



## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**C#15-23**

**Wednesday, April 12, 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, April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West  
Regional and Local Councillor Chan  
Councillor Davidson  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Liu  
Councillor Cui  
Councillor Shiu

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Councillor Cilevitz

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  
T. Ghobrial, Executive Assistant to Members of Council  
R. Weinberg, Administrative Assistant

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

Staff Member present via videoconference:

G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. 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.

**3. National Anthem**

The National Anthem was played.

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

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

**5. Council Announcements**

Mayor West acknowledged that today was International Day of Pink. He remarked that it was an opportunity to renew the City's commitment to diversity and inclusion by combating all forms of discrimination that fuel bullying and violence which many LGBTQ2 youth continue to face.

Mayor West advised that April was Autism Awareness Month, noting that one-in-66 youth in Canada have been diagnosed on the autism spectrum, and that work is ongoing to increase understanding and appreciation of neurodivergent citizens.

Mayor West acknowledged those in the community who celebrate Orthodox Good Friday and Orthodox Easter this Sunday, and Christians that celebrated this past weekend. He remarked on the number of spring festivals, and noted that it was a wonderful time to live in a diverse community like Richmond Hill.

Mayor West thanked staff and those who supported the Maple Syrup Festival that was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He commented on the good weather, noted that it was well attended, and that he looked forward to hosting the event next year.

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

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

**7. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Liu  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed, with the following change:

a) Delete By-law 12-23 - (Agenda Item 18.1)

Carried Unanimously

**8. 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*.

**9. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

**9.1 Council Public Meeting C#13-23 held March 21, 2023**

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

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#13-23 held March 21, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**9.2 Council Meeting C#14-23 held March 29, 2023**

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#14-23 held on March 29, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

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

Council consented not to separate any items for discussion.

**11. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

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

**12. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**13. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**14. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**15. Committee and Staff Reports**

**15.1 Memorandum from Stephen Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk , dated April 12, 2023, regarding Renumber By-law 11-23 passed on March 29, 2023, to be By-law 12-23 - (Proposed By-law 12-23)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the City Clerk be directed to renumber By-law 11-23, passed at the Council Meeting on March 29, 2023, to be By-law 12-23;

b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the renumbered By-law 12-23.

Carried Unanimously

**15.2 SRCFS.23.022 Code of Conduct for Local Boards**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That Staff Report SRCFS.23.022 regarding Code of Conduct for Local Boards be received.

b) That Council adopt the Code of Conduct for Local Boards attached as Appendix "A" to staff report SRCFS.23.022.

c) That Council direct City staff to prepare and present draft Rules of Procedure, pursuant to section 25.1 of the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter s. 22, to the City’s Adjudicative Local Boards for their consideration.

Carried Unanimously

**15.3 Proclamation - Jewish Heritage Month in Richmond Hill - May 2023**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the month of May be proclaimed Jewish Heritage Month in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

**16. Other Business**

There were no other business items.

**17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**18. By-laws**

By-law 12-23 being a by-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services was deleted – (refer to Item 7)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 39-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 40-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume lands as public highway; and establish lands as public highway

By-law 42-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume lands as public highway; and establish lands as public highway

Carried Unanimously

**19. Closed Session**

There were no closed session items.

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

**20.1 By-law 48-23**

Moved by: Councillor Liu  
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 48-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

**21. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk