



# Council Highlights

**June 29, 2022**

## **Key highlights:**

Council endorsed Growing Agri-Food Durham—A Five-Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry ([2022-EDT-10](#)). Through four over-arching themes, the plan outlines support of local agri-food businesses and industries. Durham is home to more farms (1,323) and agricultural lands (293,000 acres) than any other municipality in the Greater Toronto Area.

A Durham Region Transit zero emission fleet transition plan—part of a long-term servicing and financing strategy—was approved, via report [2022-DRT-10](#). Starting in 2023, some older buses will be replaced with electric (battery powered); complete electric fleet by 2037.

Council received an update on the Region's Homelessness Support and Co-ordinated Access System, via report [2022-SS-7](#). There is an increased number of people requiring shelter, compared to the number of housing units available in the region.

Regional Council approved the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner for the Region (via report [2022-A-19](#)) and the services of the Provincial Ombudsman (report [2022-A-20](#)).

Through report [2022-COW-19](#), Council received the Annual Report for “At Home in Durham, the Durham Housing Plan 2014-2024.”

Report [2022-EDT-11](#) provided an update about the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF). The Region provides in-kind support; links to tourism and support of local businesses.

Through report [2022-A-22](#), Council approved a request for up to \$1 million for Ukrainians arriving in Durham Region, via the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel, without independent financial means or permanent housing.

Council approved membership in the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities, via report [2022-A-16](#); demonstrating its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and promotion of reconciliation.

Council received the 2022 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan, via report [2022-INFO-51](#). The Regional Clerk will accept nomination material, electronically, for Office of the Regional Chair.

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