



Special Council Education and Training Workshop

Minutes

C#08-22

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

An electronic Special Council Education and Training Workshop, 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 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via videoconference.

Council Member present in Committee Room 1:

Mayor West

Council Members present via videoconference:

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

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Joslin, Interim City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
T. Steele, Acting Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Dexter, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
K. Ash, Manager, Cultural Services
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
G. Li, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy

Staff Members present in Committee Room 1:

- S. Huycke, City Clerk
- R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
- K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
- C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

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 workshop regarding the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions (SRPI.22.021 referred from the February 23, 2022 Council meeting)

Patrick Lee, Director, Policy Planning, made a presentation to Council regarding the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions, which was referred from the February 23, 2022 Council meeting to an Education and Training Workshop. He provided introductory remarks regarding what a Key Directions Report was, highlighted the consultation that had taken place to date, and reviewed the planning and implementation flow chart.

Gigi Li, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy, addressed the implementation of the Plans through the budget process; and provided an overview of the funding framework for growth related capital specific to Parkland Dedication, Development Charges and the Community Benefits Charge.

P. Lee concluded the presentation by reviewing the relationship of the Parks Plan to the Parkland Dedication By-law, and reviewing the Project Timeline including milestones and key dates.

P. Lee advised that he along with G. Li and Donald Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture, would provide answers to the questions that were sent to staff in writing from Members of Council since the February 23, 2022 Council meeting related to the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions, and following the question and answer portion of the Workshop, that staff would be in attendance to answer any further questions that Members of Council may have.

3.1.1 Delegations received regarding the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions

Matthew Bergman, 302 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, addressed Council on behalf of the Indigenous Action Committee (IAC) regarding the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions. He acknowledged the long history of First Nations people in Richmond Hill, expressing their continued feeling of displacement, and advised that the main mandate of the IAC was to bring together the Indigenous communities of Richmond Hill and York Region through event services and outreach. M. Bergman requested that a place be designated for Indigenous people to gather in the municipality, and suggested that the renovated Eyer Homestead heritage house owned by the City of Richmond Hill would a great location to be used as a Native Cultural Centre.

Joanne Okimawinew Dallaire, Healing Works, addressed Council regarding the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions. She provided background information on her ancestry and the work that she does as an Elder and Senior Advisor with Ryerson University and with the Toronto District School Board to educate and help transform Indigenous and non-Indigenous agencies. J. Okimawinew Dallaire stressed the importance of Indigenous Cultural Centres and people needing to be recognized and allowed to be who they are, as well as having the ability to practice their traditions in a safe place; and noted that the City of Richmond Hill has an opportunity to contribute to the reconciliation process and commit to being a more inclusive and healthy community.

Jay Shea, Indigenous Action Committee (IAC) and Circle of Friendship, addressed Council regarding the Parks Plan,

Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan Review - Key Findings and Directions. He noted that he would be adding to the comments made by the previous delegate related to the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan and Culture Plan Review and the request for the repurposing of the Eyer Homestead heritage house. He provided high level data specific to Indigenous populations in Canada from the census, and advised of the Culture and Friendship Centres within the City of Toronto. J. Shea drew attention to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action #62 and #63 that were specific to Education for Reconciliation, and requested that if Council did not support the repurposing of the Eyer Homestead heritage house as an Indigenous Cultural Centre, that a motion be put forward to allow the IAC and Circle of Friendship to leverage a variety of City owned properties on a one-year pilot project that would encompass the Parks Plan, Recreation Plan, and Culture Plan.

4. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk