

# Council Highlights

June 24, 2026

Regional Council began by recognizing police officers who recently tragically lost their lives in the line of duty in Toronto and Montreal, followed by a reading of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and the playing of the Canadian National Anthem.

Regional Chair and CEO, John Henry, recognized the Region's Emergency Social Services team for successfully leading a full-scale emergency exercise at Fairview Lodge Long-term Care Home.

Regional Council received several presentations, including updates on the Region's 2025 Commitment to Excel (C2E) Awards, the Cyber Maturity Project, Caring Connections Durham, myDurham 311 and Durham Vision Zero. The Region was presented with the ISO27001:2002 certification for its cyber security program, becoming the only municipality in Canada to receive the certification.

Regional Council approved recommendations under the At Home Incentive Program to support new affordable rental housing projects at 82 River Street in Sunderland and 0 Athol Street in Oshawa. See report [2026-COW-31](#) for details.

Regional Council approved an updated At Home in Durham 2025–2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan for submission to the Province, identifying the Region's approach to targets, actions and annual reporting. See report [2026-COW-37](#) for details.

Council approved an application for federal and provincial funding to help build housing-enabling infrastructure, alongside proposed reductions to residential development charges to support new housing. See report [2026-COW-40](#) for details.

Council endorsed continued participation and expansion of the Red-Light Camera Program, to a maximum of 24 camera locations, to improve road safety. See report [2026-W-17](#) for details.

Council adopted a recommendation denouncing Islamophobia, hate speech, and any rhetoric that promotes or condones violence against Muslim individuals or communities, affirming its commitment to ensuring all residents feel safe, respected and protected.

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Council also approved a resolution to implement a time-limited Regional Medical Clinic Development Charge Deferral program, subject to certain conditions.

A recording of the June 24 Regional Council meeting will be available on [durham.ca](http://durham.ca) and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is December 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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