

# Council Highlights

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**November 26, 2025**

## **Key highlights:**

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

Dan Carter, Mayor of Oshawa, presided as Acting Regional Chair for the meeting while Chair Henry is on medical leave. Acting Chair Carter recognized Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, who will retire on November 30, 2025.

Anthony Di Pietro, Director, Health Protection, Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, and Elizabeth Roy, Chair of the Health and Social Services Committee, presented 12 recipients with Friend of Health Awards. This award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to health protection and promotion efforts in the region.

Regional Council endorsed staff comments to the province on legislative changes proposed in Bill 60 and to postings on Special Economic Zones, with a request for the province to reflect these comments in final legislation. See report [2025-COW-37](#) for details.

Council approved the Region's updated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (2025-2029). The plan strengthens partnerships and introduces collective impact strategies to address critical risk factors and promote safety, equity and well-being across Durham Region. See report [2025-COW-35](#).

Council also approved the proposed 2026 Durham Region Transit fare increases. An increase of three per cent (\$0.11) for an adult single ride fare will take effect July 1, 2026. See report [2025-DRT-19](#) for full details.

A recording of the November 26 Regional Council meeting will be available on [durham.ca](#) and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is December 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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