

Office of the Commissioner Finance Memorandum FOR INFORMATION

Re:	2024 Accounts Receivable Write-Off and Status Update
From:	Laura Mirabella Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer
Meeting Date:	May 8, 2025
То:	Committee of the Whole

This memorandum provides members of Committee of the Whole with an update on the accounts approved for write-off by the Regional Treasurer for 2024 and the status of the Region's Accounts Receivable as of December 31, 2024, as required by the Collection of Accounts policy ("<u>Policy</u>"). There are no uncollectible accounts exceeding \$25,000 per account requiring write-off and approval by Council.

# Regional invoices are initiated by various departments

**Regional billings and collections** fall under two categories: General receivables include all receivables administered **through Finance** while Senior Services receivables for long-term care are administered by Community and Health Services (CHS).

- General receivables totalled \$474.3M for 2024 (municipal water accounted for 86.3% or \$409.4M).
- Seniors Services receivables totalled \$5.6M for long-term care residents and adult day programs.

Staff undertake various collection actions and work collaboratively with departments and Legal Services to resolve outstanding collection issues.

# The Policy outlines requirements for write-offs and authorizes the Regional Treasurer to approve write-offs of uncollectible accounts for amounts up and including \$25,000 per account

Regional Treasurer approved the write-off of 49 accounts totaling \$47,969.67 for 2024, as outlined below:

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Accounts Receivable Write-Offs approved by the Regional Treasurer								
	2024		2023					
Receivables	# of Accounts	Amount	# of Accounts	Amount				
General - Traffic Collision Claims	34	\$11,556	55	\$25,446				
General – Public Works Wastewater	1	\$ 4,751	4	\$ 3,105				
Seniors Services - Long- Term Care Facilities	14	\$31,662	6	\$ 7,776				
Total	49	\$47,969	65	\$36,327				
Average per account		\$ 979		\$ 559				

34 traffic collision claims totaling \$11,556.40 relate to insurance agencies not paying in full for damages to York Region property, such as not providing full replacement cost of materials due to asset depreciation costs, identified/unidentified motorist with no insurance coverage and/or not covering all or part of administrative fees.

One Public Works account totaling \$4,751.33 relates to a water surcharge fee where the business has gone into receivership and Legal Services has recommended the account be written off.

14 Long-Term Care accounts of \$31,661.94 relate to unpaid accommodations of former residents of Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre where CHS staff have exhausted all attempts to collect.

Generally, write-offs for General and Seniors Services receivables fluctuate annually due to the unpredictable nature of circumstances and collection efforts. The 49 write-offs in 2024 are lower than the 65 in 2023; however, the total amount in 2024 is slightly higher than in 2023 given the significant increase in Senior Services write-offs.

# Accounts Receivable balance was \$83.9M as of December 31,2024 with 94.6% collected as of March 31, 2025

Table 2 summarizes the outstanding accounts receivable balance at year-end by category after the approved write-off of \$47,970.

Table 2 Accounts Receivable 2024 Year End Outstanding Balance as at March 31, 2025										
Receivables	0 – 90 Days	90 + days	December 31, 2024 Total	Collected as of March 31, 2025	Remaining Balance					
Local Municipalities <sup>1</sup>	\$72,615,648	\$1,977,847	\$74,593,495	\$72,804,389	\$1,789,106					
Other Municipalities	\$ 3,618,370	\$ 103,673	\$ 3,722,043	\$ 2,441,018	\$1,281,025					
Federal and Provincial	\$ 1,031,532	\$ 321,166	\$ 1,352,698	\$ 1,352,040	\$ 658					
Local Boards	\$ 228,450	\$-	\$ 228,450	\$ 228,450	\$-					
Sundry <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,153,528	\$1,184,423	\$ 3,337,951	\$ 2,035,638	\$1,302,313					
Senior Services	\$ 541,856	\$ 109,364	\$ 651,220	\$ 520,747	\$ 130,473					
2024 Total	\$80,189,385	\$3,696,472	\$83,885,858	\$79,382,283,	\$4,503,575					
% of Total Receivables	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%	94.6%	5.4%					
2023 Comparison	\$89,789,377	\$5,072,570	\$94,861,947	\$91,618,731	\$3,243,215					
% of Total Receivables	94.7%	5.3%	100.0%	96.6%	3.4%					

Note: numbers may not add due to rounding

<sup>1.</sup> Local Municipalities amount largely reflects water and wastewater billings.

<sup>2.</sup> Sundry refers to accounts that do not fall into other categories. These may include invoices for traffic collision claims, road maintenance, waste disposal and police paid duty.

The details of Accounts Receivable by Category and details of significant amounts outstanding are provided in Appendix A.

# Conclusion

As of March 31, 2025, \$79.4M (94.6%) of the year-end Accounts Receivable balance of \$83.9M has been collected and \$4.5M remains outstanding. Regional staff continue to work on collections efforts.

For more information on this memo, please contact Josée Martel, Director, Corporate Shared Financial Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71619. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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Appendix A – Schedule 1-8 Accounts Receivable by Category

		eceivable Aging ember 31, 2024			
Receivables	Current	31 - 90 Days	90+ Days	Total	2023
Local Municipalities	\$72,615,463	\$185	\$1,977,847	\$74,593,495	\$74,831,926
Other Municipalities	1,392,558	2,225,812	103,673	3,722,043	2,259,340
Federal & Provincial Governments	926,663	104,870	321,166	1,352,698	2,450,763
Local Boards	216,226	12,225	-	228,450	11,705,702
Sundry <sup>1</sup>	1,880,406	273,122	1,184,423	3,337,951	2,931,934
Senior Services	489,633	52,224	109,364	651,220	682,282
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$77,520,949	\$2,668,437	\$3,696,472	\$83,885,858	\$94,861,947
% OF TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	92.4%	3.2%	4.4%	100.0%	
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$86,747,088	\$3,042,289	\$5,072,570	\$94,861,947	
% OF TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	<b>91.4%</b>	3.2%	5.3%	100.0%	

Schedule 1 lists the aging for General and Senior Services accounts receivable.

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding

<sup>1</sup>Sundry refers to accounts that do not fall into the other categories. These may include invoices for traffic collision claims, road maintenance, waste disposal and police paid duty.

# Schedule 2

Schedule 2 lists the aging of Local Municipalities with Schedules 3 and 4 providing a further breakdown of the water billings and non-water billings receivables.

	Local Municipali As at December				
Municipality	Current	31 - 90 Days	90+ Days	Total	2023
Aurora	\$3,589,878	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,589,878	\$3,491,950
East Gwillimbury	1,467,709	-	1,789,106	3,256,815	3,755,229
Georgina	2,082,875	-	-	2,082,875	2,051,174
King	985,217	-	-	985,217	1,034,165
Markham	18,765,550	-	-	18,765,550	18,751,828
Newmarket	4,796,673	-	-	4,796,673	5,188,493
Richmond Hill	12,896,598	185	-	12,896,783	11,527,981
Vaughan	25,590,331	-	560	25,590,891	26,899,033
Whitchurch Stouffville	2,440,632	-	188,181	2,628,813	2,132,071
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$72,615,463	\$185	\$1,977,847	\$74,593,495	\$74,831,926
MUNICIPAL TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$69,340,076	\$1,815,227	\$3,676,622	\$74,831,926	

Schedule 3 lists Local Municipalities water billings receivable amounts. As of March 31, 2025, \$71.9M has been collected. A balance of \$1,789,106 remains outstanding from East Gwillimbury due to a dispute related to the flushing of watermains. Regional and Town of East Gwillimbury staff continue to work with a consultant to reach a resolution on this outstanding amount. Collection efforts for the remaining balances are ongoing.

Local Municipalities Water Billing Aging As at December 31, 2024								
Municipality	Current	31 - 9	0 Days	90+ Days	Total	2023		
Aurora	\$3,589,878	\$	-	\$ -	\$3,589,878	\$3,489,772		
East Gwillimbury	1,467,709		-	1,789,106	3,256,815	3,737,549		
Georgina	2,082,875		-	-	2,082,875	1,891,381		
King	985,217		-	-	985,217	1,033,470		
Markham	18,443,834		-	-	18,443,834	18,669,356		
Newmarket	4,792,546		-	-	4,792,546	5,185,364		
Richmond Hill	12,598,237		-	-	12,598,237	11,471,824		
Vaughan	25,491,315		-	-	25,491,315	23,741,529		
Whitchurch Stouffville	2,426,233		-	-	2,426,233	2,106,035		
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$71,877,844	\$	-	\$1,789,106	\$73,666,949	\$71,326,280		
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	100.0%		0.0%	0.0%	97.6%			
MUNICIPAL TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$69,011,051	\$1,	573,824	\$741,405	\$71,326,280			

## Schedule 4

Schedule 4 lists all Local Municipalities non-water receivable amounts. As of March 31, 2025, all amounts owing have been collected.

#### Local Municipalities other than Water Billing Aging

Municipality	Cu	irrent	31	- 90 Days	9	90+ Days	Total	2023
Aurora	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$2,178
East Gwillimbury		-		-		-	-	17,681
Georgina		-		-		-	-	159,793
King		-		-		-	-	696
Markham		321,716		-		-	321,716	82,473
Newmarket		4,127		-		-	4,127	3,129
Richmond Hill		298,360		185		-	298,545	56,156
Vaughan		99,016		-		560	99,576	3,157,504
Whitchurch Stouffville		14,399		-		188,181	202,581	26,036
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$	737,619		\$185		\$188,741	\$926,546	\$3,505,646
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	
MUNICIPAL TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$	329,026		\$241,403		\$2,935,217	\$3,505,646	

Schedule 5 lists receivables related to other municipalities. As of March 31, 2025, \$2.4M has been collected. Payment for the Collection efforts for the remaining balances are ongoing.

	As at December 3	1, 2024			
	Current	31 - 90 Days	90+ Days	Total	
Chatham-Kent, Municipality of	\$101	\$-	\$-	\$101	
Durham, Region of	1,289,423	2,225,440	-	3,514,862	
Halton, Regional Municipalty of	101	-	-	101	
Kawartha Lakes Police	5,363	-	-	5,363	
Niagara, Region of	202	185	-	387	
Peel Regional Police	-	93	-	93	
Peel, Region of	51,296	-	103,673	154,970	
Simcoe, County of	45,871	-	-	45,871	
Toronto Police Service	-	93	-	93	
Toronto, City of	101	-	-	101	
Waterloo, Region of	101	-	-	101	
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$1,392,558	\$2,225,812	\$103,673	\$3,722,043	
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	8.0%	100.0%	100.0%	65.6%	
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$2,050,267	\$206,674	\$2,400	\$2,259,340	

#### Other Municipalities Aging As at December 31, 2024

Schedule 6 lists Federal and Provincial receivables for items such as secondment charges, paid duty, and special projects for York Regional Police. As of March 31, 2025, \$1.4M has been collected. The remaining balance is expected to be paid.

Federal and Provincial Aging As at December 31, 2024										
	Current	31	- 90 Days		90+ Days	Total				
FEDERAL										
RCMP	\$30,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$30,000				
PROVINCIAL										
Central East Corrections Centre	136,622		-		-	136,622				
Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario	147,890		-		-	147,890				
Ministry of Health	7,802		-		13,043	20,846				
Ministry of Solicitor General	123,780		-		1,477	125,257				
Ministry of Transportation	21,236		-		268,744	289,980				
Ontario Police College	132,646		-		-	132,646				
Ontario Provincial Police	265,064		25,267		37,901	328,232				
Ontario Shared Services	65,552		-		-	65,552				
Provincial Offences	(3,930)		79,602		-	75,673				
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$926,663		\$104,870		\$321,166	\$1,352,698				
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	100.0%		<b>99.1%</b>		100.0%	100.0%				
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$1,394,544		\$750,608		\$305,611	\$2,450,763				

# Schedule 7

Schedule 7 lists receivables for various local boards. As of March 31, 2025, all amounts owing have been collected.

#### Local Boards Aging As at December 31, 2024

	Current		31 - 90 Days		00+ Days	Total	
CUPE Local 905	\$212,533	\$	-	\$	-	\$212,533	
Schools & School Boards	3,693		8,376		-	12,069	
Toronto & Region Conservation Authority	-		3,849		-	3,849	
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$216,226		\$12,225	\$	-	\$228,450	
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	100.0%		100.0%		0.0%	100.0%	
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$11,691,946		\$7,336		\$6,420	\$11,705,702	

Schedule 8 lists other receivables (Sundry) that are not captured in the previous categories. As of March 31, 2025, \$2.0M has been collected. Legal Services has obtained judgement and filed a writ of seizure and sale against Com 2 Recycling Solutions for the outstanding amount of \$502,250 plus applicable interest and additional costs for the defaulted payments on the electronic waste material procurement contract. Finance is working with York Region Rapid Transit on the collection of \$429,479 from Infrastructure Ontario (IO) related to Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) for the Yonge North Subway expansion project for the Region's staffing time and costs associated with the program. IO has committed to paying the invoices. The delays were due to program reorganization. Efforts to collect the remaining balances are ongoing.

Sundry Aging As at December 31, 2024									
	Current	31 - 90 Days	90 + Days	Total					
PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,586,602	\$250,659	\$747,718	\$2,584,979					
Environmental Services	871,794	130,547	518,505	1,520,846					
Liquid Waste Disposal	121,743	51,630	16,255	189,628					
Solid Waste Disposal	750,051	78,917	502,250	1,331,218					
Transportation Services	714,808	120,112	229,213	1,064,133					
Road Maintenance	63,303	3,644	6,363	73,310					
Traffic Collision Claims	160,039	108,356	213,700	482,095					
Transit	132,725	1,342	9,180	143,246					
Transportation Services	330,571	-	-	330,571					
User Utility Application Fees	28,170	6,770	(30)	34,910					
Other	293,804	22,463	436,705	752,972					
Community & Health Services	33,269	-	-	33,269					
Corporate Services	13,439	22,138	429,479	465,055					
Finance, Insurance & Risk	93,283	-	-	93,283					
York Regional Police	153,813	326	7,226	161,364					
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2024	\$1,880,406	\$273,122	\$1,184,423	\$3,337,951					
% PAID AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	95.8%	68.6%	4.0%	61.0%					
TOTAL - DECEMBER 2023	\$1,800,603	\$197,429	\$933,902	\$2,931,934					