



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#05-23

Wednesday, May 17, 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, May 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

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

Committee Member present via videoconference:

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
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
- M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
- B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery
- D. Terzievski, Director, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
- L. Dejesus, Manager, Capital Infrastructure Programming
- S. DeMaria, Manager, Development - Site Plans
- D. Giannetta, Manager, Development - Subdivisions
- S. Fiore, Senior Planner - Development
- G. La Moglie, Planner II - Development

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that the Spring Fair, a past annual tradition in Richmond Hill, has returned and was being held this Saturday, May 20th at Town Park, noting that it was a family oriented event that included a complementary barbeque and ice cream, as well as various games. He extended an invitation to everyone to come and encouraged residents attending to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the local food bank.

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.

Carried Unanimously

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Committee consented to separate items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.5, 11.7, 12.1 and 12.2 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

There were no delegations.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 SRPI.23.051 - Request for Comments - Site Plan Application - S&A Developments Limited - 0 East Beaver Creek Road - City File SP-23-0006

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the Site Plan application submitted by S&A Developments Limited for the lands known as Part of Lots 53 and 54, Plan 65M-2104 (Municipal Address: 0 East Beaver Creek Road), City File SP-23-0006), be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 SRPI.23.057 - Request for Comments - Site Plan Application - Montagna Capital (BT) Inc. - 1577 to 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East - City File SP-23-0011 (Related File D03-11004/19T-11004)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.057 with respect to the Site Plan application submitted by Montagna Capital (BT) Inc. for lands known as Part of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 3, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 1577 to 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East), City File SP-23-0011, be received for information purposes and that all comments be referred back to staff;

b) That the authority to assign municipal servicing allocation for 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;

c) That the subject lands be classified as a Class 4 Area as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in its "Environmental Noise Guideline – Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning (NPC-300)" to address Stationary Noise.

Carried

11.3 SRPI.23.064 - Bayview Avenue - 16th Avenue to Highway 7 Streetscape Corner Enhancements

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff be directed to apply for York Region's Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Maintenance Agreement with York Region for the Bayview Avenue (16th Avenue to Highway 7) Streetscape Corner Enhancements upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Community Services;

c) That Council direct this project to be considered as part of the 2025 Capital Budget process and future operating budgets.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRCFS.23.016 - Local Improvement Project - Treasurer Report, Special Assessment for Powell Street and Wright Street, from Mill Street to Hall Street

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the special charges allocated to each lot as set out and certified in Schedule 'A' Local Improvement Roll, to draft By-law 37-23, attached as Appendix 'A' to SRCFS.23.016 for the reconstruction of Powell Street and Wright Street, from Mill Street to Hall Street be authorized;

b) That properties exempt from property taxation continue to be liable for special charges relating to Local Improvement Projects;

c) That the Local Improvement rate be set at \$161.40 per meter frontage for lump sum payments or an annual payment of \$18.81 per meter frontage per year paid over ten (10) years;

d) That draft By-law 37-23, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.23.016, be enacted.

Carried Unanimously

11.5 SRCFS.23.017 - 2023 Final Levy By-Law and Tax Rates

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That draft By-law 38-23, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.23.017, be enacted to establish and adopt tax rates for 2023 on the assessment in each property class,

b) That the billing and collection of taxes, special assessments, defaulted fines and fees including the tax installment due dates for residential and non-residential properties be authorized.

Carried Unanimously

11.6 SRCFS.23.023 - Non-Competitive Acquisition, Catalogue Discovery Layer Solution for Richmond Hill Public Library

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the contract for delivery of the public-facing “Catalogue Discovery Layer” software solution for Richmond Hill Public Library (“Library”) Website be awarded non-competitively to BiblioCommons Corp. for a cost not exceeding \$338,798.99 (exclusive of taxes) for an initial term of three (3) years with the option to renew the term for an additional (1) year, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part 1, Section (b) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 as amended by By-law 141-20 as there is absence of competition for technical reasons and the Goods and/or Service can be supplied only by a particular Supplier and no alternative or substitute exists;

b) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation to affect the contract.

Carried Unanimously

11.7 Correspondence from Mark Hebert, President and CEO, Cosmo Music, dated May 1, 2023, regarding a Request to Deem an Event Municipally Significant - CosmoFEST

Moved by: Councillor Liu

- a) That the correspondence from Mark Hebert, President and CEO, Cosmo Music, dated May 1, 2023, regarding a Request to Deem an Event Municipally Significant - CosmoFEST, be received;
- b) That CosmoFEST, scheduled to be held on June 3, 2023, be deemed as an event of municipal significance in order for CosmoFEST to obtain a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to be utilized at the CosmoFEST event; and
- c) That staff be directed to report back regarding delegated authority for special occasion permits, liquor licenses and deeming events to be considered as municipally significant in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

Carried Unanimously

12. Other Business

12.1 Member Motion - Mayor West - Government of Ontario to Expedite Regulations Affecting Housing Supply Crisis

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas Richmond Hill is a member of Ontario's Big City Mayor's (OBCM);

Whereas the OBCM put forward a motion requesting the Government of Ontario expedite the process to fully unlock municipalities' ability to do their part to solve the housing supply crisis;

Whereas the OBCM requested the Government of Ontario to expedite its finalization of its necessary regulations on governance, finance, planning and building policies to fully unlock municipal ability to do our part to meet the need to solve the housing supply crisis.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Richmond Hill Council requests the province to expedite the regulatory procedures on governance, finance, planning and building policies as soon as possible so that municipalities have

some certainty and ability to meet their housing targets and solve the housing supply crisis.

2. That the City Clerk be directed to send this Member Motion to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus, as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

12.2 Member Motion - Mayor West - Funding for Increased Data Capacity

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas the province has created a housing target of 1.5 million homes built in the next 10 years;

Whereas Richmond Hill's housing target is 27,000 new units by 2031;

Whereas the province has asked for at least 15 geographic data points to be shared by all municipalities with housing targets;

Whereas the current data sharing process is cumbersome, inefficient, and not collaborative;

Whereas real-time data sharing between municipalities and the provinces, on a common data exchange platform, would greatly assist municipalities to use their existing technology to achieve their housing targets and provide the public with visibility on progress on this important issue;

Whereas the province has previously provided funding for the development process through the Streamlined Development Application Fund, among others;

Whereas Ontario's Big City Mayor's (OBCM) has passed a similar motion at their recent AGM.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Richmond Hill Council request the province provide funding for municipalities, in particular those with housing targets assigned, to increase capacity in data management, collaboration and sharing; and
2. That the province work with staff in each municipality to develop an open and transparent data sharing mode;

3. That the City Clerk be directed to send this report to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Ontario's Big City Mayor's Caucus (OBCM); as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

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 Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.