



Committee of the Whole Minutes

June 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy (Virtual Attendance, In-Person Attendance at 7:33 p.m.)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Yamada

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. Narraway, Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
L. MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (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 conflicts of interest.

4. Consent Agenda

5. Planning and Development

Councillor Lee assumed the Chair.

5.1 Presentations

5.1.1 Andrew Grunda, Chief Executive Officer, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 23-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department and Financial Services Department Joint Report Development Fees Review Study Update

Refer to Item 5.4.1, PDP 23-25

Andrew Grunda, Chief Executive Officer, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., appeared before the Committee and provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Development Fees Review Study. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the scope and objectives of the Development Fees Review Study;
- the statutory authorities governing fees for the recovery of costs for processing planning applications, building permit fees, and other fees such as development engineering fees, and the legislative requirements for development fees in accordance with the Planning Act, the Building Code Act, and the Municipal Act;
- the utilization of activity-based costing methodology to determine the full cost of services, and the full-cost recovery activity-based costing definitions; and,
- detailed information about the Development Fees Review Study process and the Development Fees Review Study findings including annual costs by service for restricted service levels and unrestricted service levels, and the Development Fees Review Study conclusions.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 5.2.1, Delegation by Victoria Mortelliti and Stacey Hawkins, representing Building Industry and Land Development Association and Durham Region Homebuilders Association, at this time.

5.1.2 Lashia Jones and Laura Walter representing Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDP 31-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report
Heritage District Review and Update: Status Report

Refer to Item 5.5.1, PDP 31-25

Lashia Jones, representing Stantec Consulting Ltd., appeared before the Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the purpose of the Heritage District Review;
- details about and the completion timelines for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Heritage District Review;
- an outline of the objectives and evolution of the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District and the Werden's Plan Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District;
- a summary of the consultation process including a presentation and discussion with the Whitby Heritage Advisory Committee in March 2025, the Public Information Centre 1 in April 2025, and an online survey following the Public Information Centre;
- details about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the Heritage Conservation Districts; and,
- the preliminary recommendations for Phase 2: Heritage Conservation Districts Plan Updates.

5.2 Delegations

5.2.1 Victoria Mortelliti and Stacey Hawkins representing Building Industry and Land Development Association and Durham Region Homebuilders Association (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 23-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department and Financial Services Department Joint Report
Development Fees Review Study Update

Refer to Item 5.4.1, PDP 23-25

Victoria Mortelliti and Stacey Hawkins, representing Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and Durham Region Homebuilders Association, appeared before the Committee and expressed concerns regarding the lack of industry consultation and limited stakeholder awareness throughout the review process, noting that the background information related to the report was only provided to the industry upon request to staff, leaving less than a week to review and prepare comments. Ms. Mortelliti advised that due to time constraints, BILD engaged Daryl Keleher of Keleher Planning and Economic Consulting to conduct a detailed analysis on behalf of the industry. She noted that even with Mr. Keleher's expertise he needed additional time to fully evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed changes. Ms. Mortelliti stated that the fee increases impact essential parts of the approval process and need to be supported by fair assumptions, scenarios, models and forecasts which was the type of review Mr. Keleher undertakes on behalf of the industry. She stated that this level of detail was best discussed with Town Staff in person. She stated that this review has taken place at a time of housing challenges, noting rising construction costs, concerns about tariffs, and deteriorating affordability. Ms. Mortelliti stated that these pressures have to be considered when decisions around fees and cost recovery were being made. She requested that Town Staff meet with industry representatives before the recommendations moved forward to Council for consideration. Ms. Mortelliti further requested that Report PDP 23-25 be deferred to September 2025 to permit engagement to take place.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 5.4.1, PDP 23-25, at this time.

5.2.2 Daniel MacPherson, Resident (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 26-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report
Official Plan Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Zoning By-

law Amendment Applications, Anatolia Investments Corp., 975 Conlin Road, 961 Conlin Road, 4605 and 4625 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-31-24 (OPA-2024-W/10, SW-2024-04, Z-15-24)

Refer to Item 5.5.4, PDP 26-25

Daniel MacPherson, Resident, appeared before the Committee and stated that he was opposed to the proposed development. He raised concerns about the impact of the proposed development on his quality of life and property value, the prolonged construction disruption, environmental and health concerns, road conditions and safety, and the additional burden on traffic and infrastructure. He requested that he be fairly compensated for the devaluation of his property and for the negative impact that the proposed development would have on his retirement home and lifestyle should the proposed development be approved.

5.2.3 Mike Domovitch representing 1654697 Ontario Inc. (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDP 26-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report
Official Plan Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Anatolia Investments Corp., 975 Conlin Road, 961 Conlin Road, 4605 and 4625 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-31-24 (OPA-2024-W/10, SW-2024-04, Z-15-24)

Refer to Item 5.5.4, PDP 26-25

Mike Domovitch was not in attendance when called upon to provide a delegation.

5.2.4 Mallory Nievas and Josh Berry representing Anatolia Investments Corp. (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 26-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report
Official Plan Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Anatolia Investments Corp., 975 Conlin Road, 961 Conlin Road, 4605 and 4625 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-31-24 (OPA-2024-W/10, SW-2024-04, Z-15-24)

Refer to Item 5.5.4, PDP 26-25

Mallory Nievas, representing Anatolia Investments Corp., appeared before the Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the location of the proposed development, the current designation of the subject lands, and details about the surrounding land uses;
- the proposed deletion of the future Type C Arterial Road (east of Thicksen Road North) in Schedule D - Transportation, and Schedule L – Taunton North Community Secondary Plan of the Town of Whitby Official Plan, and on Envision Durham Map 3b – Regional Network;
- the creation of various blocks consisting of two employment blocks, two open space blocks and three road-widening blocks;
- the proposed change to the current zone category from an Agricultural Zone to permit the employment uses;
- site specific zoning provisions including building heights, reducing parking consistent with nearby industrial developments and relief on the maximum driveway and aisle widths;
- the proposed zoning for the open-space blocks and dedication of the open space blocks to the Town upon their creation; and,
- images of and details about the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, the site plan, and the proposed renderings for Buildings 1, 2 and 3.

Ms. Nievas advised that she was in support of the Staff recommendation and the conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval. She advised that she was available to answer questions.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Ms. Nievas regarding the timeline for construction, details about the construction management plan, and mitigation measures to address the concerns raised by the previous delegate.

5.2.5 Mallory Nievas representing Menkes Champlain Inc. (In-Person Attendance)

Re: PDP 27-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report
Sign By-law Variance to Permanent Sign By-law for 1655 Stellar
Drive (Menkes Champlain Inc.) File Number: SB-01-25

Refer to Item 5.5.5, PDP 27-25

Mallory Nievas, representing Menkes Champlain Inc., was in attendance, however she did not provide a delegation due to Item 5.5.5, Report PDP 27-25, being approved during the consent agenda portion of the meeting.

- 5.2.6 David McKay representing MHBC Planning Limited on behalf of 5515 Garrard Restate Inc. (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDP 28-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department
Zoning By-law Amendment Application, MHBC Planning Limited on behalf of 5515 Garrard Real Estate Inc., 5515 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-34-24 (Z-16-24)

Refer to Item 5.5.6, PDP 28-25

David McKay, representing MHBC Planning Limited on behalf of 5515 Garrard Restate Inc., was in attendance, however he did not provide a delegation due to Item 5.5.6, Report PDP 28-25, being approved during the consent agenda portion of the meeting.

- 5.2.7 Brendan Graham representing Whitby Curling Club (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDP 29-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report
Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Whitby Curling Club, 815 Brock Street North, File Number: DEV-35-24 (Z-17-24)

Refer to Item 5.5.7, PDP 29-25

Brendan Graham, representing Whitby Curling Club, appeared before the Committee and stated that he was in support of the Staff recommendation and was available to answer questions.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. Graham regarding the timeline for the commencement of construction.

5.3 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5.4 Public Meetings

Chair Lee advised that the Public Meeting was being held pursuant to the Building Code Act. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear and receive public comments regarding the Development Fees Review Study Update, which proposes changes and adding new fees related to building, planning, and engineering services. He advised that written comments submitted in advance of the meeting had been shared with Members of Council. Chair Lee indicated that prior to Council considering Report PDP 23-25 regarding the Development Fees Review Study, he would invite members of the public to speak to provide their comments. The Chair advised that verbal and written comments made at the public meeting would be considered prior to Council's final consideration of Report PDP 23-25 at the June 23, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

There were no further submissions from the public related to Report PDP 23-25.

5.4.1 PDP 23-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department and Financial Services Department Joint Report

Re: Development Fees Review Study Update

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

- facilitating a meeting with the Building Industry and Land Development Association and the Durham Region Homebuilders Association prior to the Council meeting on June 23, 2025 regarding Report PDP 23-25 and the Development Fee Review Study findings;
- the opportunity to defer Report PDP 23-25 to the fall of 2025 following discussions with the Building Industry and Land Development Association and Durham Region Homebuilders Association;

- whether there would be a revenue shortfall should consideration of Report PDP 23-25 be deferred until the fall of 2025;
- the rationale for the outcome of the fee assessment indicating that the Town was under charging for fees;
- confirmation that processing applications would be delayed should the volume of planning applications increase prior to the increase in Staff resources, and the impact of not having the revenue from fees to offset the cost of hiring of Staff; and,
- whether the impact on revenue from fees would be significant should Report PDP 23-25 be deferred until the fall or deferring the report to a Special Council meeting during the summer of 2025.

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

1. That the Development Fees Review Study prepared by Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (Attachment 1) be received for information;
2. That the proposed amendments to the Planning Services Fees included in Attachment #2 of Report PDP 23-25 be approved;
3. That the proposed amendments to the Building Services Fees included in Attachment #2 of Report PDP 23-25 be approved;
4. That the proposed amendments to the Engineering Services Fees included in Attachment #2 of Report PDP 23-25 be approved;
5. That the recommended fees take effect on July 1, 2025;
6. That all Planning, Building and Engineering Services Fees be indexed January 1st, annually, based on the Consumer Price Index – All Items, for the Province of Ontario published by Statistics Canada in the month of May of the previous year;

7. That the Town Clerk be directed to bring forward a by-law to amend the Fees and Charges By-law to give effect to the recommendations contained in Report PDP 23-25;
8. That Council approve additional staff resources for each of the following full-time positions, including the associated capital and operating costs:
 - Planner II, Development Review (Planning Services);
 - Planner II, Zoning & Regulation (Planning Services);
 - Water Resource Engineer (Engineering Services);
 - Program Manager, Development Infrastructure (Engineering Services);
 - 2 Building Inspector II's (Building Services);
 - 1 Senior Plans Examiner (Building Services); and,
9. That P&D-0012 be removed from the New and Unfinished Business List.

Note: The disposition of this matter, Item 5.4.1, was determined through the deferral motion below.

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

That consideration of Report PDP 23-25 be deferred to the June 23, 2025 Council meeting to allow time for consultation to take place with the Building Industry and Land Development Association and the Durham Region Homebuilders Association.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 5.1.2, Delegation by Lashia Jones and Laura Walter representing Stantec Consulting Ltd., at this time.

5.5 Staff Reports

5.5.1 PDP 31-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Heritage District Review and Update: Status Report

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding;

- methods to increase public engagement for Phase 2 of the project;
- the alignment of the Heritage Conservation District Plans with the updated Ontario Heritage Act and the impact on the heritage districts and individual designated properties related to additions, new design, or major alterations to buildings, and,
- whether the heritage permit system would be less complicated.

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

That Report PDP 31-25 be received for information, as an update to the on-going Review and Update of the Brooklin HCD Plan and the Werden's Plan Neighbourhood HCD Plan.

Carried

5.5.2 PDP 24-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment to Remove Holding (H) Symbol, West Whitby Holdings Inc., 915 Rossland Road West, File Number: DEV-13-25 (Z-06-25)

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lee

1. That Council approve an Amendment to Zoning By-law 1784 (File No. Z-06-25) for the removal of the Holding (H) Symbol, as outlined in Planning Report PDP 24-25; and,
2. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 1784 be brought forward for Consideration by Council.

Carried

5.5.3 PDP 25-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

Re: Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Minto Communities Inc., Columbus Road West at Baldwin Street North, File Numbers: DEV-27-22 (SW-2022-06 and Z-19-22)

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the Draft Plan of Subdivision (File Number: SW-2022-06), subject to the comments included in Report PDP 25-25 and the Conditions of Draft Plan Approval included in Attachment #9;
2. That Staff be authorized to prepare a Subdivision Agreement;
3. That Council approve the amendment to Zoning By-law #1784 (File Number: Z-19-22) and that a Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward for consideration by Council at a later date;
4. That Williams and Stewart Associates Ltd. be appointed as the Control Architect for the Draft Plan of Subdivision; and,
5. That the Clerk forward a Notice to those parties and agencies who requested to be notified of Council's decision.

Carried

5.5.4 PDP 26-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

Re: Official Plan Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Anatolia Investments Corp., 975 Conlin Road, 961 Conlin Road, 4605 and 4625 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-31-24 (OPA-2024-W/10, SW-2024-04, Z-15-24)

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

- concerns from the cyclist community about the number of vehicle access point onto Garrard Road and Conlin Road;

- mitigating concerns about accessing bike lanes during construction through the construction management plan for the proposed development;
- whether concerns about sidewalk maintenance and transit bus stops would be addressed through the site plan approval process;
- mitigation measures to address the impact of noise, truck traffic, vibration, construction, and dust during the construction of the proposed development; and,
- the number of years the subject land and surrounding lands have been designated in the Official Plan and intended for industrial uses.

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Shahid

1. That Council approve Official Plan Amendment Number 145 to the Whitby Official Plan (File: OPA-2024-W/10), as shown on Attachment #9, and that a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 145 be brought forward for consideration by Council;
2. That Council approve the Draft Plan of Subdivision (File: SW-2024-04), subject to the comments included in Planning Report PDP 26-25 and the conditions of draft plan approval included in Attachment #13;
3. That Staff be authorized to prepare a Subdivision Agreement;
4. That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law 1784 (File: Z-15-24), and 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 to those parties and agencies who requested to be notified of Council's decision.

Carried

5.5.5 PDP 27-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

Re: Sign By-law Variance to Permanent Sign By-law for 1655 Stellar Drive (Menkes Champlain Inc.) File Number: SB-01-25

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lee

That Council approve the request for a variance to the Town of Whitby Permanent Sign By-law #7379-18 for the Menkes Whitby Business Park, located at 1655 Stellar Drive.

Carried

5.5.6 PDP 28-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application, MHBC Planning Limited on behalf of 5515 Garrard Real Estate Inc., 5515 Garrard Road, File Number: DEV-34-24 (Z-16-24)

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lee

1. That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law No. 1784 (Z-16-24), subject to the comments included in Report PDP 28-25; and,
2. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law #1784 be brought forward for consideration by Council at a future date.

Carried

5.5.7 PDP 29-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Whitby Curling Club, 815 Brock Street North, File Number: DEV-35-24 (Z-17-24)

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lee

1. That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law # 2585 (File No. Z-17-24) as set out in Planning Report PDP 29-25; and,

2. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law # 2585 be brought forward for consideration by Council.

Carried

5.5.8 PDP 30-25, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

Re: Housing Monitoring Report

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

- the areas in Brooklin that do not have full municipal water, wastewater, electrical, telecommunications and natural gas infrastructure;
- the cost for the additional funding for the infrastructure required in Brooklin and the impact of the legislated deferral of development charges on funding the required infrastructure in Brooklin;
- the total number of permits issued in 2024 and the percentage of the permits issued that were for additional dwelling units (ADUs);
- whether the majority of permits issued for ADUs were for single detached dwellings; and,
- the anticipated number of permits for ADUs annually.

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

1. That Report PDP 30-25 be received for information; and,
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of Planning and Development Report PDP 30-25 to the Region of Durham, Community Growth and Economic Development.

Carried

5.6 New and Unfinished Business - Planning and Development

There was no new and unfinished business.

6. General Government

Councillor Lundquist assumed the Chair.

6.1 Presentations

There were no presentations.

6.2 Delegations

There were no delegations.

6.3 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.4 Staff Reports

6.4.1 CAO 10-25, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

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

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

That Council approve entering into a third one (1) year sponsorship agreement effective until May 1, 2026 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 10-25.

Carried

6.4.2 CAO 14-25, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: 2024 Annual Sustainability and Climate Change Report

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lundquist

1. That Report CAO 14-25 be received as information; and,
2. That the Clerk’s office forward a copy of Staff Report CAO 14-25 to the Region of Durham’s Sustainability Department.

Carried

6.4.3 CAO 15-25, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: 2026 Workforce Plan Review

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

- whether the Workforce Plan Review aligns with Council directives including the Community Strategic Plan or any significant approved projects;
- confirmation that the increase in Staff for the new Fire Hall and the Whitby Sports Complex have been incorporated into the Workforce Plan; and,
- the impact of hiring 21 positions for the Whitby Sports Complex on the budget, and the total current budget increase for 2026.

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

That Council receive report CAO 15-25 regarding the 2026 Workforce Plan Review for information.

Carried

6.4.4 CAO 16-25, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: The IDEA Project, Journey to Inclusivity Status Update 2025

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Shahid

That Council receive Report CAO-16-25 The IDEA Project, Journey to Inclusivity Status Update 2025 for information.

Carried

6.4.5 CLK 07-25, Office of the Town Clerk Report

Re: 2026 Council, Committee, and Public Meetings Schedule

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lundquist

That Council approve the 2026 Council, Committee, and Public Meetings Schedule appended to this Report as Attachment 1.

Carried

6.4.6 FES 02-25, Whitby Fire and Emergency Services Report

Re: Whitby Fire and Emergency Services – 2024 Annual Report

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Lundquist

That Council receives, for information, and reviews Whitby Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) 2024 Annual Report.

Carried

6.4.7 FS 05-25, Financial Services Department Report

Re: Update on Property Tax Assessment Appeals and Adjustments

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

- whether Staff anticipated an increase in appeals following the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) re-assessment; and,
- whether staff have received any notification with respect to the date(s) for the re-assessment of property values.

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

That Report FS 05-25 be received as information.

Carried

6.4.8 FS 25-25, Financial Services Department Report

Re: Annual Insured Claims Report

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

- the rationale for the decrease in claims in 2024; and,
- whether there have been any concerns about the rising costs within the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool.

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

That report FS 25-25 regarding Annual Insured Claims be received as information.

Carried

6.5 New and Unfinished Business

There was no new and unfinished business.

6.5.1 Condemning and Combatting Islamophobia and Hosting an Interfaith Event

A detailed discussion ensued between Members of Committee regarding:

- information about the efforts undertaken with respect to Islamophobia by Durham Region and the Durham Region Anti-Racism Task Force;
- referring the motion to Staff to consult and collaborate with Durham Region Staff;
- the feedback received from Durham Region Staff regarding collaboration to address racism across municipalities in Durham;
- delaying hosting an interfaith event until healing has occurred for the impacted groups and communities and consultation that has taken place between the Region, the Town, community groups, and the Durham Regional Police Service;
- the status of the Durham Regional Police Service Anti-Hate Task Force;

- the necessity for Council to take a strong position to condemn all acts of hate, and concerns about the impact of acts of hate on the community;
- responding appropriately to the needs of the community by engaging with the public;
- deferring consideration of the motion to Council on June 23, 2025 to obtain additional information from the Region of Durham regarding ongoing anti-hate initiatives; and,
- the possibility of a public information campaign focused on combatting hate.

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That the Town of Whitby Council condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent acts of Islamophobic vandalism and hate and restate its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming town for all;
2. That Council express its support for the past National Summit on Islamophobia with the participation of the Federal, Provincial and local governments;
3. That Council commit to looking for ways to educate residents about Islamophobia and ways to combat Islamophobia including a possible public information campaign;
4. That Council direct the CAO to support Muslim community members on how to report hate crimes; and,
5. That the Mayor and CAO consider hosting an interfaith event that would bring groups together and help symbolize our shared commitment to acceptance and tolerance in the spirit of cooperation and cohesion.

See following motions

Recommendation:

Moved by Mayor Roy

That Items 4 and 5 of the motion be referred to the Council meeting of June 23, 2025 to prepare a memorandum to share ongoing efforts in partnership with the Region and request that Regional Staff provide and update in the form of a presentation to Whitby Council on anti-hate initiatives.

Carried

Items 1, 2, and 3 of the main motion were then before Committee for consideration as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That the Town of Whitby Council condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent acts of Islamophobic vandalism and hate and restate its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming town for all;
2. That Council express its support for the past National Summit on Islamophobia with the participation of the Federal, Provincial and local governments; and,
3. That Council commit to looking for ways to educate residents about Islamophobia and ways to combat Islamophobia including a possible public information campaign.

Carried later in the meeting (see following motions)

Moved by Councillor Yamada

That Items 1 and 3 of the main motion be amended to read as follows:

1. That the Town of Whitby Council condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent acts of Islamophobic vandalism and hate in all its forms and restate its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming town for all;
3. That Council commit to looking for ways to educate residents about Islamophobia and ways to combat all forms of hate through a coordinated public information campaign.

	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)

Items 1, 2, and 3 of the main motion, as amended, were then carried as follows:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That the Town of Whitby Council condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent acts of Islamophobic vandalism and hate in all its forms and restate its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming town for all;
2. That Council express its support for the past National Summit on Islamophobia with the participation of the Federal, Provincial and local governments; and,
3. That Council commit to looking for ways to educate residents about Islamophobia and ways to combat all forms of hate through a coordinated public information campaign.

	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)

7. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Leahy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.