



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#10-22

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

An electronic hybrid 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 Wednesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:34 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench
Councillor Liu
Councillor Chan

Council Member present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, Interim City Manager
K. Graver, Manager, Strategic Communications
M. Makrigiorgos, Local and Regional Councillor - Chief of Staff
G. Ekhtiari, Community Outreach Assistant
R. Pham-Nguyen, Constituency Assistant to the Regional and Local Councillor
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

A. Dimilta, City Solicitor

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

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 Appointment of a Qualified Person to fill the Vacancy in the Office of the Ward 4 Councillor - Memorandum of the City Clerk dated March 16, 2022

3.1.1 Chair's Statement on the Purpose of the Meeting

Mayor West read a statement on the purpose of the meeting and the general order of the proceedings to be followed.

3.1.2 Candidates for Appointment to fill the Vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Muench

That the following individuals, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy, be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy in the office of Ward 4 Councillor:

1. Ahmad Amanullah
2. Christiane Campagnaro
3. Carol Chan
4. Sharon Chisholm

5. Roy Doobay
6. Liana Falzone
7. Michael Galloway
8. Robert Gillard
9. Charles Hendriks
10. Russell Horner
11. Pat Legris
12. Anders Lindfors-Wheeler
13. Keith Menezes
14. Ian Mills
15. Seyed-Sadra Nasserri
16. Mike Odessky
17. Marty Paulin
18. Brian Presement
19. Rayan Rezaei
20. Richard Rupp
21. Raika Sheppard
22. John Siciliano
23. Johnny So
24. Usha Srinivasan
25. Adel Tawadrous
26. Scott Thompson

Carried Unanimously

3.1.3 Delegations

3.1.3.1 Brian Chapnik, A Better Richmond Hill, 110 Arnold Crescent

Brian Chapnik, representing A Better Richmond Hill and himself, 110 Arnold Crescent, addressed Council regarding appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy in the Office of the Ward 4 Councillor. He indicated that City Council had been operating at less than capacity for over a year, advised of the future challenges and decisions ahead, and shared his opinion on the qualifications of a suitable individual for Ward 4 Councillor.

3.1.4 Candidates Presentations

The following Candidates were present in the Council Chamber and addressed Council when called by the Chair, in the following order:

1. Marty Paulin
2. Pat Legris
3. Roy Doobay
4. Richard Rupp
5. Carol Chan
6. Usha Srinivasan
7. Rayan Rezaei
8. Russell Horner
9. Robert Gillard
10. Michael Galloway
11. Ian Mills
12. Raika Sheppard
13. John Siciliano
14. Sharon Chisholm
15. Johnny So
16. Ahmad Amanullah
17. Mike Odessky
18. Keith Menezes
19. Seyed-Sadra Nasserri
20. Anders Lindfors-Wheeler
21. Brian Presement
22. Liana Falzone

The following individuals were not in attendance and did not address Council when called by the Chair:

- Michael Galloway;
- Ahmad Amanullah.

The following Candidates were present by videoconference and addressed Council when called by the Chair, in the following order:

1. Scott Thompson
2. Christiane Campagnaro
3. Adel Tawadrous
4. Charles Hendriks

During Candidate presentations, Council consented to recess the meeting between:

- 12:14 p.m. and 1:18 p.m.; and
- 4:27 p.m. and 4:48 p.m.

3.1.5 Voting

The City Clerk advised Members of Council on the voting process to select a Candidate for appointment as Ward 4 Councillor, as set out in the Procedures to Appoint an Individual to Fill a Vacancy.

Ballot 1

The City Clerk distributed the ballots to Members of Council. Once all ballots had been cast and collected or displayed, the City Clerk tallied the results.

The City Clerk announced the results of the first ballot as follows:

- Number of ballots cast: 8
- Number of required votes to be appointed: 5
- Number of rejected ballots: 0
- For Raika Sheppard: 5
- For Marty Paulin: 2
- For Richard Rupp: 1
- All other candidates received zero votes

The City Clerk read the ballots individually, a summary of which is presented as follows:

For Raika Sheppard

- Mayor West
- Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
- Councillor Muench
- Councillor Liu
- Councillor Chan

Marty Paulin

- Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
- Councillor Beros

Richard Rupp

- Councillor Cilevitz

As the candidate who received more than one-half of the votes of the Members of Council present and voting, the City Clerk presented Raika Sheppard's name to Council for appointment to the Office of Ward 4 Councillor for the remainder of this term of Council.

Mayor West, on behalf of Council congratulated Raika Sheppard on being appointed to the Office of Ward 4 Councillor and extended appreciation to all of the candidates who participated in this appointment process.

3.2 By-law 52-22 - A By-law to appoint a person to fill the Vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor

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

That By-law 52-22, a By-law to appoint Raika Sheppard to fill the vacancy in the office of Ward 4 Councillor, be and is hereby passed.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (8): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Muench, Councillor Chan, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Mayor West, Councillor Beros, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (8 to 0)

3.3 Correspondence received regarding the Appointment of a Qualified Person to fill the Vacancy in the Office of the Ward 4 Councillor

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

That the following correspondence regarding the Appointment of a Qualified Person to fill the Vacancy in the Office of the Ward 4 Councillor, be received:

1. Sharon Robinson, 35 Ellsworth Avenue, dated March 18, 2022;
2. Jim File, 10 Stave Crescent, dated March 19, 2022;
3. Gary and Michelle Zikovitz, 44 Penwick Crescent, dated March 20, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

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

4.1 By-law 53-22

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

That By-law 53-22, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

The City Clerk administered the Declaration of Office required by Section 232(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to Raika Sheppard who then took her seat as Ward 4 Councillor on the Council of the City of Richmond Hill.

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk