

Council Highlights

May 27, 2026

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

Anthony Pezzetti, Durham Region Transit (DRT) Deputy General Manager of Transit Operations, presented the 2025 Safe Driver Awards to 31 DRT operators who have achieved safe driving milestones of five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 35 years, without a preventable incident.

Shaun Collier, Town of Ajax Mayor and Chair of the Durham Region Police Service (DRPS) Board, and Peter Moreira, DRPS Chief of Police, provided an update to Council on recent DRPS activities and priorities.

Regional Council endorsed in principle the DRPS 10-year servicing and financing strategy, directing staff to develop a detailed implementation and funding plan, explore financing options to limit property tax impacts and engage other levels of government to advance a sustainable policing funding model.

Council also endorsed new Regional tools to accelerate housing, including a financing program and development charge deferral options for purpose-built rentals.

Regional Council approved an agreement for the construction of Regional infrastructure at the Oshawa GO Station on Bloor Street West, fully funded by Metrolinx. See report [2026-COW-24](#) for details.

Council approved an international marketing campaign to promote Durham Region as a top destination for business investment ([2026-EDT-4](#)), as well as funding for work to help attract a new satellite university campus to Durham Region ([2026-EDT-6](#)) using the Economic Development Reserve Fund.

A recording of the May 27 Regional Council meeting will be available on [durham.ca](#) and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is June 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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