



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#35-19

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 9:30 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, September 25, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Regrets: Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench

Staff Members Present:

N. Garbe, City Manager
I. Brutto, Commissioner of Environment and Infrastructure Services
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services
I. Simanovskis, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
M. Makrigiorgos, Regional and Local Councillor Chief of Staff
M. Gandhi, Director, Strategy Innovation and Engagement
D. Olding, Manager, Service Innovation
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy
B. Afsana, Planner II
A. Crawford, Planner I - Policy
M. Jedinak, Economic Development Programs Coordinator
B. Osler, Economic Development Programs Coordinator

- N. Chakravorty, Administrative Assistant Members of Council
- A. Daneshvar, Administrative Assistant Members of Council
- S. Margolin, Administrative Assistant Members of Council
- R. Pham-Nguyen, Constituency Assistant to the Regional and Local Councillor
- N. Sabet, Administrative Assistant Members of Council
- L. Chan, Communications Advisor
- A. Petrielli, Digital Communications Specialist
- A. Stephen, IT Service Desk Technical Analyst
- S. Huycke, City Clerk
- L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor West

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

Neil Garbe, City Manager, provided opening remarks regarding the development of the Richmond Hill Centre. He reviewed the purpose and governance of the project, and indicated the Richmond Hill Centre would be a world-leading urban growth centre and mobility hub with a future-focused community. N. Garbe reviewed the 3 components of the Richmond Hill Centre Subway Project workplan and outlined the deliverables for the Richmond Hill Centre Subway Station and the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan. N. Garbe introduced Michael Morrissey, Senior Design and Development Advisor, Morrissey Designs, as the planning project lead in the Langstaff Gateway Development Concept in Markham who would highlight the possible connections with the Richmond Hill Centre.

Michael Morrissey, Senior Design and Development Advisor, Morrissey Designs, outlined his career and involvement with the development of the Markham Centre project, and noted the importance to implementing a flexible Secondary Plan for future growth. He reviewed the 3 urban growth centres located along Highway 407; Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, Langstaff Gateway; and the Markham Centre, and specified that each growth centre was recognized as a mobility hub and was approved as part of the provincial *Growth Plan*. M. Morrissey provided an overview of the Langstaff-Gateway site location, site statistics for the Masterplan, and massing of the project. He advised of a site visit coordinated in mid-July to Battery Park City, New York, to learn about high-density projects and to identify civic amenities and major open spaces. M. Morrissey provided a comparison of open spaces between Battery Park City and Langstaff-Gateway, and displayed images of open space systems, parks, urban schools, community centres, and to building sustainable designs in dense areas.

Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies, provided an update to the Secondary Plan Study. She reviewed the 5 Phases of the Plan highlighting the Masterplan Stream and Engagement Stream, and noted the current process at Phase 3. She reviewed the results from the public open house held on June 26, 2019, advised of the updated vision resulting from feedback received through phases 1 and 2 of the Secondary Plan process, and reviewed the 6 draft principles and conceptual ideas of the Richmond Hill Centre.

Craig Lametti, Urban Strategies, reviewed the 10 key ideas for the Richmond Hill Centre, which were captured within the draft principles and highlighted the next steps for the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the presentation by Neil Garbe, City Manager; Michael Morrissey, Morrissey Design; and Leigh McGrath and Craig Lametti, Urban Strategies, regarding the Richmond Hill Centre be received.

Carried

Motion to consider Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters occurred later in the meeting.

Council consented to waive the Procedure By-law 74-12, as amended, to consider an additional matter at the Special Council Meeting as an Emergency/Time Sensitive Matter related to potential well water contamination in the Harris-Beech Neighbourhood - (Item 3.2).

3.2 Potential Well Water Contamination in the Harris-Beech Neighbourhood

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by: Councillor West

a) That staff be directed to work with residents of the Harris Avenue and Beech Avenue neighborhood to provide alternative water sources for residents impacted by potential well water contamination.

Carried Unanimously

4. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at this Meeting

4.1 By-law 127-19

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

That By-law 127-19, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

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

Dave Barrow, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk