nancy's leadership has safeguarded Regional assets, ensured sound fiscal management, and provided trusted advice to Council and the CAO with integrity and foresight.

Nancy began her career as an Auditor with Deloitte, where she audited public sector organizations, including municipalities. Prior to joining the Region in 2018, Nancy served the Municipality of Clarington for more than 25 years as Director of Finance/Treasurer.

Nancy has been a leader in the municipal finance sector, serving as President of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario; Chair of the Ontario Regional and Single-tier Treasurers group; Treasurer for the Society of Public Insurance Administrators of Ontario; and as a One Joint Investment Board Member; and has been a strong representative for the sector, delegating to numerous provincial Committee hearings and as an expert in nuclear property tax matters.

Nancy was honoured with the Award of Excellence in Municipal Finance by the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario in 2019.

Nancy's dedication spans decades of public service, and her commitment to excellence has shaped policies that protect taxpayer dollars and support the needs of our community. Nancy's ability to foster trust and teamwork have made a lasting impact on all of us and Nancy's Friday "connecting" emails became a cherished tradition.

Chair Henry offered thanks and congratulations on Nancy's retirement.

Chair Henry thanked the staff at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and Toronto Western hospitals, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, members of Council and staff for assisting during his recent absence.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Crawford made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service. She indicated that her son is employed in the Finance Department.

Councillor Woo made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service. He indicated that a family member is employed in the Social Services Department.

Councillor Shahid made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service, as it pertains to the Police Budget. She indicated that her son is in the Youth in Policing program.

Councillor Ashe made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service. He indicated that his son is employed in the Works Department.

Councillor Mulcahy made a declaration of interest, later in the meeting, under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service, as it pertains to the Long-Term Care budget. She indicated that her daughter is employed in the Social Services Department.

3. Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budgets

3.1 Presentations

- A) Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer; Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance; Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; and Bill Holmes, General Manager, DRT
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service (2025-COW-45)
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Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer; Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance; Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance; Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services; and Bill Holmes, General Manager, DRT, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Services.

E. Baxter-Trahair, thanked all department heads and staff for their dedication in putting together budgets under the current challenging economic environment; and thanked N. Taylor and N. Pincombe for their work leading the development of the budget. E. Baxter-Trahair stated that it is challenging to present a budget that meets the needs of the community and that is within the approved guideline. The budget has come in slightly below the approved guideline at 6.04%, which is a monthly increase of \$18 a month, or \$215 annually, for the average residential property owner. The increase in the Regional portion includes critical investments to advance Council's strategic priorities. The increase for the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is proposed at the Region's guideline which is less than the budget approved by the DRPS Board. There is also an increase for Conservation Authorities which is aligned with the requests received from the Conservation Authorities. E. Baxter-Trahair advised that staff continue to advocate for additional funding opportunities from senior levels of government. E. Baxter-Trahair also stated that to achieve the guideline, funds will be drawn from Development Charges, reserves and reserve funds.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview of the 2026 Budget
- Regional Property Tax Supported Budget
- 2026 Regional Property Taxes: Average Home
- 2026 Property Tax Impacts: Regional
- 2026 Property Tax Impacts: Overall
- 2026 Budget Pressures
- Fiscal Sustainability – New Financial Framework

- Significant Investments in Critical Service Areas
- 2026 Capital Budget and Nine-Year Forecast
- Projected Debenture Financing Requirements
- Impacts of Regional Budget Reductions
- Looking Forward: 2027 – 2035 Forecast

Staff responded to questions with respect to the following:

- The impact of the amendments to the Development Charges Act, and deferring development charges for particular projects;
- The level of reserves available, using reserves to offset property tax increases, and re-allocating reserves that are meant to be used in future years for current uses;
- The Social Services budget and the gap between the level of Provincial funding provided and the costs of providing services, and what portion of the Social Services expenditures are paid for from property tax revenue;
- Provincial reimbursements to offset the costs incurred by Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) as a result of the new Policing Legislation, and whether the new positions in the DRPS budget are for 2026 and not retroactive;
- The total property tax revenue the Region receives each year; the total dollar value of the 6.04% projected increase; what percentage of the Region's overall revenue comes from property taxes; if reserve funds are funded from property taxes; and whether fees and charges revenue comes from property taxes; and
- Where the removal of upper tier planning responsibilities is accounted for in the budget.

Councillor Nicholson asked if it was possible to see the breakdown of how each service is funded, for example, how much of the social services budget is funded from property taxes and how much from provincial funding etc. Staff advised they would provide Councillor Nicholson with that information.

B) Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
Re: 2026 Strategic Property Tax Study (2025-COW-44)

Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2026 Strategic Property Tax Study.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Assessment Growth Update

- Assessment at Risk Update
- Property Tax Competitive Analysis
- Provincial Policy Update – New Classes/Subclasses
- Provincial Policy Update – Nuclear Generating Facilities
- Provincial Policy Update – Reassessment
- 2025 Strategic Property Tax Study Recommendations

Staff responded to questions with respect to the following:

- The potential impact of the provincial statutory rate being updated for nuclear generating facilities; whether the amount has been indexed; when the stranded debt will be paid off; and determining the generating and ancillary facilities footprints for taxation purposes;
- Whether the Region is able to introduce the new multi-residential property tax subclasses; when more information will be available from MPAC on the new subclasses so an informed decision can be made; if there is the possibility of an interim, smaller, tax reduction while waiting for the information from MPAC; and whether the Province has been asked to expedite the provision of the data on the new subclasses so municipalities can consider implementing them; and
- How the Region's property taxes compare to other municipalities; and since the Region's commercial tax rates are lower than comparators, does that attract more businesses to Durham.

3.2 Delegations

A) Charles Benton, Oshawa resident
Re: Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase

C. Benton withdrew their request to delegate prior to the meeting.

B) Andrew Tummonds, President, Durham Regional Police Association
Re: Durham Regional Police Service 2026 Budget

A. Tummonds, President, Durham Regional Police Association, appeared in support of the 2026 Durham Regional Police Service budget, as proposed by the Durham Regional Police Service Board (DRPSB).

A. Tummonds stated that the police budget is about lives, not a line item, and provided the example of the Festive Ride Program. A. Tummonds added that many members of DRPS volunteer in the community.

A. Tummonds stated that the Region continues to grow along with the complexity of crime; and is on-pace to have the highest number of shootings in the Region's history. Funding is required for more officers and to attain and attract the best

recruits, and DRPS is competing with other forces who have more modern facilities.

A. Tummonds advised that a survey was sent out to community members and one of the top concerns was the safety of the community.

A. Tummonds responded to questions from Committee members.

C) Belinda Gruber, Durham Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the Value of Ongoing Funding for Community and Diversity

B. Gruber, participating electronically, appeared in support of increasing funding for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

B. Gruber spoke to the importance of established and increased funding for DEI initiatives in the community. B. Gruber spoke to the diversity of Council members and that it does not represent the populations served and stated that the lack of representation necessitates the need for a diversity table.

B. Gruber stated that there are many in the community who are not fairly represented though they pay equal taxes and that municipalities with diversity are more successful.

B. Gruber stated DEI programs yield tangible socio-economic value; and that DEI initiatives should be institutionalized and are a fiscally responsible spend that yields efficiencies.

B. Gruber asked that the Region not remove DEI initiatives from the budget, and be innovative, bold and community driven. B. Gruber stated that all members of the community deserve equitable access to representation.

B. Gruber responded to a question from the Committee.

D) Jai Sahak, Northstar
Re: Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the importance of continuing the work of the Community Safety and Wellbeing initiative at the Region of Durham

J. Sahak appeared in support of continued funding for the Community Safety and Wellbeing Initiative.

J. Sahak appeared as the Executive Director of Northstar and provided an overview of the organization. J. Sahak stated that their organization oversees community support teams and intensive support programs, saves lives and saves taxpayers money, and that they have over 70 youth enrolled in their programs. J. Sahak stated that investments in community safety and wellbeing reduce crime and save money. When young people thrive, communities thrive.

J. Sahak stated that the Region's Community Safety and Wellbeing initiative has been essential for their work and should be an essential part of the budget, not optional. Youth homelessness is a growing crisis. The framework for the collective recognizes that safety and well being cannot just be achieved through enforcement.

J. Sahak shared examples of how the network and collective has supported their work.

J. Sahak requested that the Region continue to fund the Community Safety and Well Being initiative.

J. Sahak responded to questions from the Committee.

E) Anthony Lue, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the Value of Ongoing
Funding for Community and Diversity

A. Lue appeared in support of continued investment in community and diversity initiatives.

A. Lue stated that it is strategic to invest in community and diversity initiatives as inclusive communities foster innovation, economic growth and social cohesion. A. Lue stated that support from Council has already helped and shared examples of DEI initiatives that have helped the community.

A. Lue stated that a drop in funding would erode trust and engagement and undermine the Region's reputation as a leader in inclusion.

A. Lue stated that the investment matters for community wellbeing, and the new Strategic Plan acts as a compass for the future we want to create. A. Lue asked that Council keep that commitment strong.

A. Lue responded to questions from the Committee.

F) Niko Pupella, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the Value of Ongoing
Funding for Community and Diversity

N. Pupella was not in attendance.

G) Doug Glass, Ajax resident
Re: 2026 Durham Regional Police Service Budget

D. Glass appeared in support of increased accountability with respect to the proposed 2026 Durham Regional Police Service Budget.

D. Glass stated that they support having a well resourced, professional police force, but is concerned there is a mismatch between funding and outcomes. D. Glass suggested that the Region needs to insist on improvements to police outcomes before approving increased spending.

D. Glass stated that the median response time standard has not been achieved; that the Community Safety Satisfaction Rating has gone down; and that the spending growth is not justified and work loads are not excessive.

D. Glass stated that DRPS need better outcomes and fiscal discipline and asked that Council not approve the budget that the DRPSB is asking for.

D. Glass responded to questions from the Committee.

H) Doug Glass, Ajax resident
Re: 2026 Durham Region Transit Budget

D. Glass appeared in support of increased accountability with respect to the proposed 2026 Durham Region Transit Budget.

D. Glass stated that they support Transit, but that accountability is required. D. Glass stated that funding has gone up, but service results have not; staffing costs and capital spending have increased significantly; residents are not seeing results from the increased spending; property taxes cover 51% of DRT, while other GTA transit systems recover more from fares; ridership is down and on-time performance target was lowered and is not being met; and one-third of On-demand riders cannot be served.

D. Glass stated that Transit has unstable revenue and rising debt which is not sustainable and that until DRT's non-tax revenue grows, the 14% increase to the budget must be reduced. D. Glass suggested that Council require quarterly performance reports from DRT.

D. Glass requested that members of Council vote against the main budget recommendations if any budget amendments they supported did not pass.

D. Glass responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion #152

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
That the Committee recess for one hour.

Carried

The Committee recessed at 1:16 PM and reconvened at 2:19 PM

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Foster and Garrod.

Motion #153

Moved by Councillor Yamada, Seconded by Councillor Roy,
That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to add Liam Venner as a
delegation.

Carried on a 2/3rds Vote

I) Terry Rekar, Resident
Re: Strategic Plan and the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets

T. Rekar appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

T. Rekar stated that they are with the Action for Canada group and are concerned with the budget, and that wages are not going up yet property taxes are. T. Rekar stated that the property tax increase is too high.

T. Rekar stated that the Government of Canada website states that starting in 2026 to 2027 the Government of Canada will provide local governments with predictable and ongoing Transit funding, including electric vehicles, and questioned the value of electric buses.

T. Rekar stated their opinion that the Region is collecting funds under the guise of sustainable development and voiced concerns about a faith-based apartment building that is under construction in Courtice. T. Rekar stated that 15-minute cities are not sustainable and should not be promoted, and that a moratorium is needed on immigration.

J) James Bountrogiannis, Oshawa resident
Re: Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase

J. Bountrogiannis was not in attendance.

K) Keith Tournay, Ajax resident
Re: Homelessness

K. Tournay appeared in support of funding for the Social Services department, specifically homelessness supports.

K. Tournay spoke about members of the homeless population they have met and work they have been doing with the homeless population and advocated for doing things “with” people and not “to” them.

K. Tournay spoke about the opioid crisis and the need to remove it from the streets, the need for more shelter spaces including tiny homes, and places where people can rest.

K. Tournay stated that the homelessness support system is siloed and needs to be systemic. K. Tournay listed “champions” of homelessness supports.

K. Tournay responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion #154

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

That the order of the Agenda be altered in order to hear the delegation from Ben Earle at this time.

Carried

S) Ben Earle, President & CEO, Feed the Need in Durham
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets

B. Earle appeared in support of the Social Services and Health proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

B. Earle stated that Durham is in the midst of a crisis with homelessness, addiction and mental health. Systems are strained, and there is a need to do more with fewer resources. Many community organizations feel that they may need to close their doors in the next few years due to inadequate funding. B. Earle stated that 1 in 4 households in Durham experience food insecurity and there is a need for systemic, long term solutions. B. Earle advised that in addition to their core work, Social Services is engaging and connecting with community organizations, and investments are needed to help to respond to complex problems.

B. Earle stated that through the poverty response strategy, the Region has demonstrated leadership, and they look forward to continuing to collaborate with staff and Council.

B. Earle encouraged Council to continue to support community and social services.

B. Earle responded to questions from the Committee.

L) Lynda Yardley, Resident
Re: Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase

L. Yardley appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

L. Yardley stated the proposed budget increase is out of line with the economy and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 2.5% in 2025 which is much lower than the 6.04 % increase that is being asked of Durham taxpayers; families are struggling to afford food and rent; seniors on fixed incomes are some of the most affected; and visits to community support organizations have increased. L.

Yardley questioned how residents can pay increased taxes without increased income. L. Yardley stated that this is an inflationary budget, and top priority should be affordability and not spending.

L. Yardley suggested that Council needs to look for budget cuts including administrative and operational efficiencies, equipment optimization, freezing staff salaries, no new hires, job cuts, reversing Council's expense account increase, no electric buses, and cutting consultants.

L. Yardley stated that Council needs to cut the budget back to a zero increase.

L. Yardley responded to questions from the Committee.

M) Marek Kutrowski, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the Lived Experience of the Impact of Social Programs and Services, and Finding Affordable Housing

M. Kutrowski appeared in support of the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Social Services programs.

M. Kutrowski advised they are a member of the social services Lived Experience Advisory Committee which brings together citizens with first-hand experience of poverty and social services in Durham, with a goal to ensure that decisions reflect the realities faced by those most affected.

M. Kutrowski stated that Social Services programs are lifelines for many sectors and continued investments ensure programs remain available and effective; that capital funding is required to maintain and expand housing stock; and outreach services and additional shelter space is essential to support rising homelessness.

M. Kutrowski stated that investing in social services is investing in people, and the services offered made a real difference in their life and this opportunity to speak and be part of the process is a valuable example of the impact.

M. Kutrowski thanked Council for considering social services priorities in the budget.

N) Hermia Corbette, Executive Director, Community Development Council Durham (CDCD)
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and the Value of Ongoing Funding for Community and Diversity

H. Corbette, Executive Director, Community Development Council Durham (CDCD), appeared in support of the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets as it pertains to funding for community and diversity.

H. Corbette stated that they support this budget which enables continued investment in DEI initiatives and provides a framework for investment in Durham's future including settlement services, as immigration is the primary reason for growth in the Region.

H. Corbette advised that the CDCD is the lead agency for the Ajax, Oshawa and Clarington Welcome Facilities and supports government assisted refugees. H. Corbette stated that they supported the inclusion plan called "We All Belong Here" which was endorsed by Regional Council.

H. Corbette stated that the proposed budget makes a difference in the lives of residents and that Durham is the fastest growing community in Canada. H. Corbette provided examples of successes including the Durham humanitarian response program to assist refugee claimants and stated that the success of the program is a testament to the effectiveness of programs like this in Durham Region, and that successes are a result of sustained strategic investment.

H. Corbette stated that the Region's oversight and equity focused approach has strengthened service alignment and created a more effective Regional system; and continued funding to DEI initiatives ensures the system remains strong and responsive. H. Corbette thanked the Region for leadership and commitment.

O) Jeanette Miller, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets and Funding Climate Change

J. Miller appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets as they relate to climate change initiatives.

J. Miller stated there are budget pressures related to immigration and climate change and questioned whether these were federal issues and if the federal government should be funding these initiatives rather than the Region or taxpayers.

J. Miller questioned the need for certain staff positions including those in the Climate and DEI offices. J. Miller stated that the projections in the climate action plan are estimates and questioned why the Region is supporting a plan that is not verified.

J. Miller stated that the budget report states that there will be an investment for the low carbon pathway scenario and added there could be cost savings if that is removed. J. Miller questioned whether the Region knows whether this exercise will reduce temperatures at all and suggested that the solar minimum may take care of climate issues.

J. Miller questioned the climate change models and the use of funds for climate mitigation and suggested property taxes be used for local issues and only pay for programs that can be proven to be beneficial to Durham Region.

P) Jessica Street, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets

J. Street appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

J. Street spoke about the impact the budget will have on residents and stated that a 6.04% tax increase and water bill increase is not something households can absorb without consequence. J. Street stated that increases do not align with wage increases, costs are rising faster than incomes, and people are losing stability. J. Street stated that budgets communicate what matters, what is essential and what can wait, and should reflect the circumstances that people are living in.

J. Street stated they understand the intention behind DEI initiatives, but feel the implementation seen in recent years has created division instead of bringing people together as equals, and the budget should focus on what unites people, not what separates them. J. Street added that residents understand oversight as they use it in their lives every day, and the budget only works when the public trusts that every dollar is being used responsibly.

J. Street also stated that with the strain on policing resources, officers should not be directed away from community safety to manage dissent, such as at Pickering Council meetings, and must be used where needed most.

J. Street stated that residents are being asked to pay more, while services are stretched and confidence in spending decisions is fragile. J. Street stated the budget is not sustainable and responsible and asked Council to reduce the increase, adjust spending, redirect funds, and respect limits that residents cannot change.

J. Street responded to questions from the Committee.

Q) Lisa Robinson, Resident
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets

L. Robinson appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets. L. Robinson advised that she is appearing as a concerned resident and that all opinions are her own and not as a representative of the City of Pickering.

L. Robinson stated that people in Durham are hurting and a 6.04% Regional increase on top of utility, insurance, grocery, gas, and education increases is too much for people. L. Robinson stated families need to choose between expenses; food banks are stretched to limits; housing is out of reach for most people; seniors have to skip meals; and mortgage renewals are going up extensively. L. Robinson stated this isn't a revenue crisis, it's a spending crisis; that priorities, discipline

and restraint are needed; and that residents are cutting back, and the Region should do the same and not move ahead with non-urgent capital projects in the middle of an affordability crisis.

L. Robinson urged Council to freeze the property tax rate, cut what is not essential, and delay what can be delayed.

- R) Keaton Hellinga, Committee Member, Lived Experience Advisory Committee of Durham Social Services
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets
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K. Hellinga appeared in support of the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Social Services programs.

K. Hellinga stated they are an Ontario Works recipient, and member of the Social Services Lived Experience Advisory Committee.

K. Hellinga advised that a Case Coordinator in Social Services helped them with finding a sense of direction in their life which led to them being passionate about educating the community on social issues.

K. Hellinga stated that programs like the Community Social Investment Program are important for the community, and that safe, flexible and accessible housing is foundational to the community. K. Hellinga added that outreach is vital to help members of the community and there is a need to invest in supports for homeless and impoverished community members.

K. Hellinga responded to questions from the Committee.

- S) Ben Earle, President & CEO, Feed the Need in Durham
Re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets
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The delegation from B. Earle was heard earlier in the meeting. [See Item S) on page 11.]

- T) Clint Cole, Resident
Re: Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase
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C. Cole was not in attendance.

- U) Liam Venner, Resident
Re: Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase
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Liam Venner appeared in opposition to the proposed 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets.

L. Venner advised that in November 2007 a report was presented to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities titled "Danger Ahead, the Coming Collapse of Canada's Municipal Infrastructure". The report stated that during the past 20 years, Canadian municipalities have experienced increased responsibilities with less transfer payments from other levels of government. L. Venner stated that municipalities went from having 8% of the tax base and 31% of all government infrastructure, to 8% of the tax base and 51% of the infrastructure, and that infrastructure number has increased since.

L. Venner stated that there are three categories of retired people and that some can afford to keep their homes, but most must sell their homes to afford tax increases, which is morally wrong.

L. Venner stated that the Federal government's solution to offset the aging population was to increase immigration to 100,000 per year, which was never realized. Canada is running out of citizens to pay for federal and provincial responsibilities, and municipal infrastructure is collapsing.

3.3 Correspondence

- A) Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Duties of Boards of Health under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) with respect to the 2026 Health Business Plan and Budget
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See Motion #155 on Page 17 of these minutes

- B) Memorandum from the 9-1-1 Management Board, re: 9-1-1 Emergency Service System 2026 Business Plan and Budget
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See Motion #155 on Page 17 of these minutes

- C) Memorandum from Housing Durham, re: 2026 Housing Durham Business Plan and Budget
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See Motion #155 on Page 17 of these minutes

- D) Memorandum from the Durham OneNet Inc. Board, re: 2026 Durham OneNet Inc. Regional Broadband Business Plan and Budget
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See Motion #155 on Page 17 of these minutes

- E) Correspondence from Doug Glass, Ajax resident, re: 2026 Strategic Property Tax Study and Water and Wastewater Financial Outlook
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See Motion #156 on Page 17 of these minutes

- F) Correspondence from Ron Stevens, Ashburn resident, re: Durham Region Budget Reduction Suggestions
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See Motion #155 on Page 17 of these minutes

- G) Correspondence from Douglas Whyte, re: 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets
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- H) Correspondence from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk, re: Resolution Adopted at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 10, 2025
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Motion #155

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
That the correspondence Items A) to D) and F) to H) be referred to Item 3.6 b), Report #2025-COW-45 of the Commissioner of Finance.

Carried

Motion #156

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
That the correspondence Item E) be referred to Item 3.6 a), Report #2025-COW-44 of the Commissioner of Finance.

Carried

Motion #157

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
That the Committee recess and reconvene at 9:30 AM on Friday,
December 12, 2025.

**Carried as Amended
(See Following Motion)**

Motion #158

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
That the foregoing motion (157) of Councillors Lee and Shahid be
amended so that Committee reconvene at **9:00 AM** on Friday, December
12, 2025.

Carried

The main motion (157) of Councillors Lee and Shahid, as amended to recess was then put to a vote and **Carried**.

The Committee recessed at 3:40 PM and reconvened at 9:00 AM on Friday,
December 12, 2025.

Friday, December 12, 2025

A roll call was conducted on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM following the recess and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Foster.

Councillor Foster was absent due to municipal business.

At this time Councillor Mulcahy made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item #3.6 B) Report #2025-COW-45: The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service, as it pertains to the Long-Term Care budget. She indicated that her daughter is employed in the Social Services Department.

Motion #159

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,

That the order of the Agenda be altered to consider Items 3.4 B) and C) at this time.

Carried

3.4 Business Plans and Budgets

A) Durham Region Transit 2026 Business Plan and Budget

This matter was considered later in the meeting. [See Item 3.4 A) on pages 19 and 20.]

B) Health 2026 Business Plan and Budget

Councillor Roy, Chair of the Health & Social Services Committee stated that the Health Department continues to look at the delivery of services to meet growth within the community, including implementing the recommendations in the Region of Durham Paramedic Service (RDPS) servicing and financing study.

The Committee reviewed the Health 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Public Health
- Paramedic Services

C) Social Services 2026 Business Plan and Budget

Councillor Roy, Chair of the Health & Social Services Committee, advised that the Social Services budget represents a net increase of \$13.1 million, with the Region covering 24.4% of that amount. Councillor Roy stated key priorities are housing and homelessness and outlined major projects including the Seaton Long-Term Care home. Councillor Roy stated that the proposed budget protects vital services

and supports for the Region's most vulnerable residents. Councillor Roy noted that municipalities cannot pay these costs alone, and there is a need to continue to advocate to the Province for operating and capital supports.

The Committee reviewed the Social Services 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Child Care and Early Years
- Business and Strategic Initiatives
- Family Services
- Housing Services
- Income, Employment and Homelessness Supports
- Long Term Care and Services for Seniors

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether the amount allocated in the budget will support the initiatives that have been identified moving forward; if the budget facilitates the Region increasing its capacity to have less dependence on independent agencies for services; and is there anything in the budget that will provide financial assistance to the lower-tier municipalities for the support they provide to the Region.

Staff was directed to report back on how much the area municipalities are spending on social services related supports, including homelessness and mental health supports, in order to identify what the funding shortfall is and how it impacts the property tax base. Staff advised that the report will be prepared by March 2026 so it can be sent to the Province for consideration as soon as the Provincial legislature returns.

A) Durham Region Transit 2026 Business Plan and Budget

Councillor Crawford, Chair of the Transit Executive Committee, advised that the budget is informed by the Transit Servicing and Financing Study that was approved by Council in 2023. The 2026 budget includes modest service enhancements to address the concerns of residents and the business community.

The Committee reviewed the Durham Region Transit (DRT) 2026 Business Plan and Budget.

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether studies have been done on how to increase the amount of accessible/assisted transit; whether the concept of lowering fares to increase ridership has been investigated; whether alternatives have been looked at for On-Demand service providers; whether On-Demand hours increased; how much is the seniors fare; how DRT fares compare to other transit systems; growth in ridership levels; is the purchase of electric buses still planned; how do electric buses compare to conventional buses; how to achieve predictable funding from other levels of government for transit; whether the concept of seniors and students riding for free has been contemplated; how do

the federal and provincial governments determine how much funding to provide for transit; reducing duplication when Metrolinx buses cover some of the same routes; percentage of users who pay in cash; can the cash fares be reduced to match the Presto fares; accessing bus shelter pads in the snow; and the need for bus shelter pads to be connected to the sidewalk.

D) Community Growth & Economic Development 2026 Business Plan and Budget

Councillor Chapman, Chair, Community Growth & Economic Development Committee, highlighted changes that have happened since the Provincial changes to upper tier planning responsibilities, including gapping and transferring positions. Councillor Chapman noted there are still aspects of the planning function that need to be done at the Region to coordinate with the lower-tier municipalities. Councillor Chapman stated that the Economic Development and Tourism budget is important and contains initiatives such as increasing agritourism and the local music industry, and the Invest Ontario and Invest Canada partnerships. Councillor Chapman advised that the Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office, shared with Works, are working towards the development of the new GO Stations. Councillor Chapman advised that Strategic Initiatives was moved to the Community Growth and Economic Development Department recently and includes strategic planning, organizational performance, climate action, and indigenous relationships. Councillor Chapman added that the environment and climate office does important work in securing grants and looking at making new facilities energy efficient.

The Committee reviewed the Community Growth & Economic Development 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Community Growth
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office
- Strategic Initiatives
- Environment and Climate

Staff responded to questions with respect to the status of the Region assisting the local area municipalities with planning responsibilities; and how actively pursuing grants helps with the overall budget.

E) Works 2026 Business Plan and Budget

Councillor Barton stated that 34% of the Works budget is paid for from the property tax levy and noted this is mainly a status quo budget, with some increases to road rehabilitation and maintenance. Councillor Barton advised that due to changes to recycling programs there is no longer collection for blue bin materials in the downtown Business Improvement Areas (BIA's) and materials cannot be dropped off at Regional waste transfer stations free of charge.

The Committee reviewed the Works 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Works – General Tax
- Solid Waste Management

Staff responded to questions with respect to the status of specific road works and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects in the City of Pickering and what the funding gaps are; whether non-profit organizations can also drop off recyclable materials for free; how much money was saved by the Region no longer providing blue box collection; whether thought has been given to adding another waste transfer facility in south Oshawa, and if time-of-travel is considered when determining where transfer facilities should be located; whether the budget includes funds for the Simcoe Street gondola project and if the project is still being contemplated; and if alternative solutions for transit on Simcoe Street are still being explored.

Staff were directed to ensure fulsome communication to businesses regarding the free recycling program.

F) Finance & Administration 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Finance & Administration 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Regional Council
- Office of the Regional Chair
- Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Legal Services and Legal POA
- Corporate Services
- Finance
- Corporate Items
- Regional Headquarters
- Listing of Fees and Charges

Motion #160

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Pettingill,
That Committee recess for 15 minutes.

Carried

The Committee recessed at 10:47 AM and reconvened at 11:00 AM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillor Foster.

3.5 Agencies and Boards Business Plans and Budgets

A) Durham Regional Police Service 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Durham Regional Police Service 2026 Business Plan and Budget.

Councillor Collier, Chair of the Durham Regional Police Services Board (DRPSB) provided introductory remarks and noted that approximately \$2.7 million in drugs and guns were seized in project Hydrogen. Chair Collier added that 34 arrests were made yesterday and out of those, 14 of the individuals were out on bond/parole. Chair Collier congratulated DRPS on their success.

Councillor Collier advised that the DRPSB is requesting a 13.54% budget increase, which is higher than the Region's Guideline. Councillor Collier stated that the Board has a legislated duty to meet statutory guidelines which cannot be met under the Region's budget guideline. The Board recognizes the magnitude of the request but believes the investment is necessary for community safety. Chair Collier provided statistics to support the DRPSB budget request and asked that Council approve the request to ensure adequate policing. Councillor Collier advised that the DRPS base budget met the guideline but provided no room for strategic investments including new staff positions required to meet legislative requirements and provide expanded support to the community including victim supports, auto-theft, firearms and shootings, extending the surveillance unit and strengthening the wellness plan for employees. Chair Collier stated that it is essential to continue to put DRPS on the path to success with a need to focus on staff and the buildings and equipment they use, including a new DRPS headquarters facility.

Chief Moreira responded to questions with respect to the proposed number of new staff; how many staff are on leave; how will new staffing reduce burn-out and overtime costs; the impact of the removal of the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program; has traffic enforcement capacity increased in-line with the population and roadways; the number of officers in the traffic unit; status of new officer training; any conversations regarding moving some staff from the Region to DRPS, such as communications staff or the fleet coordinator, rather than hiring new; the savings realized from hiring a tailor; is DRPS being modernized and if so, in what ways and what are the costs; do crime levels increase with less visible police presence; issues with "cop to geography" ratios as northern Durham's population grows; Regional projects that increase DRPS workload; whether the budget has been reviewed to determine what are considered as core services and what are "wants" versus "needs"; issues on Highway 407 through the Region; impacts of improvements to bail reform; what additional items are included in the budget proposed by the DRPSB compared to the Region's guideline budget; if the budget proposed by the DRPSB is adequate to do what is prescribed; whether funding from other levels of government would assist with call time spent on things such as hospital drop-offs; helicopter costs; reserve funds; how many of

those committing crimes in Durham are from outside of Durham; whether cost-sharing with the Province and police forces has been explored; will there be more community outreach with the proposed budget; and training levels and cross-training for new recruits.

Chair Collier and Chief Moreira responded to questions with respect to the status of the 10-Year Capital Forecast for DRPS, including the DRPS Headquarters facility.

Motion #161

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Neal,
That the Committee recess until 1:00 PM.

Carried

The Committee recessed at 12:21 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Carter and Foster.

B) 9-1-1 Emergency Services 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the 9-1-1 Emergency Services 2026 Business Plan and Budget.

C) Housing Durham 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Housing Durham 2026 Business Plan and Budget.

D) Durham OneNet Inc. 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Durham OneNet Inc. 2026 Business Plan and Budget.

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether anything has been completed through Columbus or Raglan in the City of Oshawa; the profit/loss for 2025; the capital budget request for 2026 and if the business model still makes sense given that there are other broadband providers in the areas serviced by Durham OneNet now; how projected revenues were determined; information for residents on who provides broadband and where; underserved areas; percentage of revenue that is non-government; what percentage of capital spending came from Regional property tax revenue; how long do fibre optic cables last; funding from reserve funds; when Durham OneNet will be financially self-sustaining; and providing broadband connectivity to new projects in Durham.

E) Conservation Authorities 2026 Business Plan and Budget

The Committee reviewed the Conservation Authorities 2026 Business Plan and Budget, including:

- Central Lake Ontario
- Kawartha Region
- Ganaraska Region
- Toronto and Region
- Lake Simcoe Region

Staff responded to questions with respect to whether the Region will still be required to fund conservation authorities with the Provincial announcement to amalgamate them.

3.6 Reports

A) 2026 Strategic Property Tax Study
([2025-COW-44](#))

Report #2025-COW-44 from N. Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Motion #162

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

- A) For the 2026 property taxation year, the municipal tax ratios for the following property classes and subclasses for the Regional Municipality of Durham and its local area municipalities be set as follows, consistent with the 2025 ratios and the requisite by-law be prepared, and approval be granted;

Multi-Residential	1.866500
New Multi-Residential	1.100000
Landfill	1.100000
Pipelines	1.229400
Farmland	0.200000
Managed Forests	0.250000

Commercial Broad Class

(Including Shopping Centres, Office Buildings, Parking Lots and Commercial Residual)

Occupied	1.450000
Vacant Land	1.450000
Excess Land	1.450000
On Farm	1.450000

Industrial Broad Class

(Including Large Industrial, Industrial Residual and Aggregate Extraction)

Occupied	2.023500
Vacant Land	2.023500
Excess Land	2.023500
On Farm	2.023500
Aggregate Extraction	1.646535

- B) 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 future rate updates; 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.

Carried

- B) The 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes, including General Purpose, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service
([2025-COW-45](#))
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Report #2025-COW-45 from N. Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to what the existing reserve funds are allocated for; the risks for the future if reserves are used now, including cutting services; what will happen to the remainder of the budget report recommendations by including solid waste management, DRT and DRPS in the proposed amendment to Part A); how much is being contributed to reserve funds in the proposed 2026 budget; the monthly increase to taxpayers with the proposed guideline; which reserve funds would the shortfall come from if the amendment to reduce the overall property tax requirement is approved; best practices around the use of reserve funds; the difference between a 3% and 4% property tax increase and whether more expenses can be funded from reserves; the potential change to the Region's credit rating if amendments are approved; what would happen to next year's budget if amendments are approved; and is it possible for non-legislated reserves to be maintained at a lower dollar value.

Motion #163

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Collier,
 That we recommend to Council:

2026 General Purpose Property Tax Business Plans and Budget (excluding Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service)

A) That the 2026 Business Plans and Property Tax Budget for General Purposes (excluding Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit, and Durham Regional Police Service) be approved, at a total net property tax requirement of \$535,558,000 as detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget, which are highlighted in Report #2025-COW-45 and summarized as follows:

	2026 Tax Requirements (\$000s)
Regional Operations	
i) Departmental Operations - excluding Long-term Care	385,829
ii) Departmental Operations – Long-term Care	65,626
iii) Regional Roads Reserve – Growth	12,549
iv) Regional Roads – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	32,050
v) Regional Bridges – Rehabilitation Reserve Fund	5,525
Total Regional Operations	501,579
vi) Conservation Authorities	10,314
Special Contributions:	
vii) Durham Region Community Investment Grant	8,469
Total Special Contributions	8,469
SUBTOTAL	520,362
viii) Deferral for Seaton Assessment Growth	15,196
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES (excluding Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Regional Police Service)	535,558

B) That the 2026 Capital Program for General Property Tax Purposes and financing (excluding Durham Region Transit, Solid Waste Management, Durham Regional Police Service and Conservation Authorities' requirements), as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the amount of \$286,191,000 be approved including up to \$70,534,064 in debenture financing;

- C) That the 2027 to 2035 Capital Forecast for General Property Tax Purposes (excluding Durham Region Transit, Solid Waste Management, Durham Regional Police Services and Conservation Authorities' requirements), as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$5,068,463,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals;

Contributions for Regional Roads and Bridges

- D) That a 2026 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 2026 contribution of \$32,050,000 to the Regional Roads Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with road rehabilitation requirements;
- F) That a 2026 contribution of \$5,525,000 to the Regional Bridges Rehabilitation Reserve Fund be authorized to assist with bridge rehabilitation requirements;

Housing Durham

- G) That the 2026 Budget for Housing Durham be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$17,834,720;

Conservation Authorities

- H) That funding totalling \$7,196,096 for 2026 Category 1 programs and services be approved for the Region's five Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	\$3,844,854
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	773,678
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	758,648
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	1,330,116
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority*	488,800
Total Conservation Authority – Category 1 Funding	\$7,196,096

* Category 1 program and services for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority includes \$165,120 in Category 1 program and services for the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

- I) That funding totalling \$1,261,189 for 2026 Category 2 programs and services be approved for the Region's Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	\$344,073
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	152,171
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	197,092
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	544,000
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	23,853
Total Conservation Authority – Category 2 Funding	\$1,261,189

- J) That funding totalling \$713,689 for 2026 Category 3 programs and services be approved for the Region's Conservation Authorities as summarized below:

Central Lake Conservation Authority	\$665,211
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	27,297
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	21,181
Total Conservation Authority – Category 3 Funding	\$713,689

- K) That funding totalling \$200,000 for 2026 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
Total Conservation Authority Land Management Funding	\$200,000

- L) That the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) initiatives be continued in 2026 at a funding level of \$180,000 for ongoing groundwater protection initiatives jointly funded with the City of Toronto, the Region of York, and the Region of Peel;

- M) That the special funding requests as outlined below be approved subject to the accountability of project costs incurred and project completion:

- i) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Lynde Shore Restoration Project (Year 2 of 4) in the amount of \$100,000;
- ii) Central Lake Ontario, in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Kawartha Conservation Authority and Ganaraska Conservation

- Authority, for the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) (Year 1 of 3) in the amount of \$78,500;
- iii) Kawartha Region Conservation Authority for Watershed Planning Update in the amount of \$32,805;
 - iv) Kawartha Region Conservation Authority for implementation of their Environmental Monitoring Strategy (Year 4 of 10) in the amount of \$9,088;
 - v) Kawartha Region Conservation Authority for the implementation of their Asset Management Plan (Year 2 of 10) in the amount of \$18,612;
 - vi) Kawartha Region Conservation Authority for Forestry and Tree Planting in the amount of \$39,900;
 - vii) Kawartha Region Conservation Authority for implementation of their IT Modernization Plan (Year 1 of 2) in the amount of \$5,452; and
 - viii) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for Beaver River and Whites Creek Floodplain Mapping Update (Year 2 of 2) in the amount of \$200,000;
- N) 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 under the federal Flood Hazard Information and Mapping Program (FHIMP), project completion and accountability of project costs incurred:
- i) Bowmanville Creek and Soper Creek Floodplain Mapping in the amount of \$158,000;
- O) 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 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;
- Solid Waste Management 2026 Business Plan and Budget**
- P) That the 2026 Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management at a net property tax requirement of \$59,852,000 be approved as detailed in the 2026 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget;

- Q) That the 2026 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management and financing, as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plan and Budget for Solid Waste Management, in the amount of \$3,412,000 be approved;
- R) That the 2027 to 2035 Capital Forecast for Solid Waste Management as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$899,823,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals;

Durham Region Transit 2026 Business Plan and Budget

- S) That the 2026 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Region Transit be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$123,865,000, as detailed in the 2026 Durham Region Transit Business Plan and Budget;
- T) That the 2026 Capital Program for Durham Region Transit and financing, as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget, in the gross amount of \$86,609,000 be approved subject to federal funding approval for applicable projects, including up to \$48,560,000 in debenture financing (including \$12,060,000 in long-term financing from the Canada Infrastructure Bank);
- U) That the 2027 to 2035 Capital Forecast for Durham Region Transit as outlined in Attachment 4 to Report #2025-COW-45 and as further detailed within the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget in the amount of \$1,293,867,000 be received for information purposes only and be subject to future approvals;
- V) That staff report back to Transit Executive Committee and Finance and Administration Committee in advance of the 2027 Business Plan and Budget with an update to the Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023 - 2032) to reflect funding realities;

Durham Regional Police Service 2026 Business Plan and Budget

- W) That the 2026 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Regional Police Service be approved at a total net property tax requirement of \$346,813,000, including both operating and capital, in-line with Durham Regional Police Service's 2026 property tax guideline;
- X) That as the Province of Ontario has announced regulatory amendments to Ontario Regulation 413/23 under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, introducing an 11 per cent cap on policing cost increases for 2026 for municipalities served by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Province

be requested to extend equivalent financial relief to municipalities operating their own police services, which are facing similar cost pressures in meeting the requirements of the new Act and adapting to changing policing realities;

Financial Management and Accountability

- Y) That the Listing of 2026 Regional Fees and Charges, as set forth in the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget, be approved and be made available to the public and all applicable by-laws be amended accordingly;
- Z) That any 2025 property tax surplus up to the maximum amount of the estimated 2025 development charge shortfall for property tax services be allocated to the Growth- Related Property Tax Infrastructure Reserve Fund and the Growth-Related Transit Infrastructure Reserve Fund;
- AA) That in accordance with the agreement with Business Advisory Council of Durham (BACD), the funds of approximately \$296,500 transferred from the BACD to the Region be transferred to the Economic Development Reserve Fund for future special programming and strategic investments to support businesses as approved through future Business Plans and Budgets;
- BB) That a transfer of \$200,000 to the Climate Change Mitigation and Environmental Reserve Fund from savings in the Region's natural gas hedging account be approved;
- CC) That in the event that the Restricted Acts after Nomination Day (as defined in the Municipal Act, 2021) should apply to the Region for the 2026 Municipal Election, Regional Council delegates authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the applicable Department Head to take action to make any expenditures or incur any liability that is deemed necessary but not included in the Region's 2026 Budget, and provided expenditures or liabilities are required to fulfil the obligations of maintaining and ensuring the appropriate continuity of the Regional operations, including Durham Region Transit and Housing Durham, and that such actions taken shall subsequently be reported upon to Regional Council;

Such delegation shall be in addition and notwithstanding the provisions of the Region's Purchasing By-law (By-law No. 16-2020, as amended) and the Region's Budget Management Policy. In addition, the provision of Sections 19.1 to 19.6 of the Budget Management Policy (Delegation of Authority during Recess of Regional Council) shall be extended to apply in the event that the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2021 with respect to Restricted Acts after Nomination Day apply to the Region in the 2026 Municipal Election as if such period were a recess of Regional Council;

- DD) That based upon the 2026 Regional Business Plans and Budget as recommended herein, the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to set 2026 Regional Property Tax Rates for General Purposes, Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit and Durham Region Police Services and approval be granted for the requisite Bylaws;
- EE) That for any Regional program change or capital expenditure included within the 2026 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;
- FF) That funding totalling up to \$128,250 be approved for the Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2026 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered;
- GG) That funding totalling up to \$160,418 be approved for COMRA Marine Rescue Association operational needs with the funding to be provided from within the Finance Department's 2026 Business Plan and Budget to be administered by the Finance Department in consultation with the Durham Regional Police Service, based upon services rendered and that \$86,000 of this funding be provided for the capital replacement/rehabilitation of boat motors subject to further information to be provided by COMRA to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance;
- HH) 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, execute any transfer payment agreements, expend funds 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, federal Reaching Home Program or the provincial Homelessness Prevention Program and beyond the 2026 budget provision be funded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;

- II) That the Region continue to advocate for stable funding from senior levels of government to support growth-related infrastructure needed for housing goals, and to help offset cash flow and debt servicing costs resulting from Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025, which amends the Development Charges Act to defer the payment of residential development charges to occupancy;
- JJ) That the Region continue to advocate for senior government funding for Vision Zero initiatives required due to the loss of automated speed enforcement fines under Bill 56, Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025;
- KK) 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 2026 Business Plans and Budget (\$,000's)**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2026</u>		
	<u>Total</u> \$	<u>Property Tax</u> \$	<u>Water</u> \$	<u>Sewer</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
<u>PSAS Additions to Budget</u>					
Tangible Capital Asset Amortization	169,081	110,075	32,026	41,126	183,227
Post-Employment Benefit Expense	28,453	24,176	532	654	25,362
Asset Retirement Obligation	10,813	1,216	188	103	1,507
Transfers from Reserves and Reserve Funds	152,627	141,373	49,590	95,106	286,069
Proceeds of Debt issued for Regional Purposes	159,342	119,094	47,381	165,223	331,698
Total PSAB Additions	<u>520,316</u>	<u>395,934</u>	<u>129,717</u>	<u>302,212</u>	<u>827,863</u>
<u>PSAS Reductions to Budget</u>					
Gross Tangible Capital Assets Acquisitions	(745,198)	(394,962)	(231,708)	(396,288)	(1,022,958)
Less: Tangible Capital Asset Recoveries	28,510	-	125	67,042	67,167
Net Tangible Capital Asset Acquisitions	<u>(716,688)</u>	<u>(394,962)</u>	<u>(231,583)</u>	<u>(329,246)</u>	<u>(955,791)</u>
Revenue - Accrual Basis	(3,600)	-	-	-	-
Debt Principal Payments	(27,942)	(25,051)	(1,315)	(6,725)	(33,091)
Transfers to Reserves and Reserve Funds	(199,355)	(161,386)	(14,600)	(25,786)	(201,772)
Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	(33,283)	(1,215)	(15,560)	(23,430)	(40,205)
Total PSAB Reductions	<u>(980,868)</u>	<u>(582,614)</u>	<u>(263,058)</u>	<u>(385,187)</u>	<u>(1,230,859)</u>
Net Impact - (Increase) to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(460,552)</u>	<u>(186,680)</u>	<u>(133,341)</u>	<u>(82,975)</u>	<u>(402,996)</u>

- LL) 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.

**Carried as Amended Later in the Meeting on a Recorded Vote
(See Following Motions)**

Motion #164

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
That Part A) of the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier
be amended to read as follows:

“A) The 2026 Business Plans and Property Tax Budget for General Purposes
**(including Solid Waste Management, Durham Region Transit, and Durham
Regional Police Service)** be approved, **subject to use of existing Regional
reserves to lower at a total net property tax requirement to 3% over the
2025 net property tax approved, and** details within the 2026 Regional
Business Plans and Budget, which are highlighted in this report, **be
amended and summarized to reflect this increase, and be reported** as
follows:”

**Carried Later in the Meeting on a Recorded Vote
(See Following Motions)**

Motion #165

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
That the amending motion (164) of Councillors Nicholson and Marimpietri
be amended so that the total net property tax requirement is **4%** over the
2025 net property tax approved.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Cook
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster

Declaration

of Interest: None

Motion #166

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

That the amending motion (164) of Councillors Nicholson and Marimpietri be amended so that the total net property tax requirement is **0%** over the 2025 net property tax approved.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten

Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster

Declaration

of Interest: None

Motion #167

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

That the amending motion (164) of Councillors Nicholson and Marimpietri be amended so that the total net property tax requirement is **2%** over the 2025 net property tax approved.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster

Declaration
of Interest: None

The amending motion (164) of Councillors Nicholson and Marimpietri was then put to a vote and **Carried on the following recorded vote:**

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members
Absent: Councillor Foster

Declaration
of Interest: None

Motion #168

Moved by Councillor Collier, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended so that Part W) now reads as follows:

- W) The 2026 Business Plan and Budget for Durham Regional Police Service be approved at a total net property tax requirement of **\$352,289,000**, including both operating and capital.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Dies
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: Councillor Shahid

Motion #169

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to defer the proposed extension of Service Durham Operations to 24/7 - \$1,295,284.

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 Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Garrod
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster
Councillor Lee
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: None

Motion #170

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be
amended to defer a portion of the proposed increase in the 2026 Roads
Rehabilitation Budget to Address Current Infrastructure Gap - \$2,000,000.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee

Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Kerr
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: None

Staff responded to questions with respect to which sections of road would need to be removed if the amending motion passes and if the minimum maintenance standards would still be met.

Motion #171

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,

That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to defer a portion of the proposed Transit Service Expansion - \$1,052,516.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Barton
Councillor Collier
Councillor Leahy
Councillor McDougall

Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: None

Staff responded to questions regarding the potential impacts of deferring the Transit service expansion including what service enhancements would not proceed.

Motion #172

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to approve a full deferral of proposed increase in the 2026 Roads Rehabilitation Budget to address current infrastructure gap - \$1,000,000.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr

Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: None

Motion #173

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be
amended to approve a further deferral of proposed transit service
expansion - \$1,648,569.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Barton
Councillor Leahy
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe

Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: None

Motion #174

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
That Committee recess for one hour.

Carried

The Committee recessed at 4:58 PM and reconvened at 6:01 PM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all members of Committee were present with the exception of Councillors Cook, Foster, Marimpietri, and Wotten.

Motion #175

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to approve a full deferral of proposed expansion of the Region's Outreach Program - \$722,168.

**Defeated on a Recorded Vote Later in the Meeting
(See Following Motion)**

Motion #176

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the amending motion (175) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada be
amended to approve a 50% deferral of proposed expansion of the
Region's Outreach Program - \$361,084.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: Councillor Woo

The amending motion (175) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada was then put to a
vote and **Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Dies
Councillor Foster
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: Councillor Woo

Motion #177

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be
amended to reduce the phase-in proposed New Community Housing
Providers Capital Support Program - \$1,200,000.

**Defeated on a Recorded Vote Later in the Meeting
(See Following Motion)**

Motion #178

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the amending motion (177) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada be
amended to reduce the phase-in proposed New Community Housing
Providers Capital Support Program to \$600,000.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: Councillor Woo

The amending motion (177) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada was then put to a vote and **Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman

Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: Councillor Woo

Motion #179

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to reduce the overall 2026 Durham Region Transit budget increase from \$15.4 million (14.2%) to \$7.7 million (7.1% increase).

**Defeated on a Recorded Vote Later in the Meeting
(See Following Motion)**

Motion #180

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
That the amending motion (179) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada be amended to reduce the overall 2026 Durham Region Transit budget increase from \$15.4 million (14.2%) to \$11.5 million.

Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe

Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: None

The amending motion (179) of Councillors Leahy and Yamada was then put to a vote and **Defeated on the following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb

Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: None

Motion #181

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Jubb,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be
amended in accordance with the following:

Whereas the 2026 budget headcount increase is 458.798;

And whereas the proposed 2026 budget impact is \$29,191;

And whereas the proposed 2027 budget impact is \$27,293;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham increase the hiring
gapping strategy from approximately 50% in 2026 and 50% in 2027 to 25%
in 2026 and then 75% in 2027, resulting in a reduction of the 2026 budget
impact from \$29,191 to \$14,121 and the remaining \$42,363 headcount costs
shifted to the 2027 budget.

Motion Ruled out of Order

Councillor Leahy challenged the Ruling of the Chair.

The Chair's Ruling was **Upheld** on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton

Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Yamada

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: None

Motion #182

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be amended to provide the Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (VPCC) of Durham Region a one-time infusion of \$100,000 from reserves to use at their discretion.

Motion Ruled out of Order

Councillor Leahy challenged the Ruling of the Chair.

The Chair's Ruling was **Upheld** on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe

Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration

of Interest: None

Motion #183

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be
amended in accordance with the following:

Whereas Feed the Need Durham currently has a vertical farm that provides
700 servings a week;

And whereas the pressure and need on our food banks is greater than it has
ever been;

And whereas a \$100,000 investment into food production run by Feed the Need Durham would be able to double the weekly servings of fresh produce that could be served to Durham Residents in need;

Now therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council provide \$100,000 from reserves as a one-time investment to significantly advance their program to produce food for community members facing food insecurity.

Motion Ruled out of Order

Councillor Leahy challenged the Ruling of the Chair.

The Chair's Ruling was **Upheld** on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

Members
Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: None

At the request of the Committee, Staff clarified what the average cost per homeowner would be for homeowners with the original 6.04% property tax increase, with the increase in DRPS, and with the 3% cap on property tax increase.

Motion #184

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
That the main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier be divided in order to allow voting on part A i) Departmental Operations – excluding Long-term Care, Part A ii) Departmental Operations – Long-Term Care, and Part W) Durham Regional Police Services Business Plan and Budget, separately from the remainder.

Carried

Part A) i) was then put to a vote and **Carried as Amended on the Following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Leahy
Councillor Yamada

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook

Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Woo

Part A) ii) 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 Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Leahy

Members
Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: Councillor Mulcahy

Part W) was then put to a vote and **Carried as Amended on the Following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Councillor Yamada

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Dies
Councillor Mulcahy
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Wotten

Declaration
of Interest: Councillor Shahid

The main motion (163) of Councillors Nicholson and Collier, with the exception of Parts A) i), A) ii) and W) was then put to a vote and **Carried as Amended on the Following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman

Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Woo

No: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Dies
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

Members

Absent: Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles

Declaration
of Interest: None

Motion #185

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
That Committee recess for 10 minutes.

Carried

The Committee recessed at 7:36 PM and reconvened at 7:52 PM

The Clerk conducted a roll call following the recess and all members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Ashe, Cook, Foster and Pickles.

4. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Business Plans and Budgets

4.1 Presentations

- A) Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance
Re: 2026 Business Plans and Budgets and Nine Year Capital Forecast for the Consolidated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems (2025-COW-46) and Recommended 2026 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates (2025-COW-47)
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Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and Nicole Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2026 Business Plans and Budgets and Nine Year Capital Forecast for the Consolidated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems and Recommended 2026 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Regional Water and Sewer
- 2026 Proposed User Rates
- 2026 Proposed User Rates – Impacts
- 2026 User Rates – Comparisons
- 2026 Proposed Expenditures and Financing
- 2026 Priorities and Highlights
- 2026 and Forecast Pressures/Risks
- Ten-Year Capital Plan
- Proposed Financing 10-Year Capital Plan
- Projected Debt Servicing Costs
- 2026 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Capital
- Summary/Concluding Thoughts

Staff responded to questions with respect to charges homebuilders charge new home buyers and if the Region recoups any of it; opportunities for Federal and/or Provincial funding to support water infrastructure required for growth; advocacy efforts for cost recovery to make up for losses in Development Charge revenue; residents in older neighbourhoods paying for growth in new neighbourhoods through water and sewer rates; the possibility of declaring a moratorium on new growth; whether water projects are eligible for any of the new Federal funding initiatives; if other Regions are experiencing the same funding shortfalls for water and sewer; considerations when investing in non-residential growth; different models for funding growth and impacts; Municipal Service Corporations for water and sewer; proposed financing of the 10-year capital plan; and how much would the user rates need to increase for debt financing in future years because of the Development Charge deferrals.

4.2 Delegations

There were no delegations.

4.3 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from Michelle Brown, Resident re: Recommended 2026 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates
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Motion #186

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
That the Correspondence from Michelle Brown be referred to
consideration of Report #2025-COW-47.

Carried

4.4 Reports

- A) 2026 Business Plans and Budgets and Nine-Year Capital Forecast for the Consolidated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems
([2025-COW-46](#))
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Report #2025-COW-46 from N. Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Motion #187

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Pettingill,
That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the 2026 Business Plans and Budget for the Water Supply System, with a total gross expenditure of \$334.137 million (net user rate supported expenditure of \$156.368 million), and related financing as set out below, be approved:

	2025 Gross Budget (\$ 000's)	2026 Gross Budget (\$ 000's)	Variance Incr/(Decr) (\$ 000's)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Operations:			
Watermain Cleaning and Repairs	4,019	3,855	(164)
Valves and Hydrants	3,709	4,624	915
Water Connections	5,386	5,615	229
Water Meters	405	273	(132)
Depot Operations	7,798	8,820	1,022
Water Supply Plants - Plants East	4,090	4,605	515
Water Supply Plants - Plants Central	17,461	18,129	668
Water Supply Plants - Plants North	3,882	4,042	160
Sun Valley Co-Operative Water System	36	40	4
SCADA Systems		(250)	(250)
Engineering and Staff Support	9,898	11,429	1,531
Facilities Management	9,474	9,942	468
Administration	1,268	555	(713)
Headquarters Shared Costs	1,776	1,915	139
Utility Finance	4,454	4,670	216
Share of Regional Corporate Costs	19,331	19,870	539
Subtotal Operations	<u>92,987</u>	<u>98,134</u>	<u>5,147</u>
Capital/Debt Charges:			
TCA Capital	6,241	6,849	608
Construction of Municipal Services	216,447	224,860	8,413
Debt Charges	2,860	4,294	1,434
Subtotal Capital/Debt Charges	<u>225,548</u>	<u>236,003</u>	<u>10,455</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>318,535</u>	<u>334,137</u>	<u>15,602</u>
<u>FINANCING</u>			
Contributions from Reserve Funds:			
Residential Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	82,828	62,001	(20,827)
Residential Development Charges - Debt Charges	622	622	-
Commercial Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	5,067	4,641	(426)
Commercial Development Charges - Debt Charges	19	19	-
Industrial Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	7,310	5,995	(1,315)
Industrial Development Charges - Debt Charges	441	441	-
Institutional Development Charges - Debt Charges	26	26	-
Seaton Development Charges - Debt Charges	56	56	-
Growth Related Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund	-	18,685	18,685
Water Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund	22,459	23,683	1,224
Asset Management Reserve Fund	6,115	7,106	991
Servicing of Employment Lands	1,500	-	(1,500)
Equipment Replacement Reserve	-	116	116
Fees and Service Charges	3,800	3,957	157
Financing From Others:			
Region of York - Construction of Municipal Services	-	125	125
Contribution from Developers	-	2,800	2,800
Provincial Grant	22,755	-	(22,755)
Debenture Proceeds:			
Whitby Water Supply Plant - Upgrades and Rehabilitation Works	18,000	20,000	2,000
Newcastle Zone 2 Water Pumping Station		8,616	8,616
Newcastle Zone 1 Reservoir		18,765	18,765
Financing From Non-User Revenue Sources	<u>170,998</u>	<u>177,654</u>	<u>6,656</u>
User Revenues Financing (includes \$115k in 2026 frontage charges)	<u>147,537</u>	<u>156,483</u>	<u>8,946</u>
TOTAL FINANCING	<u>318,535</u>	<u>334,137</u>	<u>15,602</u>

- B) That the Nine-Year Capital Forecast for 2027 to 2035 inclusive, in the amount of \$2.75 billion, including project debenture financing of \$928.66 million, as detailed in the Water Supply System Capital Budget, be received for information;
- C) That the 2026 Business Plans and Budgets for the Sanitary Sewerage System with a total gross expenditure of \$570.104 million (net user rate supported expenditure of \$152.666 million) and related financing as set out below, be approved:

	2025 Gross Budget (\$ 000's)	2026 Gross Budget (\$ 000's)	Variance Incr/(Decr) (\$ 000's)
EXPENDITURES			
Operations:			
Cleaning, Repairs and Maintenance Holes	2,621	2,875	254
Sewer Connections	3,676	4,005	329
Depot Operations	3,995	4,687	692
WPCPs and Pumping Stations	28,840	29,707	867
Duffin Creek WPCP	51,583	53,779	2,196
Regional Environmental Laboratory	3,161	3,752	591
Engineering and Staff Support	9,634	11,076	1,442
Facilities Management	11,359	12,035	676
Administration	1,055	558	(497)
Headquarters Shared Costs	1,603	1,707	104
Utility Finance	4,454	4,670	216
Share of Regional Corporate Costs	23,070	23,874	804
Subtotal Operations	145,051	152,725	7,674
Capital/Debt Charges:			
Duffin Creek WPCP - TCA Capital	3,400	2,870	(530)
Regional Environmental Lab - TCA Capital	315	930	615
TCA Capital	6,850	4,407	(2,443)
Construction of Municipal Services	168,061	388,081	220,020
Debt Charges	17,185	21,091	3,906
Subtotal Capital/Debt Charges	195,811	417,379	221,568
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	340,862	570,104	229,242
FINANCING			
Contributions from Reserve Funds:			
Residential Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	27,889	-	(27,889)
Residential Development Charges - Debt Charges	11,874	7,385	(4,489)
Commercial Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	2,179	2,510	331
Commercial Development Charges - Debt Charges	1,052	1,695	643
Industrial Development Charges - Growth Related Capital	2,883	12,513	9,630
Industrial Development Charges - Debt Charges	566	566	-
Institutional Development Charges - Debt Charges	18	18	-
Seaton Development Charges - Debt Charges	56	56	-
Growth Related Sewer Infrastructure Reserve Fund - Debt Charges	-	7,753	7,753
Growth Related Sewer Infrastructure Reserve Fund - Growth Related Capital	-	10,058	-
Sanitary Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund	1,836	60,164	58,328
Asset Management Reserve Fund	11,758	23,638	11,880
Servicing of Employment Lands	-	681	681
Capital Project Reserve	5,423	139	(5,284)
Equipment Replacement Reserve	-	116	116
Regional Environmental Lab Equipment Replacement Reserve	265	310	45
Fees and Service Charges	9,108	9,724	616
Financing From Others:			
Region of York - TCA	2,603	2,457	(146)
Region of York - Construction of Municipal Services	25,907	64,585	38,678
Region of York - Operating	39,629	41,478	1,849
Region of York - Environmental Lab Operations	424	499	75
Contribution from Developers	2,250	5,842	3,592
Contribution - Other	500	-	(500)
Debtenture Proceeds:			
Courtice Trunk Sanitary Sewer - Trulls Rd.- Bloor St. to Adelaide Ave.	49,071	-	(49,071)
Courtice Trunk Sanitary Sewer - Adelaide Ave. from Trulls Rd to Townline Rd	-	3,247	3,247
Courtice WPCP - Remediation Work and Performance Improvements	-	49,500	49,500
Water St. Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station - Expansion/Replacement	-	20,900	20,900
Baseline Rd. Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station and Foremain	-	18,656	18,656
Port Darlington Rd. Trunk Sanitary Sewer from Baseline Rd. to Easement	-	25,749	25,749
Corbett Creek WPCP - Works to Rectify Existing Deficiencies	-	13,530	13,530
Baseline Rd. Trunk Sanitary Sewer from Simpson Ave. to Bennett Rd.	-	13,859	13,859
Twining of Sanitary Sewer from Central Park Blvd. N. & Hillcroft St. to Beatrice St.	-	3,775	3,775
SW Brooklin Trunk Sanitary Sewer on new Collector Rd. fr. Cochrane to E of Hwy 12	-	6,267	6,267
Sanitary Sewer on Stevenson Rd. from Taunton Rd. to Conlin Rd.	-	3,020	3,020
York/Durham Sewage System - Primary Trunk Sanitary Sewer Twinning	-	3,020	3,020
Sanitary Sewer fr Baseline Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station to Prestonvale Rd.	-	3,700	3,700
Financing From Non-User Revenue Sources	195,291	417,410	212,061
User Revenues Financing (includes \$28 in 2026 frontage charges)	145,571	152,694	7,123
TOTAL FINANCING	340,862	570,104	229,242

- D) That the Nine-Year Capital Forecast for 2027 to 2035 inclusive, in the amount of \$2.91 billion, including project debenture financing of \$770.11 million, as detailed in the Sanitary Sewerage System Capital Budget, be received for information;
- E) That capital project approval be granted for expenditures and financing for the 2026 capital projects detailed in the 2026 Capital Project Appendices within the 2026 Consolidated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems Business Plans and Budget, where contract awards are compliant with the Region's Budget Management Policy;
- F) That for 2025, any water supply or sanitary sewerage surplus up to the maximum amount of the estimated 2025 water supply or sanitary sewerage development charge shortfall be allocated to the Growth Related Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund and the Growth Related Sewer Infrastructure Reserve Fund; and
- G) That the necessary By-laws with respect to the 2026 Business Plans and Budget for the Consolidated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems be presented to Regional Council.

Carried

- B) Recommended 2026 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates
([2025-COW-47](#))
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Report #2025-COW-47 from N. Pincombe, Commissioner of Finance, was received.

Motion #188

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Barton,
That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the 2026 Regional Water User Rates and the 2026 Regional Sanitary Sewer User Rates effective January 1, 2026, as set out in Attachment #1 and Attachment #2 respectively of Report #2025-COW-47 of the Commissioner of Finance, be approved at a combined increase of 5.0 per cent for an average residential customer, or approximately \$5.24 per month;
- B) That the 2026 Raw Water rates for the Whitby raw water customer be increased by 5.4 per cent as set out in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-47, effective January 1, 2026;
- C) That the 2026 water charges for the Sun Valley Heights Homeowners Co-operative Water System be as set out in Attachment #3 to Report #2025-COW-47, effective January 1, 2026;

- D) That the 2026 Regional Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems Miscellaneous Fees and Charges be as set out in Attachment #4 to Report #2025-COW-47, effective January 1, 2026;
- E) That the 2026 fee schedule for laboratory services at the Regional Environmental Laboratory located at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant be as set out in Attachment #5 to Report #2025-COW-47, effective January 1, 2026; and
- F) That the Regional Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the foregoing recommendations.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
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 Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal
Councillor Shahid

Members

Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Pickles

Declaration
of Interest: None

5. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

6. Adjournment

Motion #189

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

Yes: Councillor Anderson
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Dies
Councillor Garrod
Councillor Jubb
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McDougall
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pettingill
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry

No: Councillor Woo

Members

Absent: Councillor Collier
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pickles

Declaration
of Interest: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM on Friday, December 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry
Regional Chair

L. Fleury
Deputy Clerk