

**Present:** Councillor Drumm (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Leahy (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Lee (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Newman (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Roy (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Shahid (Participating Electronically)  
Councillor Yamada (Participating Electronically)

**Also Present:** M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works  
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor  
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services  
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development  
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer  
A. McCullough, Director of Finance/Deputy Treasurer  
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor  
C. Harris, Town Clerk  
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Mayor Mitchell

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 Doug Allingham and Leo Plue, Members, Hospital Task Force  
Re: Hospital Task Force 2021 Update

Doug Allingham and Leo Plue, Hospital Task Force Members, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Hospital Task Force 2021 Update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- introduction of Hospital Task Force Members;

- a timeline of steps taken to identify the preferred acute care hospital site in Durham Region;
- anticipated population growth in Durham Region and significant growth areas;
- the service coverage of existing hospital locations;
- the need for a new acute care hospital to close the service gap in Central Durham Region;
- the amount of land required to accommodate the hospital;
- key factors in identifying a preferred hospital site, including addressing service gaps, transportation access, environmental constraints, and current development applications;
- the number of potential development sites within the Town that meet the desired criteria;
- the favourable characteristics and service coverage of the preferred hospital site located on the southeast quadrant of Highway 407 and Lake Ridge Road that is currently owned by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO);
- limitations of the alternate site that is currently endorsed by Council, such as restricted acreage and the cost of acquiring the land;
- an overview of the hospital funding model, including the provincial and local share of costs relating to construction and planning, as well as equipment, technology, land and servicing costs;
- a comparison to the recent Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital funding model;
- the benefits of having a new hospital in Central Durham Region, including the creation of new jobs and the ability to address gaps in critical care service;
- the expected request for a Letter of Interest or Request for Proposal (RFP) from Lakeridge Health for a potential hospital site; and,
- next steps for the Hospital Task Force, including continued advocacy for a cost effective site selection process and community engagement.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Members of the Hospital Task Force regarding:

- whether the Hospital Task Force has consulted with the Region of Durham, other municipalities, and Lakeridge Health regarding the proposed hospital site;
- discussions the Hospital Task Force has had with the provincial government and MTO regarding the preferred site;
- whether the RFP or Letter of Interest will address the local share of the hospital funding model;
- the property tax levy imposed on City of Vaughan residents as a

- result of the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital construction;
- the timeline for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital's completion and whether the proposed Central Durham Region hospital will follow a similar timeline;
- whether the preferred hospital site may be serviced within the anticipated construction timeline;
- clarification regarding the Hospital Task Force's next steps for securing the preferred site;
- whether Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) has been consulted regarding potential flooding issues on the preferred hospital site;
- whether the preferred site accommodates plans for future expansion of the hospital; and,
- the risks of pursuing land owned by the MTO as the preferred site for the new hospital.

3. Delegations

3.1 There were no delegations.

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and Planning and Development  
Department Joint Report, CAO 03-21  
Re: Hospital Task Force Update

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Members of the Hospital Task Force regarding whether the Letter of Interest would replace the need for an RFP.

**Resolution # 33-21**

Moved By Councillor Lee  
Seconded By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council endorse the preferred and alternate site as recommended by the Hospital Task Force as outlined in this report and direct the Hospital Task Force to continue discussions with potential stakeholders; and,
2. That the Town Clerk forward a copy of Report CAO 03-21 to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Transportation, Minister of Long-Term Care, all Durham Region MPP's, the Regional Chair, the Lakeridge Health Board Chair and the President and CEO of Lakeridge Health.

**Carried unanimously on a recorded vote as follows:**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Councillor Drumm	x		
Councillor Leahy	x		
Councillor Lee	x		
Councillor Mulcahy	x		
Councillor Newman	x		
Councillor Roy	x		
Councillor Shahid	x		
Councillor Yamada	x		
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5. Confirmatory By-law

5.1 Confirmatory By-law

**Resolution # 34-21**

Moved By Councillor Newman  
Seconded By Councillor Yamada

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 special meeting held on February 22, 2021 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**

6. Adjournment

6.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Shahid  
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

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Chris Leahy, Deputy Mayor