



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#27-22

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

An electronic hybrid 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, June 22, 2022 at 9:30 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 Sheppard

Council Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Chan

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

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
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
M. Makrigiorgos, Local and Regional Councillor - Chief of Staff
G. Ekhtiari, Community Outreach Assistant
N. Sabbat, Administrative Assistant Members of Council
S. Huycke, City Clerk

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

Staff Members present via videoconference:

P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
C. Treacy, Director, Human Resources
D. Beaulieu, Manager, Development - Subdivisions
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Site Plans
J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design
A. Liu, Manager, Revenue Services
J. Mallany, Planner I - Development

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)

Yoke Wong, Richmond Hill resident and member of the Council Compensation Review Committee (CCRC), addressed Council regarding the recommendations that were approved at the June 8, 2022 Council meeting specific to the Severance By-law, expressing her concerns that the recommendation of the CCRC to repeal and replace the Member of Council Severance Remuneration By-law wasn't approved.

3. Council Announcements

Councillor Muench wished everyone a happy first day of summer, and extended congratulations to Councillor Liu on the success of his Ward 3 barbeque last week, noting that Councillor Liu has now set the bar for other Members of Council to host an event as well.

Councillor Muench expressed his concerns with the news that came out earlier today regarding the inflation rate, and noted that it needed to be taken into consideration during expense and budget deliberations.

Councillor Sheppard acknowledged that yesterday was National Indigenous Peoples Day, and recognized the diverse culture and contributions of the Indigenous community.

Councillor Liu extended his appreciation to all of the staff who helped and contributed to the success of the Ward 3 barbeque held last week, and thanked all of the residents who came out.

Councillor Chan also wished everyone a happy summer and acknowledged that yesterday was National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Councillor Chan, as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, advised that he along with Mayor West and York Region Chair Emmerson attended the Collision Conference in Toronto that included the formal launch of Richmond Hill's Centre for Local Innovation and Collaboration (CLIC), a partnership with OCAD University and eCampusOntario, and extended congratulations to staff in Economic Development for their work.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola extended congratulations to the Richmond Hill Board of Trade on the success of their annual golf tournament held on June 21st at Eagle's Nest Golf Club, noting that he along with Councillor Sheppard were in attendance to bring greetings on behalf of Richmond Hill Council.

Mayor West reiterated the comments made by Councillor Chan regarding their attendance at the Collision Conference and the announcement regarding Richmond Hill's Centre for Local Innovation and Collaboration (CLIC), highlighting the partnership between the City, OCAD University and eCampusOntario and the benefits and opportunities for businesses.

4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Council.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following additions/changes:

a) Correspondence received regarding the Community Benefit Charges Strategy - (Item 13.9);

b) Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement - (Item 13.10);

c) Additional By-law 85-22 - (Item 16.8);

d) Additional delegations by Matthew Bergman, 302 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, and Jay Shea, Indigenous Action Committee (IAC), regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement - (Items 12.3 and 12.4).

Carried Unanimously

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 Public Meeting C#24-22 held June 1, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#24-22 held on June 1, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

7.2 Council Meeting C#25-22 held June 8, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#25-22 held on June 8, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 13.4, 13.5, 13.7, and 14.1 for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Sheppard, 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 Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates, regarding the Community Benefits Charge Strategy - (refer to Item 13.4)**

Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, provided introductory remarks and advised that she along with Gary Scandlon, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., were in attendance to present to Council an update on the City's Community Benefits Charge (CBC) Strategy and By-law. She noted the legislative changes that impacted the way municipalities were able to generate funds from development, provided an overview of the consultation that has taken place to date regarding the CBC Strategy and draft By-law, and advised that staff would be reporting back at the next Council meeting.

Gary Scandlon, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., made a presentation to Council regarding the City of Richmond Hill's 2022 Community Benefits Charge (CBC). He provided a brief overview of the Study process and timelines; highlighted the methodology used for the CBC Strategy; and reviewed growth forecast and land valuation, cost allocations, capital costs and calculated CBC rate, and exemptions. G. Scandlon concluded the presentation by discussing the Study process and next steps which included consideration of the draft By-law at the July 6, 2022 Council meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

a) That the presentation Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates, regarding the Community Benefits Charge Strategy, be received with thanks.

Carried

12. Delegations**12.1 Adam Layton, Evans Planning, regarding the Community Benefits Charge Strategy - (refer to Item 13.4)**

Adam Layton, Evans Planning, on behalf of Yonge Ridge Developments Inc., owners of 13351 and 13359 Yonge Street, addressed Council

regarding the Community Benefits Charge (CBC) Strategy and By-law. He provided a brief overview of the development proposal of 50 back-to-back stacked townhouse dwelling units on the subject lands that were approved in principle by Council, and addressed access to the underground parking structure and upper units that would have exclusive rooftop terraces accessed by a small 'pop-up' structure. A. Layton, after reviewing the CBC By-law, requested that the definitions of "Grade" and "Storey" be reviewed in the context of the subject properties as further detailed in his correspondence distributed as Item 13.9.

12.2 Debbie George, 1286302 Ontario Limited (Shirley Laneway Committee), regarding the Response to Council Motion: Report on Assumption of the Private Laneway for Freehold Townhouses 141-247 Shirley Drive - (refer to Item 13.7)

Debbie George, 1286302 Ontario Limited, on behalf of the Shirley Laneway Committee, addressed Council regarding the Response to Council Motion: Report on Assumption of the Private Laneway for Freehold Townhouses 141-247 Shirley Drive. She provided a brief history of when this matter was first brought before Council, and requested that consideration of the options for the assumption of the private laneway servicing the freehold townhomes municipally known as 141-247 Shirley Drive be deferred to a future meeting to allow the Shirley Laneway Committee sufficient time to review and research the options proposed in staff report SRPI.22.034.

12.3 Matthew Bergman, 302 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement - (refer to Item 14.1)

Matthew Bergman, 302 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, addressed Council regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement. He highlighted the work of the Indigenous Action Committee (IAC) that had been in the media recently, and advised of an event the IAC organized on Saturday, June 25th at the Elgin Barrow Arena to honour National Indigenous Peoples Day. M. Bergman explained the rationale for bringing forward suggested wording for a Land Acknowledgement through Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli which he hoped would be passed at today's Council meeting.

12.4 Jay Shea, Indigenous Action Committee (IAC), regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement - (refer to Item 14.1)

Jay Shea, Indigenous Action Committee (IAC), addressed Council regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement. He extended his thanks to Council and staff for their work and the support they have shown the IAC and Indigenous community, and highlighted the many events they have been a part of to help raise awareness including the Indigenous Peoples Celebration being held on Saturday at the Elgin Barrow Arena. J. Shea addressed the challenges being faced within Richmond Hill to adopt a Land Acknowledgment and explained why they brought forward suggested wording for a Land Acknowledgement through Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli which he hoped would be passed at today's Council meeting.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-21 held May 17, 2022

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

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-21 held May 17, 2022 be received.

Carried

13.2 Extracts - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-22 held June 14, 2022

13.2.1 SRPI.22.067 - Request to Demolish the David Hislop House at 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East - City Files D12-07322, D12-07323 - (HRH Item 6.1)

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

a) That Council consent to the demolition request for the David Hislop House located at 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East;

b) That the Clerk provide the Ontario Heritage Trust and the owner of the designated property described in municipal By-law 143-97,

as amended by By-law 68-06, written notice of Council's decision regarding the demolition request for the David Hislop House;

c) That the Interpretation Strategy as described in staff report SRPI 22.067 be endorsed and implemented;

d) That the owner carefully salvage at least 2,500 intact bricks from the David Hislop House, and transport them to the storage facility agreed upon with the City; and,

e) That, once the demolition is complete, Council in consultation with Heritage Richmond Hill initiate the repeal process for Heritage Designation By-law 143-97, amended by By-law 68-06, which designated the property at 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Carried

13.2.2 SRPI.22.074 - Request for Demolition of the John Love House at 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road) - City File D12-07232 - (HRH Item 6.2)

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That Council consent to the demolition request for the John Love House located at 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road) subject to the owner constructing a replacement building in a style that reflects the property's history, and subject to the owner erecting a commemorative plaque on the property;

b) That the Clerk provide the Ontario Heritage Trust and the owner of the designated property described in municipal By-law 95-13, amended by By-law 66-18, written notice of Council's decision regarding the demolition request for the John Love House;

c) That, once the John Love House located at 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road) is demolished, Council, in consultation with Heritage Richmond Hill initiate the repeal process for Heritage Designation By-law 95-13, amended by By-law 66-18.

Carried

13.3 SRCFS.22.001 - Richmond Hill Public Library Board Composition

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

- a) That staff report SRCFS.22.001 be received.
- b) That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board, beginning with the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council starting on November 15, 2022, be comprised of a total of nine (9) persons selected as follows:
 - i. three (3) Members of Council; and
 - ii. six (6) citizen members qualified for appointment under the *Public Libraries Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.44, as amended, including persons who are permanent residents within the meaning of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.
- c) That the City Clerk be directed to place a By-law on a future Council agenda to formally establish the Richmond Hill Public Library Board revised composition starting on November 15, 2022.

Carried

13.4 SRCFS.22.019 - Community Benefit Charges Strategy

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

- a) That the staff report SRCFS.22.019, the Community Benefits Charge Strategy, and the corresponding Draft By-law, be received by Council;
- b) That the 2022 Community Benefits Charge Strategy and Draft By-law be considered at the Council meeting on July 6, 2022.

Carried

13.5 SRCFS.22.020 - Renewal and Support Services of CIS Water Billing Proprietary Software and Addition of Infinity Portal

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

- a) That the non-competitive renewal of proprietary software CIS4, including the implementation of the Infinity Portal, purchase of annual software license true-ups and professional services be awarded to N. Harris Computer Corporation till December 31, 2025, for a cost not exceeding \$729,000 exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix "B" Part I,

Section (c) of Procurement By-law 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with the existing CIS4 system already in use at the City of Richmond Hill;

b) That the Commissioner Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation to affect the contract;

c) That staff be directed to report back to Council before the end of the current contract in respect the proprietary software CIS4, on future options to implement appropriate system provided for by CIS4.

Carried Unanimously

13.6 SRPI.22.077 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - The Trustees for The Saint Archangel Gabriel Serbian Orthodox Parish Church - 49 North Lake Road - City File D02-22004 - (By-law 93-22)

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by JKO Planning Services to remove the Holding (H) provision for the lands known as Part of Lot 25, Registered Plan 169 (Municipal Address: 49 North Lake Road), City File D02-22004, be approved;,

b) That Zoning By-law Amendment 93-22 attached hereto as Appendix "B" to staff report SRPI.22.077 be enacted at the June 22, 2022 Council meeting.

Carried

13.7 SRPI.22.034 - Response to Council Motion: Report on Assumption of the Private Laneway for Freehold Townhouses 141-247 Shirley Drive

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That consideration of staff report SRPI.22.034 regarding a Response to Council Motion: Report on Assumption of the Private Laneway for Freehold Townhouses 141-247 Shirley Drive, be deferred to the Council meeting on September 14, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

13.8 SRPI.22.083 - Request for Approval - 2022 Parks Plan

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

- a) That staff report SRPI.22.083 be received and that the 2022 Parks Plan, attached as Appendix A to staff report SRPI.22.083, be approved;
- b) That staff report back to Council in September 2022 with an updated Parkland Dedication By-law that reflects the needs outlined in the 2022 Parks Plan to ensure the City can meet the September 18, 2022 legislative timeline outlined in the *Planning Act* and its associated Regulations.

Carried

13.9 Correspondence received regarding the Community Benefit Charges Strategy - (refer to Item 13.4)

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

That the following correspondence regarding the Community Benefit Charges Strategy be received:

- 1. Adam Layton, Evans Planning dated June 21, 2022.

Carried

13.10 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement - (refer to Item 14.1)

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

That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement be received:

- 1. Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, dated June 20, 2022.
- 2. Heather Sirrs, 49 Springhead Gardens, dated June 21, 2022.

Carried

14. Other Business

14.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Land Acknowledgement

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Muench

Whereas a stand-alone land acknowledgment without meaningful action is not the ideal situation; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #57 states:

We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill created a course, The PATH - Your Journey through Indigenous Canada, available for employees of Richmond Hill through Richmond Hill University to provide education and training on the history of Aboriginal peoples ; and

Whereas through the above action, the City of Richmond Hill has taken concrete action to implement call to action #57, one of the few calls to action that provide a specific direction to municipal governments; and

Whereas a Land Acknowledgement would reinforce the aforementioned action in a strong show of support to our Indigenous community; and
Whereas the Indigenous Action Committee of Richmond Hill developed a Land Acknowledgement which embodies the goals and wishes of the Richmond Hill Indigenous Community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the following Land Acknowledgement be added to the opening of all future Richmond Hill Council Meetings:

The land that we meet on today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, the Huron Wendat, and is currently home to many diverse and displaced First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

We would like to recognize, acknowledge and thank the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, the Mississaugas of the Credit and many others who have cared for the land for thousands of years before us.

We are committed to ongoing learning, and we strive to move forward with good hearts and minds and are committed to doing so with gratitude and respect for the past, present and future caretakers of this land.

Motion to Refer:

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

That the proposed Land Acknowledgement be referred to the City's Indigenous Consultant for inclusion in the consultation with Indigenous Communities that was unanimously agreed upon by Council at its meeting on November 10, 2021.

Motion to Defer:

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

That consideration of the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding a Land Acknowledgement be deferred to the Council meeting on July 6, 2022 to permit staff to provide Council with information on the Indigenous Consultant, including but not limited to, the agreement with the Consultant.

A recorded vote was taken:

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

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

Motion to Defer Carried (5 to 4)

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 67-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 66-71, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 89-22 - A By-law to Appoint Members to the 2022 to 2026 Joint Compliance Audit Committee

By-law 93-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 313-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 94-22 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 35 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan

By-law 95-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 55-15, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 100-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 57-21, being a by-law to establish lands as public highway, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 102-22 - A By-Law to Provide for the Authorization and Payment of Remuneration of Members of Council for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council

By-law 85-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2325-68, as amended, of the former Township of Markham and By-law 55-15, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

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 103-22

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

That By-law 103-22, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk