



# Council Highlights

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**December 18, 2024**

## Key highlights:

Regional Council began by recognizing the winners of the Works - Maintenance Operations Truck Roadeo, followed by a holiday presentation from children and staff from the Whitby Early Learning and Child Care Centre.

Regional Council approved the Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates for 2025. The approved rates reflect a combined increase of 5 per cent, which translates to a monthly increase of approximately \$5 for an average residential household. See report [2024-COW-55](#) for details.

Council approved the 2025 Regional Business Plans and Budget for Property Tax Purposes. The new property tax increase of 7.4 per cent translates to a monthly increase of approximately \$20 for an average residential property in Durham Region. See report [2024-COW-53](#) for details.

Council approved report [2024-F-21](#) to allocate additional funding through the Community Investment Grant to Marigold Hospice Care in Clarington (up to \$250,000) and Hospice Whitby - Roger Anderson House (up to \$430,800).

Council approved the Durham Green Development Plan to encourage the development of residential buildings that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. See report [2024-COW-49](#) for details.

Council approved report [2024-COW-56](#) to allocate unbudgeted federal funding from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada for the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative.

A recording of the December 18 Regional Council meeting is available on [durham.ca](http://durham.ca), and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is January 29, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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