



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#23-20

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

**(Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the
Municipal Act, 2001)**

Council Member Present in Committee Room 2:

Mayor Barrow

Council Members Present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Councillor Beros

Councillor Muench

Councillor Liu

Councillor West

Councillor Cilevitz

Councillor Chan

Staff Members Present via videoconference:

M. Dempster, Interim City Manager

S. Adams, Acting Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

D. Joslin, Acting Commissioner of Community Services

K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services

P. Masaro, Acting Commissioner of Environment and Infrastructure Services

A. Dimilta, City Solicitor

G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning

M. Gandhi, Director, Strategy, Innovation and Engagement

P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning

G. Taylor, Director, Public Works Operations

D. Beaulieu, Manager, Development Subdivisions

A. Farrugia, Manager, Natural Environment

M. Flores, Manager, Sustainability

D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Site Plans

J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Water Resources

K. Bates, Sustainability Coordinator
L. Penner, Senior Planner - Development

Staff Members Present in Committee Room 2:

S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola announced that York Region Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Ontario to build the Yonge North Subway Extension, and highlighted that this is the beginning of a vital transportation project for the City of Richmond Hill.

3. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Council.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor West

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following amendments and additions:

- a) Staff Report SRCS.20.09 (Item 12.1) and Proposed By-law 26-20 - Withdrawn
- b) Correspondence received regarding Age Friendly Communities - Item 12.10
- c) By-law 78-20 - A By-law to amend By-law 9-20, being a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official and inspectors pursuant to the Building Code Act

Carried

5. 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*.

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

6.1 Council Public Meeting C#18-20 held May 20, 2020

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor West

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#18-20 held on May 20, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

6.2 Council Meeting C#20-20 held May 27, 2020

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor West

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#20-20 held on May 27, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

6.3 Special Council Meeting C#21-20 held May 27, 2020

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor West

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#21-20 held on May 27, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

7. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate Items 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7 and 13.1 for discussion.

8. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Chan, seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, Council adopted those items, including the By-laws, not identified for separate discussion.

9. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

10. Presentations

There were no presentations.

11. Delegations

11.1 Robert Walters, Weston Consulting, regarding the Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Devon Lane Construction Ltd. for 11289 Bayview Avenue - (refer to Item 12.7)

Robert Walters, Weston Consulting, agent for the applicant, addressed Council regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Devon Lane Construction Ltd. for 11289 Bayview Avenue. He advised that they had reviewed the content and were in agreement with the recommendations contained in the staff report, and noted that minor amendments were required to the draft Zoning By-law attached as Appendix 'B' to the report which they would work with staff through recommendation a) ii. to make those amendments. Mr. Walters advised of the challenges they have addressed since they first filed the applications in 2002 to conform with various provincial and municipal legislation and policies, as well as to resolve other environmental issues, and thanked staff for bringing forward the report.

11.2 Sara Mathew, 7 Fanshawe Drive, regarding Age Friendly Communities - (refer to Item 12.4)

Sara Mathew, 7 Fanshawe Drive, addressed Council regarding the Age Friendly Communities staff report. She made suggestions how to make Richmond Hill senior friendly including installing speed bumps on streets, improving homecare, grants for two storey homes, and installing automatic doors at all City owned recreation facilities, as further detailed in her correspondence distributed as part of Item 12.10.

12. Committee and Staff Reports

12.1 SRCS.20.09 - Amendment of the Kennel Licensing By-law - (Proposed By-law 26-20)

Staff Report SRCS.20.09 and Proposed By-law 26-20 were withdrawn.

12.2 SRCS.20.19 - Richmond Hill Urban Forest Management Plan

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the Urban Forest Management Plan be approved;

b) That staff report SRCS.20.15 regarding Richmond Hill's Urban Forest Management Plan be received for information.

Carried

12.3 SRCS.20.15 - Culvert Emergency Repairs

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS.20.15 regarding Culvert Emergency Repairs be received as information;

b) That emergency repairs as outlined in staff report SRCS.20.15 be approved;

c) That funding the culvert emergency repairs for \$235,000 from the Water Quality Protection Reserve be approved.

Carried

12.4 SRCS.20.20 - Age Friendly Communities

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS.20.20 regarding Age Friendly Communities be received with thanks;

b) That the City endorse the development of the Age Friendly Community Plan to enhance the City's capacity to better guide future decisions on seniors policies, practices, services, programs and amenities to support seniors and their caregivers with the next steps identified in staff report SRCS.20.20, and that the Age Friendly Community Plan be included as one of the priorities in the review of Strategic Plan in 2021-22.

Motion to Refer:

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

a) That consideration of the Motion of Councillor Chan in respect to staff report SRCS.20.20 regarding Age Friendly Communities be referred back to staff to be brought forward during the development of the Strategic Plan 2021-2022.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (5): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Mayor Barrow, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Opposed: (4): Councillor Chan, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor West, Councillor Liu

Motion to Refer Carried 5 to 4

12.5 SRPRS.20.063 - 2019 Greening the Hill Environment Strategy Update

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRPRS.20.063 regarding 2019 Greening the Hill Environment Strategy Update be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

12.6 SRPRS.20.071 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - 2233721 Ontario Inc. - 0 Bayview Avenue - City Files D02-15032 and D03-15009 (Related File D06-15066)

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 2233721 Ontario Inc. for lands known as Part of Lot 16, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 0 Bayview Avenue), City Files D02-15032 and D03-15009, be approved, subject to the following:

i. that a portion of the subject lands be rezoned from Neighbourhood Commercial (NC) Zone to Residential Single Family Four (R4) Zone with site specific provisions as set out in staff report SRPRS.20.071;

ii. that the draft amending Zoning By-law as set out in Appendix 'B' to staff report SRPRS.20.071 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services;

iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;

iv. that prior to forwarding the final amending Zoning By-law to Council for consideration and enactment, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law;

v. that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 5 to staff report SRPRS.20.071 be draft approved, subject to the conditions of draft approval as set out in Appendix 'C' to staff report SRPRS.20.071; and,

vi. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law.

b) That all comments concerning the applicant's related Site Plan application (City File D06-15066) be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

12.7 SRPRS.20.074 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - Devon Lane Construction Ltd. - 11289 Bayview Avenue - City Files D02-02042 and D03-02002

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Devon Lane Construction Ltd. for lands known as Part of Lot 29, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 11289 Bayview Avenue), City Files D02-02042 and D03-02002, be approved, subject to the following:

i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Agricultural (A1) Zone under By-law 2325-68, as amended, and Urban (UR) Zone under By-law 128-04, as amended, to Semi-Detached One (RD1) Zone, Residential Wide Shallow Two (RWS2) Zone, Multiple Residential One (RM1) Zone, Institutional One (I1) Zone, Park (P) Zone, Environmental Protection Two (EPA2) Zone and Open Space (O) Zone under By-law 55-15, as amended, with site specific provisions as set out in Appendix 'B' to staff report SRPRS.20.074;

ii. that the draft amending Zoning By-law as set out in Appendix 'B' to staff report SRPRS.20.074 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services;

iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;

iv. that prior to forwarding the final amending Zoning By-law to Council for consideration and enactment, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law;

v. that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 7 to staff report SRPRS.20.074 be draft approved, subject to the conditions of draft approval as set out in Appendix 'C' to staff report SRPRS.20.074;

vi. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law;

b) That 409.5 persons equivalent of servicing allocation (130 semi-detached dwelling units) be assigned to the subject lands to facilitate the first phase of development and that the authority to assign additional servicing allocation to a future phase(s) of development on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services subject to the City's Interim Growth Management Strategy;

c) That the assigned servicing allocation be released by the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services in accordance with By-law 109-11, as amended.

Carried

12.8 SRPRS.20.088 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Leslie Richmond Developments Ltd. - City File D15-20015

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPRS.20.088 regarding the Private Street Naming Application submitted by Leslie Richmond Developments Ltd. for the lands known as Part of Lot 30, Concession 3, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 1521 19th Avenue) be approved subject to the following:

i. that the proposed private street names Enniskillen Lane (P), George Bales Lane (P), Gillies Lane (P), Kahshe Lane (P), Millman Lane (P), Norman Fleming Lane (P), Onigam Lane (P), Seine Lane (P), Stanley

Dennis Lane (P), Tay Lane (P), Whitefish Lane (P) and Wolsey Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPRS.20.088;

ii. that staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to a regularly scheduled Council meeting to implement the approval of the proposed private names upon finalization of the development applications.

Carried

12.9 SRPRS.20.057 - Request for Approval - Assignment of Municipal Servicing Allocation - Elgin House Properties Limited - 1000 Elgin Mills Road East - City File D06-15079

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the request by Elgin House Properties Limited for 432.91 persons equivalent of servicing allocation (Phase 1 - 195 dwelling units) for the lands known as Part of Lots 26 and 27, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 1000 Elgin Mills Road East), City File D06-15079, be approved;

b) That the authority to assign additional servicing allocation to a future phase(s) of development on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services subject to the criteria in the City's Interim Growth Management Strategy;

c) That the assigned servicing allocation be released by the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services in accordance with By-law 109-11.

Carried

12.10 Correspondence received regarding Age Friendly Communities - (refer to Item 12.4)

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following correspondence received regarding Age Friendly Communities be received:

a) Raj Sethi, President, York Region Indian Seniors Club, dated June 9, 2020;

b) Li Li, Ward 6 resident, dated June 9, 2020;

c) Marj Andre, Community Connector, received June 9, 2020;

d) Sara Mathew, 7 Fanshaw Drive, dated June 9, 2020;

e) Michelle Franz, 101 Baynards Lane, dated June 9, 2020.

Carried

13. Other Business

13.1 Member Motion - Councillor West - Flight of the Monarch Day - August 22, 2020

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas The Monarch Butterfly is one of the most iconic and cherished insects in North America. The Monarch's epic 5,000-kilometre migration from eastern Canada to the forests of central Mexico begins in late August each year.

Whereas in 2013, the eastern population of the Monarch Butterfly dropped by 95 per cent, the smallest recorded population since the mid-1990s. Since 2013, the population has rebounded, thanks in part to the collective efforts of thousands of individuals, groups and communities across Canada, but the Monarch's future remains in serious peril.

Whereas in 2016 Richmond Hill was one of the first municipalities in Canada to sign the National Wildlife Federation Mayor's Monarch Pledge thus providing a leadership role in helping to save the Monarch Butterfly. Since 2016 many other North American municipalities have signed this pledge.

Whereas Richmond Hill's commitment to preserve habitat, provide public education and to take action to help Monarchs and other insect species recover and thrive was further strengthened in 2018 when Council endorsed a motion to designate Richmond Hill as a Bee City in accordance with the Bee City Canada program.

Whereas a number of organizations lead by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority through an organization known as Monarch Nation, are working together to take action to preserve and protect Monarch Butterflies and are asking citizens and municipalities to join them by proclaiming a day in late August at the start of the annual Monarch migration period to specifically recognize this iconic species.

Whereas proclaiming Flight of the Monarch Day is an opportunity for Richmond Hill citizens to join with others to celebrate the growing

movement to protect monarch butterflies and the astonishing phenomenon of their migration as their epic journey southward begins;

Whereas Richmond Hill staff, to demonstrate collective community support for monarchs and other pollinators, will be offering monarch butterfly/pollinator gardening webinars in August and will be inviting residents to submit their best photo of a monarch butterfly/pollinator plant species in their garden to be shared in a virtual collage on August 22nd.

Therefore be it resolved that to further strengthen our commitment to provide public education, and take action to create a healthy environment for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinating insect species, that August 22, 2020 will be proclaimed Flight of the Monarch Day in Richmond Hill.

An Amendment was:

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

a) That the Motion be amended to include the following additional whereas clauses:

“Whereas Creating Habitat is the SINGLE most important thing we can do to support any species at risk.

Whereas Monarch butterflies are a species at risk in Canada, research has shown that loss of milkweed in North America is the primary reason for their decline (Norris Lab, U of Guelph). Milkweed is the obligate host plant for the monarch - the only plant that the caterpillars will feed on, and where the adult butterflies will lay their eggs. An ideal habitat would therefore contain milkweed as well as native nectar plants to sustain adult butterflies throughout the summer, such as black-eyed susans, New England asters, smooth oxeye and lance leaf coreopsis.

Whereas a garden of 10 plants would provide a functional habitat for monarchs, and should include 4 milkweed plants and mix of native pollinator plants. These plants survive best if planted in full sun.”

b) That the Motion be further amended to include the following additional clause:

“Therefore be it further resolved that \$10,000 be set aside from the Council Engagement and marketing fund to purchase the above noted plants for the creation of 200 personal Habitats (consisting of 10 plants each) that will be made available this year to the first 200 residents

wishing to create this habitat on their property, the 1st one being for Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli.”

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (9): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Mayor Barrow, Councillor West, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Chan

Opposed: (0): None

Motion to Amend Carried Unanimously 9 to 0

Main Motion as Amended:

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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Whereas in 2013, the eastern population of the Monarch Butterfly dropped by 95 per cent, the smallest recorded population since the mid-1990s. Since 2013, the population has rebounded, thanks in part to the collective efforts of thousands of individuals, groups and communities across Canada, but the Monarch’s future remains in serious peril.

Whereas in 2016 Richmond Hill was one of the first municipalities in Canada to sign the National Wildlife Federation Mayor’s Monarch Pledge thus providing a leadership role in helping to save the Monarch Butterfly. Since 2016 many other North American municipalities have signed this pledge.

Whereas Richmond Hill’s commitment to preserve habitat, provide public education and to take action to help Monarchs and other insect species recover and thrive was further strengthened in 2018 when Council endorsed a motion to designate Richmond Hill as a Bee City in accordance with the Bee City Canada program.

Whereas a number of organizations lead by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority through an organization known as Monarch Nation, are working together to take action to preserve and protect Monarch Butterflies and are asking citizens and municipalities to join them

by proclaiming a day in late August at the start of the annual Monarch migration period to specifically recognize this iconic species.

Whereas proclaiming Flight of the Monarch Day is an opportunity for Richmond Hill citizens to join with others to celebrate the growing movement to protect monarch butterflies and the astonishing phenomenon of their migration as their epic journey southward begins.

Whereas Richmond Hill staff, to demonstrate collective community support for monarchs and other pollinators, will be offering monarch butterfly/pollinator gardening webinars in August and will be inviting residents to submit their best photo of a monarch butterfly/pollinator plant species in their garden to be shared in a virtual collage on August 22nd. Whereas Creating Habitat is the SINGLE most important thing we can do to support any species at risk.

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Therefore be it resolved that to further strengthen our commitment to provide public education, and take action to create a healthy environment for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinating insect species, that August 22, 2020 will be proclaimed Flight of the Monarch Day in Richmond Hill.

Therefore be it further resolved that \$10,000 be set aside from the Council Engagement and marketing fund to purchase the above noted plants for the creation of 200 personal Habitats (consisting of 10 plants each) that will be made available this year to the first 200 residents wishing to create this habitat on their property, the 1st one being for Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Chan, Councillor West, Councillor Muench, Mayor Barrow, Councillor Liu, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Opposed: (0): None

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously 9 to 0

14. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

15. By-laws

Proposed By-law 26-20 was withdrawn.

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 27-20 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2325-68, as amended, of the former Township of Markham, By-law 128-04, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill, and By-law 55-15, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 78-20 - A By-law to amend By-law 9-20, being a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official and inspectors pursuant to the Building Code Act

Carried

16. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

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

17.1 By-law 79-20

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Beros

That By-law 79-20, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

18. Adjournment

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Beros

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Dave Barrow, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk