



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#18-23

Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 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 Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Members 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
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff
C. Chong, Project Manager, Policy, Richmond Hill Centre
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:

G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
N. Kalyvas, Director Facility Management
S. Tu, Acting Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions
M. Logue, Project Manager, Development Partnerships

Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies Inc., was also in attendance in Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order

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

Council consented to recess between:

- 12:45 p.m. and 12:58 p.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 Yoke Wong, on behalf of the Richmond Hill Road Watch Committee, regarding Canada Road Safety Week (May 16 to 22, 2023); Road Watch Program; and the Richmond Hill Road Watch Committee

Yoke Wong, on behalf of the Richmond Hill Road Watch Committee, addressed Council regarding Canada Road Safety Week being held May 16 to 22, 2023; the history of the Road Watch Program; and highlighted the Richmond Hill Road Watch Committee purpose, mandate and 2023 initiatives and community events. Y. Wong requested that residents, Council, staff, partners and stakeholders participate, help raise awareness, and be part of the committee's journey and success.

4.2 John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding Lessons Learned from Past Restrictions on Resident Engagement in Municipal Affairs

John Li, 206 Brookside Road, addressed Council regarding lessons learned from past restrictions on resident engagement in municipal affairs, noting that in his opinion, a five minute speaking time was insufficient to address Council on complex planning matters. He also remarked on planning matters in Richmond Hill.

5. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended appreciation to the Richmond Hill Road Watch Committee for the Public Forum presentation, and acknowledged that the program was supported by the City and York Region Police and was a long-running program in the community. He asked that the community work together to continue to promote public safety and to drive responsibly.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that he together with Mayor West, Councillor Cui, and Councillor Davidson participated in the Hike for Hospice on Sunday, May 7th and noted the success of the fundraising event.

Councillor Cui extended thanks to the Road Watch Committee for the presentation and requested a copy of the material so that he could share it with schools in Ward 4 to promote the program and road safety.

Mayor West announced that today McDonald's was hosting McHappy Day, an annual day of community giving to support Ronald McDonald House charities and other local children's charities. He advised that he was volunteering at the 16th Avenue drive thru at 3 p.m. and encouraged everyone to support the worthy cause.

Mayor West advised of the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) flag raising event that was being held at the main municipal offices on May 17th at 3 p.m. and extended an invitation to the community to attend and support the MS Society at the event.

Mayor West advised that Sunday, May 14th was a celebration for mothers and extended a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the community.

Councillor Cui advised of the Strides for Mackenzie Health fundraising event that was taking place on May 13th and encouraged all to donate and support the worthy cause.

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 Cui

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

- a) Delegations regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) and Proposed By-law 55-23 - (Items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3);
- b) Correspondence received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) - (Item 15.2).

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#16-23 held April 26, 2023

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#16-23 held on April 26, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate item 15.1.8 for discussion.

11. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

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

12. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentations

There were no presentations.

14. Delegations

14.1 Howard Doughty, 10 Cheval Court, regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) and Proposed By-law 55-23 - (refer to Items 15.1.8 and 18.5)

Howard Doughty, 10 Cheval Court, shared his beliefs that the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan project would be one of the most densely populated areas in the planet and that it was insufficiently supported by current and planned infrastructure. H. Doughty stated that development implied a natural evolution and that what was proposed was not a development but degradation and imposition of a socially and environmentally unsustainable project. He acknowledged the powers of the Provincial government and urged Council to stand up and stop, and if not stop, slow down the process.

14.2 John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) and Proposed By-law 55-23 - (refer to Items 15.1.8 and 18.5)

John Li, 206 Brookside Road, shared his view that the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan had many flaws and that the number of schools forecasted was inadequate for the projected population of the project. He advised that Richmond Hill would be among the top 10 most densely populated communities on earth, questioned whether the development was a livable environment, and requested that residents be given the appropriate opportunity to examine and comment on the complicated plan that would impact Richmond Hill and all of York Region.

14.3 Alex Wong, 35 Leno Mills Avenue, regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) and Proposed By-law 55-23 - (refer to Items 15.1.8 and 18.5)

Alex Wong, 35 Leno Mills Avenue, advised that in his opinion the Richmond Hill Centre proposed population density would be detrimental to any place on earth, including Richmond Hill. He advised that according to experts, the subway extension to Richmond Hill Centre would not significantly alleviate existing traffic concerns. He commented on his experience as a bus driver in the Richmond Hill and Markham area, noting that traffic concerns existed before the pandemic and shared his belief that the proposed density would lead to increased traffic congestion, poor driver behavior, and safety issues. He urged Council to reject the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan final draft and redraft a plan that could eliminate all the negative aspects of the proposed unethical densities.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#04-23 held May 3, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#04-23 held May 3, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.1.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-22 held June 23, 2022 - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
 Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-22 held June 23, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-23 held March 23, 2023 - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
 Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-23 held March 23, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.3 SRCS.23.04 - Indoor Turf Facilities - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.04 regarding Indoor Turf Facilities be received.
- b) That the 2023 approved capital project for a Feasibility Study to investigate options for an indoor soccer facility at the Richmond Green West Field location be paused to facilitate further detailed analysis of needs and site options.
- c) That \$50,000 from the Feasibility Study capital account be allocated to facilitate the completion of a detailed needs assessment and analysis of alternative siting options for indoor turf fields.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.4 SRCS.23.13 - By-law Review Framework and Schedule of Reviews - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.13 regarding the 4 year schedule for community standards by-law reviews and by-law review framework be received;
- b) That the schedule of by-law reviews for the next four years contained within Staff Report SRCS.23.13 be endorsed.
- c) That the existing by-laws listed below, and all subsequent amendments to these by-laws be repealed:
 - i. Convenience Store By-law No. 33-85, Municipal Code Chapter 710
 - ii. Searchlight By-law No. 89-71, Municipal Code Chapter 749
 - iii. Sign Hearings By-law No. 264-00, Municipal Code Chapter 741

iv. Fire Setting By-law No. 61-72, Municipal Code Chapter 1037

v. Rooming House By-law No. 54-79

Carried Unanimously

15.1.5 SRCS.23.03 - Indigenous Action Committee – 1 Year Pilot Project - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.03 regarding the Indigenous Action Committee 1 Year Pilot Project be received.

b) That the permit fees for parks, community meeting rooms and gymnasiums be waived for Indigenous groups as outlined in Staff Report SRCS.23.22.

c) That the City provide in-kind promotions and equipment rentals to Indigenous groups wishing to host community events in partnership with the City on dates of national significance as outlined in Staff Report SRCS.23.22.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.6 SRPI.23.046 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications – Mercedeh Andalibi – 271 Old 16th Avenue - City Files D02-21017 and SUB-21-0004 (D03-21004) - (CW Item 11.6) - (Proposed By-law 45-23)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Mercedeh Andalibi for the lands known as Part of Lot 16, Registered Plan 2113 (Municipal Address: 271 Old 16th Avenue), City Files D02-21017 and SUB-21-0004 (D03-21004), be approved, subject to the following:

(i) that the subject lands be rezoned from Residential Single Family Five (R5) Zone under Zoning By-law 107-86, as amended, to Residential Single Family Three (R3) Zone under By-law 107-86, as amended, with site specific

exceptions as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.23.046;

(ii) that the amending Zoning By-law be presented at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting for consideration and enactment;

(iii) that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 5 to Staff Report SRPI.23.046 be draft approved, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “C” to Staff Report SRPI.23.046;

(iv) that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City’s Tariff of Fees By-law 83-22; and,

b) That 10.53 persons equivalent of servicing allocation be assigned to the subject lands, to be released by the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure in accordance with By-law 109-11, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.7 SRPI.23.048 – Request for Comments - Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project - City File D24-18001 - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.048 regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project be received, and that Council refer all comments back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.8 SRCM.23.06 - Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) - (CW Item 11.8) - (Proposed By-law 55-23)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRCM.23.06 regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan be received;

b) That Council adopt Official Plan Amendment 41, which constitutes the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (attached to

staff report SRCM.23.06 as Attachment 6), and that the City's Official Plan be amended in accordance with the policy changes and modifications set out in Official Plan Amendment 41; and

c) That following adoption of Official Plan Amendment 41 by City Council, a copy of the amendment be forwarded to York Region for approval.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (9): Mayor West, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Cui, Councillor Cilevitz, and Councillor Shiu

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

15.1.9 SRCFS.23.011 - Revisions to the Proclamation Policy, and the Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy and Procedures - (CW Item 11.9)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.011 regarding Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy and Proclamation Policy Revisions be received.

b) That the revised Proclamation Policy (Attachment "B"), Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy (Attachment "D"), Customary Flag Configuration Procedure (Attachment "E"), and Flying Flags at Half-mast Procedure (Attachment "H"), attached to Staff Report SRCFS.23.011, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.10 SRCFS.23.026 - Richmond Hill's 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - (CW Item 11.10)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.026 regarding Richmond Hill's 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received;

b) That the Draft 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRCFS.23.026, be approved;

c) That the approved 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted to the City's website as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.11 Correspondence received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan - (CW Item 11.11)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan, be received:

1. David Crowley, 48 Greenbelt Crescent, dated April 28, 2023.
2. Ian Andres, Goodmans LLP, on behalf of Metroview Developments (Garden) Inc., dated May 2, 2023.
3. Bruce Hall, Principal, The Planning Partnership, on behalf of 1921318 Ontario Limited, dated May 2, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.12 Correspondence from Brian Chapnik, Vice-Chair, A Better Richmond Hill, regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project - (CW Item 11.12)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the correspondence from Brian Chapnik, Vice-Chair, A Better Richmond Hill, dated April 29, 2023, regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project, be received.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Correspondence regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41) - (refer to Item 15.1.8)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following correspondence regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41), be received:

1. John Li, Richmond Hill Umbrella Residents Group (RHURG), dated May 8, 2023.

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

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

That the following By-laws be approved:

- 18.1 By-law 45-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 107-86, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill
- 18.2 By-law 50-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services
- 18.3 By-law 51-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services
- 18.4 By-law 52-23 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services
- 18.5 By-law 55-23 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 41 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan

Carried Unanimously

19. Closed Session

19.1 Resolution to Move into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be recessed for 15 minutes, following which the meeting be deemed to move into Closed Session:

a) To consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees with respect to a facility naming, (Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001).

Carried Unanimously

19.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (11:58 a.m. to 12:21 p.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

19.3.1 SRCS.23.10 - Renaming Bayview Hill Community Centre Renaissance Room to the Raj Sethi Room - (Agenda Item A)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That the Renaissance Room at the Bayview Hill Community Centre be renamed as the 'Raj Sethi Room'; and,
- b) That staff report back on an updated facility naming process.

Carried Unanimously

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

20.1 By-law 64-23

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

That By-law 64-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

May 10, 2023

C#18-23

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk