

Council Highlights

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April 23, 2025

Key highlights:

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

Nicole Gilchrist, Facilitator, Quality and Development, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, was presented with the Ontario Medal for Paramedic Bravery. This award recognizes individual acts of outstanding courage. Nicole demonstrated exemplary duty in risking her life to respond to a resident in distress.

Regional Council nominated Whitby Mayor, Elizabeth Roy, to represent the Central East region on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) Board of Health for a two-year term.

Council approved procurement of engineering services for the Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant in the Municipality of Clarington ([2025-W-7](#)); the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in the City of Pickering ([2025-W-8](#)); and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Division's Design Group ([2025-W-10](#)).

Council approved up to \$800,000 to refurbish four vehicle hoists at the Durham Region Transit East bus repair garage in the City of Oshawa. See report [2025-W-11](#) for details.

Council also approved enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program, including services to support residents with "weather-ready" home renovations that protect against costs associated with extreme weather events and introducing a loan financing option. See report [2025-COW-17](#) for details.

A recording of the April 23 Regional Council meeting will be available on durham.ca and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is May 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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