



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#03-23

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West

Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Councillor Davidson

Councillor Thompson

Councillor Liu

Councillor Cui

Councillor Cilevitz

Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure

T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services

A. Dimilta, City Solicitor

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer

S. Huycke, City Clerk

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
- D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
- D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- A. Dunn, Senior Planner - Development

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

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

Council consented to recess between:

- 10:51 a.m. and 11:04 a.m.

2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)

2.1 Diarmuid Salvadori, Richmond Hill Soccer Club, regarding a grant awarded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation

Diarmuid Salvadori, President, Richmond Hill Soccer Club (RHSC), made a presentation to Council regarding a grant awarded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. He provided background information on the RHSC including their vision for the organization, and highlighted their partnership with the City of Richmond Hill to develop and improve facilities and programs. He advised that the RHSC applied for a grant to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to upgrade the amenities at both of the turf fields located within the Richmond Green and was pleased to report that they received \$113,000, noting what the money would be used for. D.

Salvadori concluded his presentation by extending thanks to Council and City staff for their continued support of the RHSC.

3. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz advised that January 27th is the annual International Holocaust Remembrance Day and provided a brief history of the significance of this day and why it was chosen to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, highlighting its importance within the current global climate. Councillor Cilevitz further acknowledged other important events and dates including the Lunar New Year, Robbie Burns Day and Bell Let's Talk Day.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that today's meeting was the first Council meeting of 2023 and extended Happy New Year to everyone, and said a few words in Chinese to extend Kung Hei Fat Choy to those in the Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities celebrating Lunar New Year. Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that January 27th was Family

Literacy Day and noted that the Richmond Hill Public Library had various events scheduled to promote literacy. Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended his thanks to the Richmond Hill Soccer Club for their presentation to Council.

Councillor Cui extended a Happy New Year, Kung Hei Fat Choi, to all those in the Chinese community within Richmond Hill celebrating Chinese New Year.

Mayor West thanked Councillor Cilevitz for her words regarding International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Mayor West advised that today was Bell Let's Talk Day and addressed the importance of mental health and removing the associated stigma. Mayor West echoed the comments made by previous Members of Council regarding Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year and noted the many celebrations that were coming up within the community. Lastly, Mayor West advised that this morning Members of Council, City staff and members of the community gathered outside the Main Municipal Offices to kick-off the Richmond Hill 150th Anniversary Celebrations with a flag raising ceremony and thanked everyone who was in attendance.

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: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

a) Correspondence regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (Item 13.4);

b) Correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Liu regarding the Renaming of Bayview Hill Community Centre Renaissance Room to "Mul Raj Sethi Room" - (Item 13.5);

c) Additional Delegation - Jim Kotsopolous, JKO Planning Services Inc., regarding Item 13.2.

Carried

6. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Cilevitz declared a pecuniary interest on Closed Session Item 17.1 e), regarding the consideration of matters related to the receiving of advice that is

subject to: solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and related to litigation affecting the municipality before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Divisional Court, Court File Nos. 196/19 and 1230/20, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill et al. ats. Karen Cilevitz (Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25), as she was named. Councillor Cilevitz left the meeting during consideration of this item, and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

7.1 Special Council Education and Training Meeting C#38-22 held November 29, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#38-22 held on November 29, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 Special Council Education and Training Meeting C#39-22 held December 1, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#39-22 held on December 1, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 Council Meeting C#40-22 held December 7, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#40-22 held on December 7, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7.4 Council Public Meeting C#41-22 held December 7, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#41-22 held on December 7, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 13.2, 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Cilevitz seconded by Councillor Davidson, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion, including all By-laws.

10. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

11. Presentations

There were no presentations.

12. Delegations

12.1 Guy Molinaro, 8 Colesbrook Road, regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (refer to Item 13.2)

Di Xu, 10 Colesbrook Road, addressed Council on behalf of his neighbour Guy Molinaro, 8 Colesbrook Road, regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road. He advised of their concerns with the proposed development because of the proposed density, impact on local traffic flow, there only being one entrance point, and regarding the notification and communication with the existing residents regarding the applications. D. Xu requested that a meeting be held with area residents and that a more reasonable plan be considered for the subject lands.

12.2 Atul Dave, 17 Colesbrook Road, regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (refer to Item 13.2)

Atul Dave, 17 Colesbrook Road, addressed Council regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road. He advised of his concerns with the size of the subject lands for the number of dwellings being proposed, there only being one entrance point and the impact that would have on area traffic, and there only being one school in the neighbourhood. A. Dave expressed the importance of preserving the mature tree that is on the property and requested that the input of area residents be considered before a decision is made regarding the proposed development.

12.3 Yushuang Shen, 55 Froud Drive, regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (refer to Item 13.2)

Yushuang Shen, 55 Froud Drive, addressed Council regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road. She advised that no changes had been made to the proposed development since it was brought forward to the Council Public Meeting three years ago, and expressed her disappointment that the comments made at that meeting had not been taken into consideration. Y. Shen advised of the impact the proposed development would have on their daily lives, noted her concerns with the notification and communication with the existing residents regarding the applications, expressed the importance of preserving the mature tree on the property, and requested that the opinions of area residents be taken into consideration.

12.4 Jim Kotsopolous, JKO Planning Services Inc., agent for the applicant, regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (refer to Item 13.2)

Jim Kotsopolous, JKO Planning Services Inc., agent for the applicant, addressed Council regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road. He provided background information on the

applications and advised that since the Council Public Meeting held in February 2019 where they heard comments from Council, staff and area residents, that they revised the development proposal to its current form. He reviewed the site location, addressed the issues raised related to area traffic, noted that they worked with staff regarding the Urban Design aspects of the proposed development, and identified area/adjacent uses to the subject lands. J. Kotsopolous concluded his delegation by advising that they would continue to work with City staff regarding Site Plan approval, and that he hoped Council would support the applications that were being considered today.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 SRCM.23.01 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting - Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by Bylaw 113-20 (December 19, 2022 to January 13, 2023)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That SRCM.23.01 regarding Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

13.2 SRPI.23.003 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - 2539144 Ontario Inc. - 15 Colesbrook Road - City Files D02-18021 and D03-18010 (Related Files D05-18004 and D06-18036)

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

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 13, Plan 4667 (Municipal Address: 15 Colesbrook Road), City Files D02-18021 and D03-18010, be approved, subject to the following:

(i) that the subject lands be rezoned from Residential Single Family Four (R4) Zone and Residential Single Family Four (Hold) (R4(H)) Zone to Residential Multiple Family One (RM1) Zone under By-law 190-87, as amended, with site specific exceptions as set out in Appendix "B" to Staff Report SRPI.23.003;

(ii) that prior to forwarding the amending Zoning By-law to Council for consideration and enactment, the following take place:

- a. that the applicant's draft amending Zoning By-law as set out in Appendix "B" be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure;
- b. that the applicant's Site Plan application (City File D06-18036) be substantially completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure;
- c. that confirmation be received that the applicant has registered restrictions over the subject lands under Section 118 of the *Land Titles Act*;

(iii) that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;

(iv) that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 5 to Staff Report SRPI.23.003 be draft approved, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix "C";

(v) that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law 83-22, as amended;

b) That the authority to assign servicing allocation to the proposed development to be constructed on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure subject to the criteria in the City's Interim Growth Management Strategy, and that the assigned servicing allocation be released in accordance with By-law 109-11; and,

c) That all comments pertaining to the applicant's related Site Plan application (City File D06-18036) be referred back to Staff.

Carried

13.3 SRCFS.23.003 - Status Update - Pending Items List

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That Staff Report SRCFS.23.003 regarding a status update on pending items from the 2010 to 2014, 2014 to 2018 and 2018 to 2022 Terms of Council be received for information;
- b) That all pending items from the 2010 to 2014 Term of Council (Appendix A to Staff Report SRCFS.23.03) be deemed closed except for items specifically identified by Council;
- c) That all pending items from the 2014 to 2018 Term of Council (Appendix B to Staff Report SRCFS.23.03) be deemed closed except for items specifically identified by Council;
- d) That all pending items from the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council (Appendix C to Staff Report SRCFS.23.03), with the exception of items 5 and 6, be deemed closed unless specifically identified by Council; and
- e) That the City Clerk be directed to include items 5 and 6 from the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council Pending Items List, and any other items specifically identified by Council, on the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council Pending Items List.

Carried Unanimously

13.4 Correspondence regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road - (refer to Item 13.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
 Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications submitted by 2539144 Ontario Inc. for 15 Colesbrook Road be received:

- a) Amir Motahari, resident of Richmond Hill, dated January 22, 2023.
- b) Jacky Chi Pang Yung, 12 Colesbrook Road, dated January 22, 2023.
- c) Dr. Alexander Cheah, 20 Colesbrook Road, dated January 23, 2023.
- d) Di Xu, 10 Colesbrook Road, dated January 23, 2023.
- e) Yang Fang, 5 Wiley Avenue, dated January 23, 2023.

- f) Jin Wu, 7 Wiley Avenue, dated January 23, 2023.
- g) Guang Yang, 22 Colesbrook Road, dated January 23, 2023.
- h) Hui Guan, 17 Shallot Court, dated January 23, 2023.
- i) Jessy Tang, 18 Colesbrook Road, dated January 23, 2023.
- j) Dino Fragaglia, Maria Fragaglia and Laura Borello, 465 Gamble Road, dated January 23, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

13.5 Correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Liu regarding the Renaming of Bayview Hill Community Centre Renaissance Room to “Mul Raj Sethi Room” - (refer to Item 14.3)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Liu regarding the Renaming of Bayview Hill Community Centre Renaissance Room to “Mul Raj Sethi Room” be received:

- a) Marj Andre, 2 Lucy Drive, received January 22, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

14. Other Business

14.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Chan - Service Charter

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

WHEREAS the City of Richmond Hill Council and staff are committed to providing exceptional public service to our community as the Mission;

WHEREAS a Service Charter codifies the commitment to deliver services to the public in an accountable, open and transparent manner;

WHEREAS a Service Charter sets out clear expectations of service standards, turnaround times of applications, requests or complaints; rights and responsibilities of staff and customers or users;

WHEREAS a Service Charter embraces the principles and practices of equitable and inclusive services to serve the diverse population respectfully and responsibility;

WHEREAS a Service Charter demonstrates the promotion of user-centric service culture, and strives for continuous improvement to deliver exceptional public service; and

WHEREAS a Service Charter complements the initiatives that have been undertaken to further strengthen the City's service delivery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Staff be directed to review the best practices in delivering services that promote customer satisfaction and operational efficiency and report findings at an appropriate time that aligns with the strategic planning process, operational transformation, and diversity, inclusion and equity strategy with a draft Service Charter for consideration.

Carried

14.2 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

Whereas FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill has been represented at the FCM Board of Directors for a number of years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the City of Richmond Hill endorse Deputy Mayor Godwin CHAN to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the duration of the term; and

Council assumes all costs associated with Deputy Mayor Godwin CHAN, if elected or appointed, attending FCM's Board of Directors and Committee meetings.

Carried

14.3 Member Motion - Councillor Liu - Renaming of Bayview Hill Community Centre Renaissance Room to "Raj Sethi Room"

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is a long time Richmond Hill resident;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is the Founder and President of York Region Indian Seniors Club since 2006;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is the recipient of numerous community awards including Richmond Hill Volunteer Achievement Awards; Ontario Volunteer Service Award; Portraits of Giving Lifetime Achievement Award; Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and more;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is a passionate Richmond Hill resident who is dedicated to serve the community especially seniors;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is heavily involved in participating various local community and social organizations, who devoted to make Richmond Hill a better place;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi who celebrated his 90th birthday in 2022 and is still working full-time as a volunteer in various organizations in Richmond Hill and York Region;

WHEREAS Mr. Raj Sethi is a tireless champion in the community and should be honoured to recognize his dedicated volunteer services and contribution to Richmond Hill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff to initiate the process of renaming Bayview Hill Community Centre's Renaissance Room to "Raj Sethi Room".

Carried Unanimously

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 1-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 170-08, as amended, being a by-law to Repeal and Replace Chapter 96 of the Municipal Code (Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area)

By-law 2-23 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 38 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan

By-law 3-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 66-71, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 4-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 255-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 5-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 6-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 7-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 8-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 10-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 11-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 13-23 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 39 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan

By-law 15-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 22-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

Carried Unanimously

17. Closed Session**17.1 Resolution to Move into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:**

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

That Council move into closed session:

- a) To consider matters relating to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, related to a proposed Ontario Land Tribunal Settlement, pursuant to Sections 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- b) To consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, related to the agreement with the Integrity Commissioner, pursuant to Sections 239(2)(b) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- c) To consider personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to Citizen Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council (Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*);
- d) To consider matters related to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and related to litigation affecting the municipality before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Court File No. CV-22-00002095-0000, The City of Richmond Hill ats. Regional and Local Councillor Carmine Perrelli (Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25);
- e) To consider matters related to the receiving of advice that is subject to: solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and related to litigation affecting the municipality before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Divisional Court, Court File Nos. 196/19 and 1230/20, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill et al. ats. Karen Cilevitz (Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25).

Carried

17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (10:51 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.).

17.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

The City Clerk advised that there were no open session recommendations for Closed Session Items A, B, D and E.

17.3.1 SRCFS.23.008 - Citizen Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee - 2022 to 2026 Term of Council - (Item C)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, Committee Composition, be repealed and replaced with the following:

‘The membership of the Committee will be comprised as follows:

- two (2) members of Council; and
- between nine (9) and twelve (12) citizen members.

For the purposes of these Terms of Reference, “citizen member” means a member of the Committee other than a member of Council.

As required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, the majority of persons appointed to the Committee shall be persons with disabilities.’

b) That the following individuals be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council:

- Lopa Banerjee
- Sherry Caldwell
- Maxine DiGiovanni
- Yuwei Lin
- Ted Moritsugu
- Barry Munro

Lawrence Raifman
Patricia Rybka
Simon Waldman
Shahla Yaghoubian

Carried

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

18.1 By-law 25-23

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

That By-law 25-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

19. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk