

# Council Highlights

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## February 26, 2025

### Key highlights:

Regional Council began by recognizing Pink Shirt Day—a day that raises awareness about bullying and promotes a culture of kindness and welcoming.

Regional Council took a moment to celebrate Durham Region's achievement in receiving the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Sustainable Communities Award. Family Services Durham was also recognized for receiving the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Local Municipal Champion Award.

A presentation from Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN) promoted World Elder Abuse Day on June 15, 2025, encouraging Durham Region and its local area municipalities within to participate in community events and ceremonies.

Regional Councillor David Pickles was voted to become the representative for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors for 2025.

Council approved the phased redevelopment of the Ritson School Site. See report [2025-COW-5](#) for more details.

Council committed to operating costs for 1635 Dundas St. to satisfy application requirements for federal funding for Phase 2 capital development. See report [2025-SS-1](#) for more details.

Council discussed several motions, including a motion supporting an installment program for the payment of Regional Development Charges on industrial developments to support businesses, especially during this time of economic uncertainty with proposed U.S. Tariffs.

A recording of the February 26 Regional Council meeting will be available on [durham.ca](#) and on the Region's [YouTube page](#). The next regularly scheduled Regional Council Meeting is March 26, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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