



Special Council Education and Training Meeting

Minutes

C#25-21

Monday, May 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

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

An electronic Special 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 Monday, May 17, 2021 at 10:05 a.m. via videoconference.

Council Members Present via videoconference:

Acting Mayor DiPaola
Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Chan

Regrets: Mayor Barrow
Councillor Liu

Staff Members present via videoconference:

M. Dempster, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
D. Joslin, Commissioner of Community Services
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Flaherty, Chief of Staff
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development
N. Khan, Director, Building Division and Chief Building Official
S. Kraft, Fire Chief
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering

D. Olding, Senior Manager, Richmond Hill Centre Subway
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Site Plans
J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design
L. Maitre, Manager, Capital Infrastructure Programming and Project Management Office
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy
C. Chong, Project Manager, Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan
A. Luk, Economic Development Program Assistant
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

Craig Lametti, Partner; Leigh McGrath, Principal; Maxine Cudlip, Urban Designer; and Dan Godin, Urban Planner; Urban Strategies Inc., were also in attendance.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
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 Secondary Plan

- Presentation by Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development; Craig Lametti, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.; and Leigh McGrath, Principal, Urban Strategies Inc.

Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development, provided introductory remarks regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan, Update and Preferred Concept. He highlighted that it was an exciting time for the municipality with the development of a bold vision for the Richmond Hill Centre which included two planned subway stations and the recent announcement of funding from the federal government for the Yonge

North Subway Extension, and advised that the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan was built on months of community, stakeholder and landowner consultation. A. Ierullo reviewed anticipated next steps in the process and introduced those in attendance from Urban Strategies Inc. who would present the details of the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan Study.

Leigh McGrath, Principal, Urban Strategies Inc., and Craig Lametti, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc., made a presentation to Council regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan Study.

L. McGrath reviewed the 5 phases of the Richmond Hill Secondary Plan Process, the Vision for the Richmond Hill Centre, and the 6 Development Principles as follows:

1. A place for people to work, live and have fun;
2. A place defined by its high-quality design and place-making;
3. A place for all people;
4. A place for people to walk, bike and take transit;
5. A sustainable and resilient place; and
6. A place that supports new technology and innovation.

C. Lumetti reviewed the previous Transit Plan and 2021 Transit Plan which shifted the location of the transit hub to the south of Highway 7 and delivered an additional station within the rail corridor on either side of High Tech Road.

L. McGrath identified the Transit Cores at the heart of the Centre, noting that Yonge Street would maintain a unique character through specific policy direction, and highlighted the various Neighbourhoods which would develop with a mix of residential, office, retail and commercial uses to support the new communities.

C. Lumetti provided a detailed overview of the Structure of the Centre that would include:

- Stable Neighbourhoods and Areas of Transition;
- Streets and Blocks;
- Open Space Network including Neighbourhood Parks, Central Open Spaces and Environmental Open Space;

- A Defining Space for each Neighbourhood; and
- Replacement of the Woodlot.

He explained the storm pond would be transformed into an asset for the community and environment; a more diverse and walkable network of spaces would be supported; the station would be designed as a community connector and important part of the walking and cycling network; and noted that as the Centre grew, that community uses such as a school would be needed.

C. Lumetti reviewed the Demonstration Plan for the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan, the preservation and redevelopment of the Hydro Lands over time, the Integration of Sustainable Infrastructure; and advised the Centre would be a complete community with a broad mix of land uses. He concluded the presentation by displaying the transitions in height and density looking north from Langstaff Avenue and looking east, and reviewed other development in the area.

Moved by: Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the presentation by Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development; Craig Lametti, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.; and Leigh McGrath, Principal, Urban Strategies Inc.; be received with thanks.

Carried

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

4.1 By-law 71-21

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 71-21, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Joe DiPaola, Acting Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk