



## **Memorandum**

**Corporate Services Department  
City Clerk Services**

Date: May 26, 2020

File: A-2150

To: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Development Services Department,  
Corporate Services Department, Community Services Department

From: Jennifer Allan  
Administrative Assistant

Re: Direction of Oshawa City Council  
May 25, 2020

Attached is a listing of Council's direction on matters discussed at the meeting held May 25, 2020. Please review the listing and take the appropriate action to address Council's decision for those matters within your respective area of responsibility.

Jennifer Allan  
City Clerk Services

**Attention: Development Services**

**Action Taken: Carried**

CNCL-20-60 Development of a Durham Region Community Improvement Plan to Provide Incentives for Development in Durham Region Downtowns

Recommendation

Whereas the City of Oshawa has been a longstanding leader in Ontario in the development of Community improvement Plans and related development incentives; and,

Whereas the City has developed 6 Community Improvement Plans since 2000 to help achieve planning goals and objectives in certain areas of the City of Oshawa; and,

Whereas the Community Improvement Plans have been well received by the development community as a useful tool to help encourage development that may not otherwise occur; and,

Whereas the upper-tier municipalities like the Region of Durham also have the ability to establish community improvement plans; and,

Whereas although Durham Regional Council has the legislative authority to develop a Community Improvement Plan, the Region instead chose to establish the Regional Revitalization Plan (RRP) which requires an agreement between the City and the Region, not the developer; and,

Whereas it would be more expedient and effective for the development community to be able to apply for development grants such as an Increased Assessment Grant directly with the Region of Durham through a Regional Community Improvement Plan; and,

Whereas a Regional Community Improvement Plan would to help achieve certain planning objectives of the Regional Official Plan such as but not limited to the minimum density target of 200 persons/jobs for Urban Growth Centres; and,

Whereas other Regional Municipalities in Ontario including Niagara and Waterloo Regions have had long standing Regional Community Improvement Plans with financial incentives to encourage development in strategic areas to promote smart growth; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario, the Region of Durham and other Regional local municipalities have declared a state of emergency; and,

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the local economy, and,

Whereas on May 8, 2020 the Mayor's Task Force on Economy Recovery asked the City to consider requesting the Region to establish a Regional Community Improvement Plan to help advance economic recovery in the Region;

Therefore, that the Region of Durham be requested to investigate the development of a Regional Community Improvement Plan to encourage development in key strategic areas of the Region including Urban Growth Centres and downtowns with incentives such as but not limited to an Increased Assessment Grant or a Regional Development Charge Grant.