



Council Highlights

March 1, 2023

Key highlights:

Chair Henry reminded Council that March 8 is International Women's Day; a day of celebrating the contributions and achievements of women. He also congratulated those who helped make the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games, here in Durham Region, a success.

Council adopted two key service and financing strategies. The **Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023–2032)** ([2023-F-5](#)) outlines investments in transit service enhancements, electrification, and new facilities and amenities. The **2023–2032 Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Service and Financing Strategy** ([2023-COW-7](#)) outlines support to paramedic services response; including working with the province and local hospitals to help mitigate off-load delays for those arriving by ambulance. Both require final approvals within the Region's 2023 business planning and budget process.

The **Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan** ([2023-EDT-2](#)) was endorsed, focusing on the pillars of people, places and prosperity; and the unique qualities of place that continue to make north Durham's economy vibrant and strong.

The approved **Organics Management Plan – Next Steps** ([2023-WR-3](#)) includes an enhanced Green Bin program that allows for additional items from residential households, and development of a Green Bin program for multi-residential buildings receiving Regional waste collection services.

Council considered the **Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington** ([2023-WR-1](#)) and adopted the Works Committee's recommendation to terminate the Clear Garbage Bag Pilot program.

The next Regional Council Meeting will take place March 29, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

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