



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#16-23

Wednesday, April 26, 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 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

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
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
J. Stewart, Director, Public Works Operations
C. Treacy, Director, Human Resources
D. DiRuscio, Manager, Cultural Services
A. Farrugia, Manager, Urban Forestry, Natural Environment and Horticulture
V. Gaiu, Manager, Energy and Waste

L. Hood, Acting Manager, Strategic Communications
A. Caldana, Event Coordinator
K. Davey, Communications Coordinator
R. Healey, Event Coordinator
P. Petitti, Event Coordinator
A. Chu, Recreation and Culture Business Analyst
C. Collins, Gardener
S. Collins, Cultural Services Assistant - Events
A. Daneshvar, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
A. Dempster, Events and Marketing Associate
M. Hongbo, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
A. Ringhofer, Parks Leadhand
N. Sabet, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
J. Churyumova, Manager, Recreation and Administration Services
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
K. Bates, Sustainability Coordinator
J. La Moglie, Planner II - Development
J. Mallany, Planner I - Development

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)

4.1 Camile Garzon, Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice, regarding the Hike for Hospice fundraising event

Camile Garzon, Manager of Fund Development, Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice, shared information related to the end of life, grief and bereavement services that they provide to residents of Richmond Hill and York Region, noting that that rely heavily on the community to assist with operational costs to run their programs. She highlighted the annual Hike for Hospice fundraising event that brings families together to walk in honour or memory of their loved ones, and advised that this year's Hike is scheduled on May 13th at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket. C. Garzon requested consideration by Members of Council to share the information related to the Hike for Hospice event through their social media to spread the word throughout the community.

5. Council Announcements

There were no Council Announcements.

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 Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

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 Meeting C#15-23 held April 12, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#15-23 held on April 12, 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 Cilevitz, seconded by Councillor Cui, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

12. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentations

13.1 Presentation by Mayor West to the Toronto Six Women's Professional Hockey Team and General Manager Angela James in recognition of winning the Isobel Cup

Mayor West made a presentation to the Toronto Six Women's Professional Hockey Team in recognition of winning the Isobel Cup on March 27, 2023. He highlighted the historic overtime win versus the Minnesota Whitecaps making the Toronto Six the first Canadian team in Premier Hockey Federation history to win the top trophy, and acknowledged the impact that the team has had on women's hockey and young female athletes. Mayor West introduced Angela James, General Manager, Mark Joslin, Assistant Coach, Sammy Jo Small, President, and Carly Jackson, goalie, and on behalf of the City of Richmond Hill extended congratulations to the team and presented those in attendance with a Certificate of Acknowledgement for being the Isobel Cup 2023 champions.

13.2 Presentation by Tracey Steele, Commissioner of Community Services, to Mayor West and Members of Council of the Municipality of the Year Award and Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario awarded by Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO)

Tracey Steele, Commissioner of Community Services, made a presentation to Mayor West and Members of Council of two awards that the City of Richmond Hill received at the Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) Annual Conference held in March 2023 in Niagara Falls. She provided background information on the FEO and its role in helping its members produce unique and quality festivals and events through professional development, networking and promotions; and highlighted the FEO's website that lists the festivals and events happening throughout the province. She advised that the City of Richmond Hill was the recipient of the prestigious Municipality of the Year Award in the category of municipality with a population of 150,000 or more, and was also the recipient of the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario for the City's Ribfest and Merry Marketplace events. T. Steele acknowledged the staff from the Recreation and Culture and Public Works Operations Divisions that contributed to the City's success, and presented the awards to Mayor West and Members of Council.

14. Delegations

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#03-23 held April 13, 2023

15.1.1 SRPI.23.036 - Heritage Permit - 1380 Elgin Mills Road East (Thomas F. Boynton House)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the presentation by Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design, regarding staff report SRPI.23.036, Heritage Permit for 1380 Elgin Mills Road East (Thomas F. Boynton House), be received with thanks;

b) That the Heritage Permit Application for exterior restoration work to the Thomas F. Boynton House located at 1380 Elgin Mills Road East, as described in staff report SRPI.23.036, be approved.

Carried

15.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#03-23 held April 19, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#03-23 held April 19, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.2.1 SRCFS.23.018 - Tax Adjustments Under Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 - (CW Item 8.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That taxes amounting to \$117,242.22 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001;
- b) That taxes amounting to \$143,903.59 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001;
- c) That applicable penalty and interest be adjusted accordingly; and
- d) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the accounts receivable accordingly.

Carried

15.2.2 Minutes - Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee meeting AHSIC#01-22 held May 10, 2022 - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That the minutes of the Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee meeting AHSIC#01-22 held May 10, 2022, be received.

Carried

15.2.3 Minutes - Economic Development Committee meeting EDC#01-22 held May 16, 2022 - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting EDC#01-22 held May 16, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

15.2.4 SRCFS.23.021 - Treasurers Write Off, Municipal Act, 2001, Section 354 - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That taxes amounting to \$84,332.30 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 354 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

b) That applicable penalty and interest be adjusted accordingly; and

c) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the applicable property tax roll accordingly.

Carried

15.2.5 SRCS.23.07 - 2023 Outdoor Special Occasion Permit Requests - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCS.23.07 regarding 2023 Outdoor Special Occasion Permit requests, be received;

b) That the 2023 Outdoor Special Occasion Permit requests listed in Appendix A to staff report SRCS.23.07, be approved.

Carried

15.2.6 SRCS.23.08 - Permitted Fields Agreement - York Region District School Board - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.08 regarding the Permitted Fields Agreement with the York Region District School Board be received;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Permitted Fields Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and the York Region District School Board upon recommendation from the Commissioner of Community Services.

Carried

15.2.7 SRCS.23.09 - Permitted Fields Agreement - York Catholic District School Board - (CW Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCS.23.09 regarding the Permitted Fields Agreement with the York Catholic District School Board be received;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Permitted Fields Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and the York Catholic District School Board upon recommendation from the Commissioner of Community Services.

Carried

15.2.8 SRPI.23.024 - 2022 Environment Strategy Progress Update - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRPI.23.024, regarding Environment Strategy Progress Update, including the attached 2022 Environment Strategy Progress Tracker and 2022 Environment Strategy Highlight Sheet, be received for information.

Carried

15.2.9 SRPI.23.043 - Request for Comments - Site Plan Application - Leslie Richmond Developments Limited - 11491 Leslie Street - City File D06-23005 (Related Files D01-21002, D02-21003 and SUB-21-0001) - (CW Item 11.8)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Site Plan application submitted by Leslie Richmond Developments Limited for the lands known as Part of Lot 30,

Concession 3, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 11491 Leslie Street), City File D06-23005 (Related Files D01-21002, D02-21003 and SUB-21-0001/D03-21001), be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried

15.2.10 SRPI.23.039 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Bodrington Commercial Developments Limited - 13495 Bathurst Street - City File ZBLA-22-0019 - (CW Item 11.9) - (By-law 43-23)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Bodrington Commercial Developments Limited for lands known as Block 114, Plan 65M-3215 (Municipal Address: 13495 Bathurst Street), City File ZBLA-22-0019, be approved, subject to the following:

i) that the zoning provisions for the subject lands zoned Local Commercial (LC) Zone under Zoning By-law 313-96, as amended, be further amended to include the site specific provisions outlined in Staff Report SRPI.23.039 and as set out in Appendix “B” hereto;

ii) that the amending Zoning By-law as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.23.039 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure, and be brought forward to a future meeting of Council for consideration and enactment; and,

b) 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 of the subject lands.

Carried

15.2.11 Flag Raising Request - Seniors Month - June 2023 - (CW Item 11.10)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the flag raising request for Seniors Month, in June 2023, be approved in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

15.3 Memorandum from Stephen Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, dated April 26, 2023, regarding the Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and By-law 53-23 - (By-law 53-23)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the memorandum from Stephen Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, dated April 26, 2023, in respect to the Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and By-law 53-23, be received;

b) That upon appointment as Integrity Commissioner, Suzanne Craig be requested to undertake a comprehensive review of the Council Code of Conduct ("Code") and report to Council on recommended improvements to the Code and Integrity Commissioner Procedures.

Carried

16. Other Business

There were no other business items.

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

18. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 43-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 313-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 49-23 - A By-law to Appoint Deputy Treasurers and to repeal By-law 51-22 and By-law 104-22

By-law 53-23 - A By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner

Carried

19. Closed Session

Council consented not to resolve into a closed session meeting to consider matters related to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the Salaried Employees Association (SEA) (Section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001), and adopted the following recommendation in open session:

19.1 SRCFS.23.024 - Salaried Employees Association (SEA) Negotiations

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the confidential recommendations in Closed Session Staff Report SRCFS.23.024 be approved, and the staff report and recommendation remain confidential.

Carried Unanimously

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

20.1 By-law 54-23

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 54-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk