

Council Highlights

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May 28, 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 for a member of Region of Durham Paramedic Services who recently passed away following a brief illness. Regional Council also acknowledged former Mayor of Brock Township Walter Schummer's resignation.

Durham Region Transit (DRT) Deputy General Manager of Transit Operations, Anthony Pezzetti, presented 2024 Safe Driver Awards to 27 DRT operators who have achieved safe driving milestones of five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years, without a preventable incident.

Regional Council approved a bilateral agreement with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to uphold and further reconciliation and the rights of Indigenous Peoples, while exploring new opportunities to advance shared goals. See report [2025-COW-18](#) for details.

Council approved a partnership framework to leverage external financing for an energy performance and greenhouse gas reduction project at the Region's four long-term care homes. See report [2025-A-3](#) for details.

Council approved the development of a business case to create a Joint Municipal Services Board and Municipal Services Corporation to govern, deliver and operate a district energy system in the Courtice Transit Oriented Community ([2025-COW-19](#)); and a development charge deferral program to provide immediate relief for medium- and high-density developments for the 2025 construction season ([2025-F-7](#)).

Council also approved five-year lease renewal agreements for spaces used by the Durham Region Health Department, including a dental health clinic in Oshawa and a sexual health clinic in Pickering. See reports [2025-W-15](#) and [2025-W-16](#) for details.

A recording of the May 28 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 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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