



## Special Council Minutes

February 3, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy  
Councillor Bozinovski  
Councillor Cardwell (Virtual Attendance)  
Councillor Leahy (Virtual Attendance)  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Lundquist  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Yamada (Arrived at 5:39 p.m.)

Regrets: Councillor Shahid

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Hickey, Fire Chief  
S. Klein, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness  
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services  
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor  
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development  
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer  
M. Dodge, Executive Advisor to the Mayor  
C. Harris, Town Clerk  
K. Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call To Order: The Mayor
  2. Call of the Roll: The Clerk
  3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 4. Presentations

##### 4.1 Lisa McIntosh, Director, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support, Region of Durham (In-Person Attendance)

Re: 1635 Dundas Street East - Phase 2 Community Engagement

Lisa McIntosh, Director, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support, Region of Durham provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 1635 Dundas Street East - Phase 2 Community Engagement. Highlights of the presentation included:

- statistics and demographics relating to homelessness in Whitby;
- a history of 1635 Dundas Street East including implementation of 45 emergency shelter beds completed during Phase 1 of the project;
- an overview of Phase 2 of the project, including community engagement efforts and feedback;
- demographics of the community engagement survey respondents;
- community feedback on the integration of the 1635 Dundas Street East shelter into the local community;
- programs identified by survey respondents for expansion or enhancement;
- the proposed concept plans for the shelter;
- strategies for addressing community needs and concerns during implementation of Phase 2 of the project; and,
- an exhibition hosted by Station Gallery to showcase art created at the 1635 Dundas Street East shelter.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Lisa McIntosh regarding:

- whether expanding services will increase the prevalence of homelessness in the community;
- a comparison between the existing shelters and other homelessness supports in Ajax and Whitby;
- whether complaints have been received from local businesses regarding the 1635 Dundas Street East shelter;

- demographics of the individuals seeking homelessness supports in Durham Region;
- the number of individuals on the Durham By-Name List;
- initiatives and outreach programs to address community and business concerns;
- clarification regarding the types of concerns raised by the residents and business owners;
- whether the community engagement results will be presented in a report to Regional Council;
- strategies for encouraging participation in the community survey and clarification regarding the survey methodology;
- the Phase 2 cost estimate;
- whether the project will receive HART Hub funding;
- examples of the ongoing community engagement efforts following conclusion of the survey; and,
- efficiencies and best practices identified by the Region of Durham throughout the project.

5. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by Councillor Lundquist

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

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Elizabeth Roy, Mayor