



## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**C#14-23**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 10:00 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, March 29, 2023 at 10:00 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  
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff  
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning  
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
G. Weaver, Manager, Recreation Facility Operations  
T. Ghobrial, Executive Assistant to Members of Council  
M. Hongbo, Executive Assistant to Members of Council  
R. Weinberg, Administrative Assistant

S. Huycke, City Clerk  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning  
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center  
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering  
S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design  
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations  
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Site Plans  
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning  
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions  
D. Oliveira, Manager, Water, Wastewater and Roads  
A. Dunn, Senior Planner – Development  
A. Iliescu, Capital Project Analyst  
J. Mallany, Planner I - Development  
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

**1. Call to Order/National Anthem**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)**

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

**3. Council Announcements**

Councillor Cilevitz extended congratulatory remarks to Richmond Hill's own Angela James, and to the Toronto Six women's hockey team for winning their first ever Isobel Cup championship game.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola extended congratulations to Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, for being named to the Provincial Cabinet as Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan announced that he was appointed as one of two co-chairs to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2023 to 2026 term, noted the service agencies, government and community partners

on the Board, and indicated that the first Board meeting was held at the Richmond Hill municipal offices which provided an opportunity to showcase Richmond Hill's facilities.

Mayor West echoed congratulatory remarks to Angela James and to the Toronto Six women's hockey team for winning the Isobel Cup championship game.

Mayor West extended an invitation to the community to attend his Maple Syrup Festival being held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Richmond Green Sports Complex, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He advised of the many events planned and looked forward to seeing everyone at the event.

Mayor West announced that Sean Cisterna, Filmmaker of the film called "The Long Rider", was being played at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts this week, shared the inspiring story of the film, and acknowledged other films he produced and directed.

**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 Thompson  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

a) SRPI.23.041 - Request for In-Year Budget Approval and Increase to City Financial Contribution for UMESP Sanitary Improvement - Project WW-14 - City File D06-20045 – (Item 13.4).

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 Meeting C#11-23 held March 8, 2023**

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#11-23 held on March 8, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**7.2 Special Council Meeting C#12-23 held March 21, 2023**

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

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#12-23 held on March 21, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

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

Council consented to separate items 13.1.3 and 14.1 for discussion.

**9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Liu, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

**10. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**11. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**12. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**13. Committee and Staff Reports**

**13.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#02-23 held March 22, 2023**

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#02-23 held March 22, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

**13.1.1 Minutes - Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#02-22 held March 29, 2022 - (CW Item 11.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

Carried

**13.1.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee meeting HRH#07-22 held September 6, 2022 - (CW Item 11.2)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

Carried

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

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

**13.1.4 SRCM.23.04 – Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (CW Item 11.4)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.5 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 - (CW Item 11.5)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.6 SRCFS.23.012 - 2022 Council and Committee Remuneration and Expenses - (CW Item 11.6)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

Carried

**13.1.7 SRCFS.23.014 – Amendments to the Committee of Revision Terms of Reference - (CW Item 11.7)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.8 SRCS.23.01 - 2022 Municipal Drinking Water Reporting - (CW Item 11.8)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.9 SRPI.23.028 - Extension of Non-Competitive Public Engagement Contract for the Official Plan Update - (CW Item 11.9)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.10 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 - (CW Item 11.10)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

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

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

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

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.1.13 Correspondence regarding Richmond Hill Land Acknowledgement - (CW Item 11.13)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

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

Carried

**13.1.14 Member Motion - Mayor West - Bird Friendly City and World Migratory Bird Day - (CW Item 12.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

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

**13.2 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-23 held March 23, 2023**

**13.2.1 SRPI.23.035 - Heritage Permit - 1370 Elgin Mills Road East (Richmond Hill Railway Station) - (HRH Item 6.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

- a) That the Heritage Permit Application to replace the roof of the Richmond Hill Railway Station located at 1370 Elgin Mills Road East, as described in staff report SRPI.23.035, be approved.

Carried

**13.3 Proclamation - International Dark Sky Week - April 15 to 22, 2023**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

- a) That the week of April 15 to 22, 2023, be proclaimed as International Dark Sky Week, in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

**13.4 SRPI.23.041 – Request for In-Year Budget Approval and Increase to City Financial Contribution for UMESP Sanitary Improvement Project WW-14 - City File D06-20045**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That Council authorize and increase the amount of the City's capital project budget and City's financial contribution by \$995,774 (from \$2,788,386 to \$3,784,160) for costs associated with the reconstruction of the Harding Boulevard municipal sanitary sewer system improvement project (WW-14);

b) That \$465,525 of the increase be funded through the Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund;

c) That the \$530,249 of increase be funded from the City-wide Engineering Development Charges Reserve Fund;

d) That staff be directed to include the updated cost of \$3,784,160 for the Harding Boulevard sanitary sewer project in the next update to the City-Wide Development Charge By-Law; and

e) That Council authorize changes to the structure of the tri-party servicing agreement approved under Staff Report SRPI.22.041, whereby the City would only enter into an agreement with Metroview Developments (Harding) Inc.

Carried

**14. Other Business**

**14.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Chan - Sunset Clause as part of Site-Specific Zoning By-law Amendments**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

Whereas Council approved the City's 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge at a Special Council Meeting held on March 21, 2023 that demonstrates Richmond Hill's commitment to collaborate with the Ontario Government and stakeholders to work towards achievement of the assigned target of 27,000 new residential housing units by 2031;

Whereas Richmond Hill had an approximately 11,000 approved housing units for which applications for building permits had not been received to date;

Whereas Council is committed to undertaking initiatives under which the City has control of to help accelerate housing supply to help meet the target set out in Richmond Hill's Housing Target Pledge;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be directed to review the feasibility to include sunset clauses in site-specific zoning bylaw amendments and report back at an appropriate time that aligns with the process improvements in building permit process.

Carried Unanimously

**15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**16. By-laws**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the following By-laws be approved:

16.1 By-law 11-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services

16.2 By-law 34-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 1703, as amended, of the former Township of Whitchurch and By-law 313-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

Carried

**17. Closed Session**

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

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider matters relating to the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b), (i) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as follows:

- i) a personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- ii) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- iii) 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, with respect to the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner.

Carried

#### **17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session**

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (10:34 a.m. to 11:08 a.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 Item A.

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

#### **18.1 By-law 44-23**

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

That By-law 44-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

### **19. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Liu  
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk