



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#22-22

Tuesday, May 24, 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 Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench
Councillor Sheppard

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Chan

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
G. Ekhtiari, Community Outreach Assistant
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Joslin, Interim City Manager
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure

T. Steele, Acting Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
S. Beukeboom, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development - Site Plans
C. Greco, Manager, Real Estate
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy
I. Treiger, Supervisor, Development Finance

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

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 Presentation by Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates, regarding the Community Benefits Charge - Draft Strategy

Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, provided introductory remarks regarding the City's Community Benefits Charge Strategy, reviewed legislative amendments to the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act* as background information, and advised that Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. had been retained to undertake the City's Community Benefits Charge process and policy recommendations in collaboration with staff. She advised that the draft Strategy and By-law would be released over the next couple of weeks, and that the purpose of today's meeting was to provide background information and context to Members of Council regarding the Community Benefits Charge Strategy and By-law, as well as to give Members of Council an opportunity to provide their comments in advance of the Strategy being released. G. Li

introduced Gary Scandlon, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., who was in attendance to provide a detailed presentation regarding the City of Richmond Hill's 2022 Community Benefits Charge.

Gary Scandlon, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., made a presentation to Council regarding the City of Richmond Hill's 2022 Community Benefits Charge (CBC). He reviewed the CBC Strategy process and timelines noting that the City was currently at Step 3; discussed funding mechanisms for growth-related capital; and provided a detailed overview of what a CBC Charge was, highlighting prior *Planning Act* legislation (Section 37), current legislation, and legislation under the new Bill 197. G. Scandlon provided an overview of the methodology of a CBC Strategy, explained the process of calculating the CBC Charge under the *Act*, and advised of factors that were to be taken into consideration including: eligible growth, land valuation, identifying the increase in need, and potential services to be considered. G. Scandlon concluded the presentation by reviewing the CBC process and advising of next steps.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the presentation by Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates, regarding the Community Benefits Charge - Draft Strategy, be received and that all comments be referred back to staff for integration into the draft Strategy.

An Amendment was:

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That the following be added to the main motion:

b) That Council and the public have the opportunity to further discuss the draft strategy with Watson & Associates in some way shape or form, prior to the presentation of the draft strategy to Council.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (5): Councillor Muench, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros, Councillor Chan, Councillor Liu

Opposed: (4): Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Cilevitz, Mayor West, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Motion to Amend Carried (5 to 4)

Main Motion as Amended:

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

a) That the presentation by Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates, regarding the Community Benefits Charge - Draft Strategy, be received and that all comments be referred back to staff for integration into the draft Strategy;

b) That Council and the public have the opportunity to further discuss the draft strategy with Watson & Associates in some way shape or form, prior to the presentation of the draft strategy to Council.

A recorded vote was taken:

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

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

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

4.1 By-law 90-22

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That By-law 90-22, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk