



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**CW#02-23**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**225 East Beaver Creek Road**

**Richmond Hill, Ontario**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 10:04 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan (Chair)  
Mayor West  
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Councillor Davidson  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Cui  
Councillor Cilevitz  
Councillor Shiu

Regrets:

Councillor Liu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager  
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services  
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services  
G. Galanis, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure  
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor  
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer  
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor  
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations  
S. Tu, Manager, Financial Reporting and Accounting  
M. Abrol, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations

T. Ghobrial, Executive Assistant to Members of Council  
H. Zhang, Executive Assistant to Members of Council  
M. Yan Hongbo, Administrative Assistant to Members of Council  
S. Huycke, City Clerk  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center  
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Site Plans  
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions  
D. Oliveira, Manager, Water, Wastewater and Roads  
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy  
F. Toniolo, Senior Planner - Development  
J. Mallany, Planner I – Development

Carolyn King, Shared Path Consultation Initiative, as well as Julie Fraser and Melinda Munro, KJI Consulting, were also in attendance electronically.

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**2. Council Announcements**

Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended a happy Nowruz to the Persian community and Committee members that celebrate the first day of spring.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged Ramadan and wished the Muslim community a spiritual uplifting month.

Mayor West wished a happy Nowruz to the Persian community and others, and wished the Muslim community a great month of prayer, reflection and fasting as they celebrate Ramadan.

Mayor West acknowledged the proclamation of March 21<sup>st</sup> as World Down Syndrome Day, in partnership with the Down Syndrome Association, and shared the significance of why that date was chosen.

Mayor West announced that March 26<sup>th</sup> will be proclaimed Purple Day in Richmond Hill, in partnership with Epilepsy York Region, as they join a global movement to raise awareness of epilepsy.

Mayor West thanked those at Vishnu Mandir Temple for extending an invitation to their holy celebrations, and remarked on the talent displayed by youth at the event.

Mayor West extended an invitation to the community to attend his Maple Syrup Festival being held on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Richmond Green Sports Complex. He noted that his family had been celebrating spring for many generations by making maple syrup and looked forward to sharing that experience with the community.

Mayor West acknowledged the Toronto Six women's hockey team who will be playing in their first ever championship game, and Richmond Hill's own Angela James, General Manager of the team, and wished them well as they compete for the Isobel Cup.

**3. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

- a) Delegation from Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (Item 10.1);
- b) Delegation from Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, regarding Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by Metroview Developments (GARDEN) Inc. for 8700 and 8710 Yonge Street - (Item 10.2);
- c) Correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West, regarding Bird Friendly City and World Migratory Bird Day - (Item 11.12);
- d) Correspondence regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (Item 11.13).

Carried Unanimously

**5. 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*.

**6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Committee consented to separate items 11.4, 11.5 and 12.1 for discussion.

**7. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Councillor Davidson, Committee adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

**8. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**9. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**10. Delegations**

**10.1 Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (refer to Item 11.4)**

Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, advised that she was pleased to see the results of the quest for an appropriate land acknowledgement, that it was a good first step, and shared her belief that what was required was to acknowledge the Calls to Action. She highlighted items 43, 47, 57 and 77 of the Calls to Action, and advised of a course on the history of Aboriginal peoples offered by the University of Alberta that she encouraged City staff to take.

**10.2 Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, regarding Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by Metroview Developments (GARDEN) Inc. for 8700 and 8710 Yonge Street - (refer to Item 11.5)**

Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, shared reasons why she was unsupportive of the proposed development, and noted that she agreed with the staff report. P. Pollock shared her belief that the site was a gateway into Richmond Hill and required a renowned architect and developer that cared for the community. She acknowledged that additional housing was needed, that the proposed development represented poor planning, and expressed her hope that Metroview Developments Inc. satisfy the deficiencies of the staff report and take up the challenge to make the entrance of Richmond Hill a memorable destination.

## **11. Committee and Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Minutes - Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#02-22 held March 29, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of the Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#02-22 held March 29, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

### **11.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee meeting HRH#07-22 held September 6, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee meeting HRH#07-22 held September 6, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

### **11.3 SRCM.23.03 - Richmond Hill Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy and Action Plan**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the City of Richmond Hill's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy and Action Plan, attached in Appendix A to SRCM.23.03, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

### **11.4 SRCM.23.04 – Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the following statement be implemented as the City's Official Land Acknowledgement:

*We are gathering on lands that have been home to First Nations Peoples from time immemorial. We acknowledge that what we now call Richmond Hill is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. We also recognize that we are on part of the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron Wendat.*

*We would also like to acknowledge all First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples from across North America, also known as Turtle Island, who now reside in the City of Richmond Hill. We are committed to rebuilding constructive and cooperative relationships;*

- b) That this Land Acknowledgement be read by the Chair at Regular Council meetings prior to the National Anthem, and by the Mayor or designate at all City-led events through Cultural Services where there is an official welcome with Council and local dignitaries;
- c) That Council amend Article 5 of the Procedure By-law No. 74-12 to include the Land Acknowledgement as an Order of Business following the Call to Order and prior to the National Anthem.

Carried Unanimously

**11.5 SRCM.23.05 – Request for Direction – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications – Metroview Developments (GARDEN) Inc. - 8700 and 8710 Yonge Street – City Files D01-18007 and D02-18033**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the Ontario Land Tribunal be advised that Council does not support the revised Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications submitted by Metroview Developments (GARDEN) Inc. for lands known as Part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Registered Plan 1984 (Municipal Addresses: 8700 and 8710 Yonge Street), City Files D01-18007 and D02-18033 for the principle reasons outlined in staff report SRCM.23.05;
- b) That City staff and the applicant continue discussions towards a resolution of the outstanding appeals and the submission of a revised development proposal that is supportable and represents good planning; and,
- c) That appropriate City staff be directed to appear at the Ontario Land Tribunal in support of Council's position concerning the subject applications.

Carried Unanimously

**11.6 SRCFS.23.012 - 2022 Council and Committee Remuneration and Expenses**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That staff report SRCFS.23.012, regarding 2022 Council and Committee Remuneration and Expenses, be received.

Carried Unanimously

**11.7 SRCFS.23.014 – Amendments to the Committee of Revision Terms of Reference**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That Staff Report SRCFS.23.014 regarding Amendments to the Committee of Revision Terms of Reference be received.
- b) That Council approve the Revised Committee of Revision Terms of Reference attached as “Attachment B” to staff report SRCFS.23.014.

Carried Unanimously

**11.8 SRCS.23.01 - 2022 Municipal Drinking Water Reporting**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That SRCS.23.01 containing various 2022 Municipal Drinking Water Reporting documents including the Summary Report required by Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03 be received.
- b) That the “City of Richmond Hill Drinking Water Annual Report 2022” (Appendix 1 to SRCS.23.01) required under Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03 be received and made available to the public on the City’s website.
- c) That the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Distribution System Drinking Water Inspection Report 2022 for Richmond Hill’s drinking water system as contained in Appendix 2 to SRCS.23.01 be received.
- d) That the Quality Management System Report 2022 (Appendix 3 to SRCS.23.01) required by the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, be received.
- e) That the Operational Plan attached to SRCS.23.01 as Appendix 4 be endorsed.

Carried Unanimously

**11.9 SRPI.23.028 - Extension of Non-Competitive Public Engagement Contract for the Official Plan Update**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That Council approve the extension of the contract with LURA Consulting until such time as engagement regarding all amendments to the Official Plan as itemized in the Council endorsed City Plan Key Directions Report are adopted by Council.
- b) That additional funds in the amount of \$55,000 (exclusive of taxes) be approved for addition to the contract with LURA Consulting (SS-1910330) in accordance with Council's approval of the 2023 Capital budget.
- c) That the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the amendment to the existing contract with LURA Consulting.

Carried Unanimously

**11.10 SRPI.23.030 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Farhad Fani-Molky and Parivash Kalantari – 53 Sunset Beach Road – City File D02-17020**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Farhad Fani-Molky and Parivash Kalantari for lands known as Lot 16, Registered Plan 203 (Municipal Address: 53 Sunset Beach Road), City File D02-17020, be approved, subject to the following:
  - i. that the subject lands be rezoned to Single Detached Six (R6) Zone under Zoning By-law No. 313-96, as amended, as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.23.030; and,
  - ii. that the amending Zoning By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration and enactment.

Carried Unanimously

**11.11 SRPI.23.034 – Request for Comments – Site Plan Application – Mahin Emadi Khiav – 429 16th Avenue - City File D06-19030**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That the Site Plan application submitted by Mahin Emadi Khiav for the lands known as Part of Lot 17, Plan 3806 (Municipal Address: 429 16th Avenue), City File D06-19030), be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously



**11.12 Correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West, with respect to Bird Friendly City and World Migratory Bird Day - (refer to Item 12.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West with respect to Bird Friendly City and World Migratory Bird Day, be received:

a) Cheryl and Harry Lewandowski, 17 Gallacher Avenue; Karen Oreto, 47 Blyth Street; and Kathleen and Mike Wong, 169 Parkston Court, dated March 17, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**11.13 Correspondence regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (refer to Item 11.4)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence received regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgment, be received:

a) Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, dated March 20, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**12. Other Business**

**12.1 Member Motion - Mayor West - Bird Friendly City and World Migratory Bird Day**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas in the last 50 years, North American bird populations have dropped by more than 25% and three billion birds, including species that live in towns and cities, are gone due to predation by domestic cats, car and window collisions; and

Whereas birds play an essential role as pollinators and in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems; and

Whereas Nature Canada has developed a certification standard to certify eligible cities as a “Bird Friendly City” to recognize and celebrate the contributions they have made to save bird lives in their municipalities; and

Whereas on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council approved the Updated Environment Strategy which included a new action, 8.4 “Explore policies and initiatives to create a more bird-friendly Richmond Hill”; and

Whereas on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the City has launched the updated Sustainability Metrics Program which includes two metrics focused on improving design practices to reduce bird mortality in new developments (IB-17: Light Pollution Reduction and IB-18: Bird-Friendly Design); and

Whereas the City is currently executing bird-friendly activities related to threat reduction, habitat protection and restoration, and community outreach and education; and

Whereas World Migratory Bird Day is an annual awareness campaign highlighting the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitat, and celebrating World Migratory Bird Day is a mandatory criteria the City must fulfill in order to be Bird Friendly City certified.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Council endorse the City's efforts to be a certified Bird Friendly City through Nature Canada, and staff be directed to submit an application to Nature Canada;
2. That World Migratory Bird Day be proclaimed on an annual basis on the second Saturday of May;
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and staff be directed to promote the proclamation, and execute a World Migratory Bird Day event, as appropriate; and
4. That staff be directed to undertake activities to uphold the Bird Friendly City status, including support in the establishment of a community based Bird Team that includes community members and stakeholders and providing an annual report card to Nature Canada on activities related to the City's Bird Friendly status.

Carried Unanimously

**13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**14. Closed Session**

There were no closed session items.

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.