



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#10-21

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

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

An electronic Council meeting, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1 via videoconference.

The following Member of Council was present in Committee Room 1:

Acting Mayor DiPaola

The following Members of Council were present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench
Councillor Liu
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Chan

Regrets; Mayor Barrow

Staff Members present via videoconference:

M. Dempster, City Manager
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Engineering and Infrastructure Services
D. Dexter, Acting Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
T. Steele, Acting Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Solomon, CEO, Richmond Hill Public Library
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
G. Taylor, Director, Public Works Operations
D. Terzievski, Director, Development Engineering and Transportation
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
D. Beaulieu, Manager Development – Subdivisions

M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
A. Farrugia, Manager, Parks Operations
M. Flories, Manager, Sustainability
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development – Site Plans
M. Kashani, Manager, Design and Construction
J. Lanthier, Manager, Media and Brand Partnerships
S. Tsenis, Manager, Corporate Asset Management
K. White, Project Manager, Infrastructure Delivery
K. Lyn, Natural Environment Analyst
A. Munafo, Natural Environment Coordinator
M. O'Brien, Environmental Education and Engagement Coordinator
M. Eguchi, Tree Preservation/Landscape Planner
P. Young, Senior Planner - Parks
A. Patel, Planner II - Parks
M. Davies, Supervisor Urban Forestry
M. Vandenberg, Urban Forestry Technician
J. Ouimet, Arborist
M. Tasoni, Arborist

Staff Members present in Committee Room 1:

S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

3. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz announced that March 8th was globally observed as International Women's Day to commemorate and recognize women's goals and accomplishments. She advised that two Richmond Hill residents Pat Pollock and Deborah Nigra, designed and made a commemorative afghan, along with the contribution of 14 other knitters, to honour the efforts of frontline workers who were active in the community and residents who lost their lives during the

COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Cilevitz advised that City flags would be lowered at half-mast on March 11 to honour all lives lost due to the pandemic. She described the afghan's unique design, and extended her thanks to Darren Solomon, CEO, Richmond Hill Public Library, for accepting the afghan as a donation to the Library and to having it permanently and publicly displayed at the Richvale Public Library. Councillor Cilevitz extended her appreciation to all women for their notable efforts, and wished all women a Happy International Women's Day 2021.

Councillor West extended thanks to Councillor Cilevitz for her announcement and advised he had the opportunity to see the completed Richmond Hill COVID-19 afghan and noted it was a unique piece of art.

Councillor West announced that on March 21st, he would be hosting a virtual celebration of the 5th annual Ward 4 Maple Syrup Festival between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. He advised of various activities planned for the whole family and opportunities to win prizes. Councillor West extended an invitation to the community to join him and his family in celebrating spring and participate in the event by registering at DavidWest-RichmondHill.ca/Maple-Syrup-Festival.

Councillor Muench paid tribute to Barnet Kussner ("Barney"), Partner, WeirFoulds LLP, a marathon runner and well known to Members of Council, who suddenly passed away on February 14. He acknowledged his dedication and work for Richmond Hill, and requested that a moment of silence be observed.

A moment of silence was observed by all those in attendance.

Councillor Muench announced that regrettably, the Loblaw store located in the Yonge/Bernard area would be closing and the No Frills would be amalgamating in the area, resulting in job loss in the community. He reviewed the number of grocery stores located at the Yonge/Bernard area, the difficulties for businesses, and outlined the importance of City policies and procedures that help provide choice and opportunities to investors and the community.

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli provided an update to his successful "Richmond Hill Shop Local" campaign to help promote local businesses in the community. He advised that his office had a limited supply of facemasks available, noted that to-date 9,472 masks were distributed to residents, and that a competition was open to residents to submit photos while wearing their mask in the community to receive a prize. Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli invited Council to continue encouraging residents to shop local to assist businesses during unprecedented times.

4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor West

That the following Time Sensitive closed session matter be added to the agenda:

a) To consider personal matters about identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and to the receiving of advice that is solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose pertaining to a contract for services; (Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*) - (Agenda Item 17.1 a)

Carried

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following amendment:

a) Item 17.1 a) – Time sensitive closed session matter to consider personal matters about identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and to the receiving of advice that is solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose pertaining to a contract for services; (Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*), be referred to the Special Council Meeting, as Item 3.1 c), immediately following the March 10, 2021 regular Council meeting, for consideration during the Closed Session portion of that meeting.

Carried

6. 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*.

7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

7.1 Council Meeting C#07-21 held February 24, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#07-21 held on February 24, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate Item 13.1 for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor West, seconded by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

10. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

11. Presentations

11.1 Presentation by Ann Marie Farrugia, Manager, Parks Operations, to Acting Mayor DiPaola and Members of Council regarding the City's Tree City of the World recognition

Ann Marie Farrugia, Manager, Parks Operations, made a presentation to Council regarding Richmond Hill being named a "Tree City of the World" by the Arbor Day Foundation, and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. She advised that Richmond Hill was recognized and named one of 15 cities in Canada, and 120 cities worldwide to receive the international honour. She reviewed the program goals, and highlighted the City's many approaches, policies and practices in place to maintain a healthy urban forest. She acknowledged the many valued partnerships with businesses, agencies, non-profit organizations, other levels of government, and residents of the community who have helped in the growth of the City's urban forest over many years. A. Farrugia further acknowledged that the international recognition was made possible with the support and direction of Council, and the cross-corporate efforts and dedication of City staff who worked together to maintain the City's urban forest.

11.2 Presentation by John Lanthier, Manager, Media and Brand Partnerships, regarding an Amendment to the Existing Naming Rights Policy - (refer to Agenda Item 13.1)

Mary Anne Dempster, City Manager, provided an overview of the Brand Strategy Naming Rights which began in 2020 and noted the collaborative partnership between the Richmond Hill Public Library and the City of Richmond Hill. She advised that John Lanthier, Manager, Media and Brand Partnerships, would be making a presentation regarding updating the current Council policy and to gain clarity on authority to renaming libraries for consideration.

John Lanthier, Manager, Media and Brand Partnerships, made a presentation to Council regarding the amendment to the Existing Naming rights policy, as outlined in staff report SRCM.21.02. He outlined the recommendations of the staff report and provided a summary of the recommended changes to the policy that ensured the appropriate oversight and clarities remain in place for the City's benefit. He highlighted policy changes and key work underway on brand partnership initiatives, noted the target prospect categories identified so far, and provided a list of facilities where renaming opportunities existed. J. Lanthier displayed various photos of naming conventions that maintained the significance of the facility's original name, highlighted elements of the program, which included fiscal responsibility, strategic approach as a multi-layer media platform, and indicated the ultimate goal was to generate new and recurring value to all stakeholders involved.

12. Delegations

There were no delegations.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 SRCM.21.02 - Amendment to Existing Naming Rights Policy

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That the Amended Naming Rights Policy found in Appendix 2 to staff report SRCM.21.02, be approved;

b) That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board be authorized, subject to the provisions of the City's Naming Rights Policy and Council's final approval, to solicit, negotiate and administer Naming Right Agreements for the interior and exterior of City libraries on behalf of the City.

Carried

13.2 Memorandum from Commissioner Kwan, dated March 10, 2021, regarding staff report SRPI.21.025 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - 2702485 Ontario Inc. 178 Centre Street East - Revised Recommendations

- City Files D02-19022 and D03-19006 - (Proposed By-law 22-21)

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 2702485 Ontario Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 47, Concession 1, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 178 Centre Street East), City Files D02-19022 and D03-19006, be approved, subject to the following:

- (i) that the subject lands be rezoned from Industrial Class 1 (I-C1) Zone to Residential Multiple First Density – Special (RM1-S) Zone under By-law 66-71, as amended, and that the amending Zoning By-law establish site specific development standards as outlined in Staff Report SRPI.21.025;
- (ii) that prior to the amending Zoning By-law being brought forward to a Council meeting for consideration and enactment, confirmation be received that the applicant has registered restrictions over the subject lands under Section 118 of the Land Titles Act;
- (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 Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;
- (iv) that the Plan of Subdivision depicted on Map 6 to Staff Report SRPPI.21.025 be draft approved, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “C”;
- (v) 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 Site Plan Control By-law 137-09, as amended, be further amended to include the subject lands within a Site Plan Control Area to implement the proposed development and that said by-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration and enactment.

Carried

13.3 Proclamation - Richmond Hill Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That March 21, 2021 be proclaimed as Richmond Hill Down Syndrome Day in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

13.4 Proclamation - National Deafblind Awareness Month - June 2021

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That the month of June 2021 be proclaimed as National Deafblind Awareness Month in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

14. Other Business

There were no other business items.

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

Council consented, under Adoption of Agenda, to refer the Emergency/Time Sensitive closed session matter to the March 10, 2021, Special Council meeting, immediately following the regular Council meeting.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following By-laws be approved:

16.1 By-law 19-21 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2523, as amended, of The Corporation of the former Township of Vaughan

16.2 By-law 22-21 - A By-law to Amend By-law 66-71, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

- 16.3 By-law 30-21 - A By-law to amend By-law 313-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and By-law 1703, as amended, of the former Township of Whithcurch

Carried

17. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

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

18.1 By-law 35-21

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That By-law 35-21, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Joe DiPaola, Acting Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk