

Council Highlights

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March 25, 2026

Key highlights:

Regional Council began with a reading of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and the playing of the Canadian National Anthem.

Regional Council approved \$4.5 million to improve and upgrade existing Durham Regional Police Services facilities. The funding will come from police services savings and available 2026 budget funds, with remaining costs covered through future budgets. See report [2026-F-4](#) for details.

Regional Council approved moving ahead with the sale of some or all Project Woodward lands in Clarington to support the development of a clean energy business and industrial park. Proceeds from the sale will reimburse the Economic Development Reserve Fund, and staff will report back to Council once the sale is complete. See report [2026-COW-12](#) for details.

Council approved two permanent supportive housing projects, conditional on receiving federal funding under the Build Canada Homes program, in Oshawa (300 Ritson Road South) and Ajax (northeast corner of Harwood Avenue and Achilles Road). See report [2026-COW-16](#) for details.

A motion was endorsed calling on the Province of Ontario to review how municipalities are funded as property taxes are increasingly being used to pay for provincial responsibilities. It urges the Province to work with municipalities to create a fairer and more sustainable funding model that better supports growth, infrastructure and affordability for residents.

A recording of the March 25 Regional Council meeting will be available on [durham.ca](#) and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is April 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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