



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#27-19

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Special Council Education and Training meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Barrow
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Muench
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Chan

Regrets: Councillor Beros
Councillor West

Staff Members Present:
N. Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Kwan, Commissioner, Planning and Regulatory Services
I. Brutto, Commissioner, Environment and Infrastructure Services
I. Simanovskis, Commissioner, Community Services
M. Makrigiorgos, Regional and Local Councillor Chief of Staff
M. Gandhi, Director, Strategic Initiatives and Communications Services Division
D. Terzievski, Director, Development Engineering and Transportation
R. Hui, Manager, Transportation
C. Chong, Senior Planner – Policy
J. Hambleton, Administrative Assistant to Members of Council
J. Hypolite, IT Service Desk Technical Analyst
S. Huycke, City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Scheduled Business

3.1 Education and training meeting with respect to the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan Presentation

Meeta Gandhi, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communication Services provided introductory remarks, and highlighted the cross-departmental collaboration and effort involved in the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan Study to date. M. Gandhi introduced Leigh McGrath and Craig Lametti of Urban Strategies Inc. to present the plan and vision for the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan.

L. McGrath identified the core elements of the Secondary Plan Study, the consultant team working on the project, the study area and work plan being followed. She noted the significance of the Centre as a place for growth, outlined the evolution of planning for the Centre, and advised that the Study was informed by work completed within the last 10 years, as well as work that is currently underway.

C. Lametti provided an overview of work that was completed in 2010 with respect to the Richmond Hill Centre. He identified the vision and principles that came forward at the time and summarized the development framework. C. Lametti also provided an overview of the approach that was proposed with respect to character areas, parks and open spaces, the transportation network, land use, height and density.

L. McGrath continued by identifying work that has been underway since April 2019. She noted that they have collaborated with the Yonge Subway Extension group, began work on the Background White Papers and conducted

a range of stakeholder interviews. L. McGrath concluded the presentation by outlining the next steps of the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan Study.

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That the presentation by Leigh McGrath and Craig Lametti, Urban Strategies Inc., regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan be received with thanks.

Carried

3.2 Member Motion – Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Langstaff/Richmond Hill Growth Area – (Referred from the June 11, 2019 Council meeting)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated Langstaff / Richmond Hill Centre as an urban growth centre in 2006; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is undertaking the development of the Richmond Hill Secondary Plan; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill supports the Province of Ontario's decision to upload the responsibility for subway construction and urges the Province to proceed as expeditiously as possible to construct the Yonge Street Subway extension; and

Whereas the Provincial Government will be responsible for the planning, design and building for all new subway construction projects; and

Whereas on April 10, 2019, the Provincial Government announced that the Yonge Subway extension will be 1 of the 4 projects benefitting from Provincial investment in higher order transit; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has accelerated the target completion date for the Yonge Subway to be shortly after 2027; and

Whereas geotechnical and design work for the Yonge Subway extension has already commenced;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Staff be directed to enter into discussions with Hydro One and other stakeholders to incorporate the burying of the hydro wires and the storm water

pond into the development of the Richmond Hill Secondary Plan – to ensure the greatest development potential for Richmond Hill Centre.

And that the Province of Ontario be requested to work in conjunction with the local municipalities and transit authorities to review and assess the following:

1. Existing and proposed infrastructure, including the feasibility of relocating storm water ponds, reconfiguring the Highway 407 interchange ramps for an urban and pedestrian friendly environment;
2. The land value uplift arising from greater intensification and to maximize the return on investment for public lands and infrastructure;
3. Opportunities for a public-private partnership including an unsolicited bid for the integrated transit destination hub and other government lands;
4. The potential re-designation of the lands west of Yonge Street, south of 407, for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) versus the proposed 2,000-car parking lot;
5. The benefits of a world class integrated development engaging a “best-in-class” architectural, engineering, planning and urban design firms;
6. Participating in a steering committee to coordinate development and infrastructure;

And further that the City of Richmond Hill requests the Provincial Government, as part of the environmental assessment updates for both the 407 Transitway (go to rail) and the Yonge Subway Extension, including the design and construction, consider the following:

An environmental assessment to bury the high-voltage hydro transmission lines from east of Bayview Avenue to west of Yonge Street to south of Highway 407 to create greater flexibility in urban planning and release additional development opportunity to the benefit of the province of Ontario;

That the Province of Ontario undertake these considerations without any delay to the planning, construction and delivery of the Yonge Subway Extension;

And forward this motion to the City of Markham and City of Vaughan Councils for their endorsement;

And further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to:

The Hon Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
The Hon Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier,
The Hon Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance,
The Hon Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation,
The Hon Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines,
The Hon Todd Smith, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,

The Hon Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Hon Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario,
The Hon Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
All York Region MPPs, and
The Regional Municipality of York Council.

Carried

4. By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at This Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 98-19, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Dave Barrow, Mayor

Stephen Huycke, City Clerk