



Council Highlights

December 21, 2022

Key highlights:

The Regional Council Meeting began with the Regional Chair announcing that Durham Region is a recipient of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association award for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Recruitment and Retention Program to increase the number of ECEs across the GTA in partnership with the City of Toronto, the Region of Peel, and the Regional Municipality of Halton. This collaboration focused on a shared vision of workforce recruitment and post-secondary education.

Regional Council members received a Christmas Video Presentation of children from various Regional Early Learning Child Centres singing Christmas carols for Council.

Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) provided a quarterly update, informing Council that the DRPS Board has officially launched the selection process for the next Chief of Police. DRPS also provided an operational update and included an update on the Firearm Bail Dashboard tool in partnership with Toronto Police Services, that shares information on an internal dashboard across municipalities to help break down geographic barriers to increase community safety.

A public meeting was held regarding the proposed 2023 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates, after which Regional Council considered and approved the Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates for 2023, reflecting a combined increase of 4.3%.

Regional Council considered and adopted a new Procedure By-law to govern the conduct of its meetings.

Regional Council appointed members of Council to various agencies, boards, and committees that the Region participates on, including area conservation authorities.

Regional Chair Henry concluded with wishing Council a Happy Holiday and blessed New Year.

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