



Regular Council Minutes

April 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada (Participating Virtually)

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

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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council - March 20, 2023

Special Council - March 20, 2023

Special Council - March 23, 2023 (Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover)

Special Council - April 13, 2023 (Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover)

Resolution # 91-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

That the Regular Council Minutes of March 20, 2023, and the Special Council Minutes of March 20, March 23 and April 13, 2023 be approved.

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Mike Hubble, Manager of Environmental Services Design, Region of Durham (In-Person Attendance)

Re: Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP) Project Update

Mike Hubble, Manager of Environmental Services Design, Region of Durham, appeared before Council and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP), along with a project update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- details about the existing WSP, the timing of its original construction, and the current capacity of the plant;
- an introduction of the project team that is working on expansion of the WSP;
- an overview of the existing WSP site;
- details about construction work planned at the WSP between 2023 and 2030, staging of the work, impacts to the Waterfront Trail and boardwalk, and detour routes planned during construction;
- planned capacity of the WSP and the ability to expand capacity further in the future; and,

- a review of the construction schedule, next steps in the project, and consultation and public communication efforts.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Mr. Hubble regarding:

- the construction schedule and the timing of impacts to the Waterfront Trail and boardwalk;
- details about the first phase of construction, which is currently underway and remains on schedule;
- confirmation that the future-state boardwalk will result in a larger public realm and wider space than what currently exists;
- details about the future capacity of the WSP and confirmation that large-scale exterior reconstruction may not need to occur for up to 100 years after completion of the current project;
- confirmation that the WSP primarily serves Whitby residents, noting that all WSPs in the Region are interconnected to support the supply network; and,
- communication strategies that have been employed to inform the public about the project and planned closures to roads and the Waterfront Trail.

6. Delegations

6.1 Rick Sidler and Andrew Wood, Residents (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 20-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services)

Department Report

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, 3 Cassels Road East, Brooklin, File Numbers: DEV-36-22 (OPA-2022-W/05, Z-23-22)

Refer to Item 8.8, PDP 20-23

Rick Sidler, Resident, appeared before Council and stated that the development sign on the property at 3 Cassels Road East is misleading as it refers to a severed lot. Mr. Sidler advised that the lot has not been severed and the sign is inaccurate. He noted that there was a 1994 application to sever the property into three lots, however that application was not approved, and ultimately the property was severed into two lots in 1996. He stated that his preference would be to have the severance

application considered prior to Council considering an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment.

Andrew Wood, Resident, appeared before Council and noted that he attended the Land Division Committee meeting in 1996 that considered severing 3 Cassels Road into three lots. Mr. Wood advised that at that time, the Committee only granted approval to sever the property into two lots.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Mr. Sidler, and Mr. Wood regarding whether there were any conditions on the title of 3 Cassels Road East that would prohibit the property from being severed, and whether Mr. Sidler had an opportunity to review the memorandum included with the meeting agenda from the Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor and Commissioner of Planning and Development.

6.2 Brayden Libawski representing 2738183 Ontario Inc. (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 20-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, 3 Cassels Road East, Brooklin, File Numbers: DEV-36-22 (OPA-2022-W/05, Z-23-22)

Refer to Item 8.8, PDP 20-23

Brayden Libawski, representing 2738183 Ontario Inc. appeared before Council and indicated that he was available to answer any questions related to his client's applications.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Mr. Libawski clarifying that there were no conditions from the 1996 lot severance that would prevent consideration of a future severance application, and confirmation that a lot severance would only be considered by the Region on a conditional basis unless the applicant secured an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment in advance.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence

That the following request be endorsed:

- Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month - May 2023

- Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month - Flag Raising - May 26-30, 2023
- Provincial Day of Action on Litter - May 9, 2023
- Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Week - May 22-28, 2023
- Bike Month - June 2023
- Longest Day of SMILES® - June 18, 2023

Resolution # 92-23

Moved by Councillor Lundquist

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That the proclamations for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month, Provincial Day of Action on Litter, Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Week, Bike Month, and Longest Day of SMILES®, and the flag raising for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month be endorsed.

Carried

8. Committee of the Whole Report - Planning and Development

Planning and Development - April 3, 2023

8.1 PDP 16-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Final Recommended Official Plan Amendment – Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study, File Number: OPA-2021-W/02

Resolution # 93-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council adopt Amendment 130 to the Whitby Official Plan, regarding the Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study, as outlined in Report PDP 16-23;
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of Planning Report PDP 16-23, two (2) copies of the adopted Amendment, and a copy of the by-law to adopt Amendment Number 130 to the Whitby Official Plan, to the Region of Durham's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and,

3. That the Clerk send a Notice of Council's adoption of Amendment 130 to those persons and agencies who have requested further notification regarding the Mature Neighbourhoods Study.

Carried

8.2 PDP 13-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application to Remove the Holding (H) Symbol, Menkes Champlain Inc., Champlain Avenue, File Number: DEV-33-21 (Z-23-21)

Resolution # 94-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve an Amendment to Zoning By-law # 1784 (File Number: Z-23-21) for the removal of the Holding (H) Symbol, as outlined in Planning Report PDP 13-23; and,
2. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law # 1784 be brought forward for consideration by Council.

Carried

8.3 PDP 14-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application, 1621 McEwen Drive, File Number: DEV-01-23 (Z-01-23)

Resolution # 95-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law # 1784 (Z-01-23) as outlined in Planning Report PDP 14-23; and,
2. That a Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward for consideration by Council.

Carried

8.4 PDP 15-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Draft Plan of Condominium Application, Brookfield Residential (ONT) Station No. 3 Ltd., 201 Brock Street South, File Number: DEV-37-22 (CW-2022-04) - REVISED

Resolution # 96-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the Draft Plan of Condominium (File Number: CW-2022- 04) subject to the comments included in Planning Report PDP 15-23 and the Conditions of Approval, included in Attachment #4;
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement and any other necessary documents; and,
3. That the Clerk advise the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development at the Region of Durham, of Council's decision.

Carried

8.5 PDP 17-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Removal of 301 Colborne Street East from the Municipal Heritage Register

Resolution # 97-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That the property municipally known as 301 Colborne Street East be removed from the Town's Municipal Heritage Register; and,
2. That a full Heritage Documentation Report be prepared prior to demolition and submitted to the Planning and Development Department, to be deposited at the Whitby Archives.

Carried

- 8.6 PDP 18-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Request for an Extension to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision, Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Whitby Limited, Brock Street South, File Number: DEV-03-17 (SW-2017-05)

Resolution # 98-23

Moved by Councillor Lee
Seconded by Councillor Leahy

That Council approve the extension of the Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision SW-2017-05 by an additional 3 years, to June 17, 2026.

Carried

- 8.7 PDP 19-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Request for an Extension to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision, Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Whitby Limited, 1900 Brock Street South, File Number: DEV-05-17 (SW-2008-01) (MR-01-17)

Resolution # 99-23

Moved by Councillor Lee
Seconded by Councillor Leahy

That Council approve the extension of the Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision SW-2008-01 (MR-01-17) by an additional 3 years, to June 17, 2026.

Carried

- 8.8 PDP 20-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, 3 Cassels Road East, Brooklin, File Numbers: DEV-36-22 (OPA-2022-W/05, Z-23-22)

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

- confirmation that the 1996 severance split the property into two lots and a third lot was not granted at that time;
- clarification that the applicant is now seeking a new severance for the property which is subject to approval by the Region, as noted in the report;
- considering the severance with the current Official Plan in mind, noting that the area is designated for intensification;
- whether the Region would consider the severance prior to consideration of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, and confirmation that they could, but only on a conditional basis;
- confirmation that there are no conditions on the title of the property preventing consideration of a severance;
- the ability for the property owner to construct another building on the property in the absence of a lot severance; and,
- the potential for a four-storey structure to be built on the property based on allowances currently in the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Resolution # 100-23

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

1. That Council approve Official Plan Amendment Number 131 to the Whitby Official Plan (File Number: OPA-2022-W/05), as shown on Attachment #7, and that a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 131 be brought forward for consideration by Council;
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of the Report PDP 20-23, two (2) copies of the adopted Amendment, and a copy of the by-law to adopt Amendment Number 131 to the Whitby Official Plan, to the Region of Durham's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development;
3. That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law # 1784, (File Number: Z-23-22), as outlined in Report PDP 20-23;

4. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law # 1784 be brought forward for consideration by Council; and,
5. That the Clerk forward a Notice of Council's decision to those parties and agencies who requested further notification, including the Region of Durham's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development.

Carried

8.9 PDP 21-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Heritage Permit Application, Request for Demolition and New Dwelling at 404 Ontario Street West, Designated Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, File Number: HP-01-23

Resolution # 101-23

Moved by Councillor Lee

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the Heritage Permit application requesting demolition of the existing dwelling at 404 Ontario Street West (HP-01-23), in accordance with Section 42 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,
2. That staff continue to work with the applicant to approve the Heritage Permit application (HP-01-23) for the replacement dwelling at 404 Ontario Street West, subject to the comments contained in report PDP 21-23, and the timelines required under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

9. Committee of the Whole Report - General Government

General Government - April 3, 2023

- 9.1 Memorandum from K. Narraway, Sr. Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, dated March 28, 2023 re: Appointment to the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management

Resolution # 102-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That Council appoint Stephanie Daga to the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the term ending November 14, 2026.

Carried

9.2 CAO 10-23, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: CUPE 53 Whitby Naming Rights Sponsorship of Arena 5 at Iroquois Park Sports Centre

Resolution # 103-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That Council approve entering into a second one (1) year sponsorship agreement effective May 1, 2023 with CUPE 53 Whitby for a Naming Rights Sponsorship at Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC), including keeping Arena 5 as “CUPE 53 Whitby Arena 5”, based on the sponsorship package and other terms and conditions identified in Report CAO 10-23.

Carried

9.3 LS 03-23, Legal and Enforcement Services Department Report

Re: Review of the Noise Enforcement Pilot Program 2022

Resolution # 104-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

1. That Report LS 03-23 be received for information;
2. That Council approve the continuation of the pilot after-hours parking and by-law enforcement program, as outlined in Report LS 03-23, at a cost \$17,558 funded from incremental 2023 parking infraction revenue and the Parking Reserve; and,
3. That Item GG-0014 be removed from the New and Unfinished Business List.

Carried

9.4 FS 12-23, Financial Services Department Report

Re: 2023 Property Tax Rates and Final Billing Due Dates

Resolution # 105-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

1. That the property tax rates for the year 2023, General Municipal Town Levies be approved as indicated in Attachment A to Report FS 12-23;
2. That the special tax levy and tax rates for the year 2023 for the properties located within the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area (BIA) be approved as indicated in Attachment B to Report FS 12-23;
3. That the final tax bill due dates for the Residential, Farmland, Pipeline and Managed Forest tax classes be June 26, 2023 and September 25, 2023;
4. That the final tax bill due dates for the capped tax classes (Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential) also be established for June 26, 2023 and September 25, 2023;
5. That prior to the issuance of the final tax bills, the Treasurer be authorized to adjust the due dates for the capped tax classes only and notify Council at the earliest opportunity; and,
6. That a by-law for the General Municipal Town Levies and a separate bylaw for the Special Tax Levy in support of the Downtown Whitby BIA, to set the due dates and levy rates for 2023 in accordance with the approved budgets and regulations, be brought forward at a future Council meeting.

Carried

9.5 FS 14-23, Financial Services Department Report

Re: 2022 Annual Investment Report

Resolution # 106-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

1. That Report FS 14-23, 2022, the 2022 Annual Investment Report, be received;
2. That the updated Investment Policy F 100, attached as Appendix C to report FS 14-23, be approved;
3. That the Treasurer be directed to sign a copy of the Investment Policy F100 to indicate Council's approval and to forward a copy of this Policy to the ONE Joint Investment Board; and,
4. That delegated authority be provided to the Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer to approve housekeeping amendments to Investment Policy F100 as recommended by the ONE JIB/ONE Investment, and that the Clerk be directed to update the Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy (G 020) and Standards for Town Policies and Procedures (CA 080) to reflect this delegated authority.

Carried

9.6 FS 16-23, Financial Services Department and Community Services
Department Joint Report

Re: Soccer Dome Replacement

Resolution # 107-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

1. That a new 2023 Capital Project be approved, for the Soccer Dome Replacement Project, in the amount of \$250,000 funded from the Whitby Soccer Dome Reserve Fund;
2. That the Whitby Iroquois Soccer Club (operating as the Whitby Football Club ("WFC")) be authorized to proceed with the coordination and procurement of the soccer dome replacement project; and,
3. That staff be authorized to reimburse the WFC within 30 days of receipt and acceptance of payment information, as outlined in Report FS 16-23, for WFC costs in excess of \$400,000.

Carried

9.7 Homelessness Crisis

Resolution # 108-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

Whereas the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and,

Whereas the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments; and,

Whereas homelessness requires a range of housing, social services and health solutions from government; and,

Whereas homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and,

Whereas municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

Whereas leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Whitby calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and,
3. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

10. For information only - Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 3, 2023

11. Notice of Motion

11.1 Gateway Maintenance Program

Councillor Bozinovski introduced a motion regarding a Gateway Maintenance Program.

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

- the scope of a potential Gateway Maintenance Program and whether features installed on private property would be out of scope;
- confirmation from Staff that gateway features are no longer permitted as part of development in order to limit future maintenance issues;
- considering the maintenance of gateway features alongside other maintenance issues including fences adjacent to Town and Regional roads; and,
- understanding the cost of the Town's fence maintenance program on a per linear foot basis and receiving additional information from Staff regarding fence maintenance costs.

Resolution # 109-23

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

That Staff be directed to report to Council on the implementation of a gateway maintenance program, including additional resources required, to address the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorating gateway signage in subdivisions throughout the Town of Whitby.

Carried

11.2 Support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Mayor Roy vacated the Chair to introduce a motion regarding Support for Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. Deputy

Mayor Shahid assumed the Chair and presided over this portion of the meeting.

A brief discussion ensued between Members of Council regarding how a similar motion was adopted by Ontario's Big City Mayors, and the importance of holding elected officials to the same standard as Staff and not tolerating workplace violence or harassment.

Resolution # 110-23

Moved by Mayor Roy

Seconded by Councillor Lundquist

WHEREAS currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on an elected official is suspension and loss of pay for 90 days, even in cases of workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no process to remove an elected official from office, even in cases of confirmed workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require all elected officials to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit a municipality to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking re-election in any resulting by-election;

AND WHEREAS at least 27 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5, including Ajax, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Barrie, Orillia, and Richmond Hill;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Whitby Council express its support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

2. THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, and all Durham Region municipalities.

	For	Against	Conflict
Mayor Roy	X		
Councillor Bozinovski	X		
Councillor Cardwell	X		
Councillor Leahy	X		
Councillor Lee	X		
Councillor Lundquist	X		
Councillor Mulcahy	X		
Councillor Shahid	X		
Councillor Yamada	X		
Results	9	0	0

Carried Unanimously on a Recorded Vote (9 to 0)

Mayor Roy resumed the Chair.

11.3 Preventing Intimate Partner Violence

Moved By: Councillor Shahid

Seconded By: Councillor Bozinovski

Councillor Shahid introduced a motion regarding Preventing Intimate Partner Violence.

A discussion ensued between Members of Council regarding supporting the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham, statistics provided by Durham Victim Services regarding intimate partner violence, the number of clients assisted by local social services agencies, and the need for the Province to increase funding available through the Victim Quick Response program.

Moved by Councillor Shahid
Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

WHEREAS every 48-Hours a woman is killed in Canada by her intimate partner;

AND WHEREAS one in five women experience some form of abuse in their intimate relationship; Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

AND WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, in Ottawa's Renfrew County, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;

AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015; Renfrew County delivered 86 recommendations in a unanimous verdict on the deaths of three local women, who were killed by their former partner on a single morning in 2015; the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and Lanark County have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

AND WHEREAS in Durham Region, the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies including (and not limited to) Luke's Place, Herizon House, and the Durham Rape Crisis Centre, has seen a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers. Reporting in fiscal year 2021-22, Durham Victim Services supported 4,438 victims of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) – up 32% over 4 years, and supported 916 victims of Sexual Violence, up 277% over four years.

AND WHEREAS Human Trafficking in Durham Region has risen by more than 320% since 2018. 85% of the victims supported by VSDR are women and children. VSDR alone supported almost 8,000 victims of gender-based violence in Durham in 2021-2022. Another unfortunate trend throughout the Durham Region as the level of brutality increases towards the victims.

AND WHEREAS Durham Region is home to many Indigenous women and girls who are continuing to be disproportionately impacted by violence. 75% of Indigenous females experience sexual violence before age 18, 50% before age 14 and 25% before age 7.

AND WHEREAS accessing shelter in Durham Region is becoming nearly impossible due to the shelters being at capacity. VSDR can access Victim Quick Response funding for eligible victims but this covers only a short term stay in hotel and the maximum amount provided is \$150/night. With inflation, there are no longer hotels available at this cost. Leaving some victims with the only option(s) to remain in their IPV situation or become homeless.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby urge the Ontario Government to declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;
2. That the Council of the Town of Whitby urge the Region of Durham to declare an IPV epidemic and integrate IPV into the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as per recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and,
3. This motion be distributed to MPP Lorne Coe, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Provincial Office of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Durham Region municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried later in the meeting (See following motion)

Moved by Councillor Lundquist

Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

That the main motion be amended by including Item 4 as follows:

4. That the Province be urged to increase funding for the Victim Quick Response fund to better support those experiencing IPV.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Resolution # 111-23

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

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AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015; Renfrew County delivered 86 recommendations in a unanimous verdict on the deaths of three local women, who were killed by their former partner on a single morning in 2015; the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and Lanark County have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

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4. That the Province be urged to increase funding for the Victim Quick Response fund to better support those experiencing IPV.

Carried

12. New and Unfinished Business

There was no new and unfinished business.

13. By-laws

Resolution # 112-23

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by Councillor Lee

That leave be granted to introduce By-laws # 7984-23 to # 7989-23 and to dispense with the reading of the by-laws by the Clerk and that the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

13.1 By-law # 7984-23

Being a by-law to designate certain portions of a registered Plan of Subdivision (SW-2013-03) as not being subject of Part Lot Control.

13.2 By-law # 7985-23

Being a by-law to designate certain portions of a registered Plan of Subdivision (SW-2013-02) as not being subject of Part Lot Control.

13.3 By-law # 7986-23

Being a by-law to designate certain portions of a registered Plan of Subdivision (SW-2016-05) as not being subject of Part Lot Control.

13.4 By-law # 7987-23

Being a by-law to set and levy tax rates for the Business Improvement Area (BIA) and to set penalty and interest rates for unpaid taxes.

Refer to FS 12-23, 2023 Property Tax Rates and Final Billing Due Dates and FS 11-23, Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2023 Budget and 2022 Reporting

13.5 By-law # 7988-23

Being a by-law to set and levy tax rates for the calendar year 2023 for the Town of Whitby and to set penalty and interest rates for unpaid taxes.

Refer to FS 12-23, 2023 Property Tax Rates and Final Billing Due Dates

13.6 By-law # 7989-23

Being a by-law to amend By-law #1784, as amended, being the Zoning By-law of the Town of Whitby.

Refer to PDP 14-23, DEV-01-23: Zoning By-law Amendment Application, 1621 McEwen Drive File No. Z-01-23

14. Closed Session

Council did not move into Closed Session to consider the appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee or the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

- 14.1 Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk dated April 17, 2023 regarding Recommendation for Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution # 113-23

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council appoint Mike Moraites to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term ending December 31, 2024 or until a successor is appointed; and,
2. That Council appoint Adam Lamplugh to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed.

Carried

- 14.2 Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk dated April 19, 2023 regarding Recommendation for Appointments to the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee

Resolution # 114-23

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy

That Council appoint Greg Frankson and David Johnston to the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending November 14, 2026 or until a successor is appointed.

Carried

15. Rising and Reporting Out

There were no matters considered in Closed Session. Therefore, Council did not rise and report.

16. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 115-23

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski

Seconded by Councillor Lundquist

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its regular meeting held on April 24, 2023 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cardwell
Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor