



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#20-23

Wednesday, May 24, 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 24, 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 Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Liu

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
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
A. Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations

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

Staff Members present via videoconference:

P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
D. Oliveira, Acting Director, Public Works
S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
L. Dejesus, Manager, Capital Infrastructure Programming & Project Management Office
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
S. Fiore, Senior Planner – Development
G. La Moglie, Planner II - 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)

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

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Cui advised that he will host a Ward 4 Multicultural Heritage Gala on June 10, and extended an invitation to families living in Ward 4 to attend and enjoy food, family and children's programming.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan expressed gratitude to his assistant, volunteers and event staff for their help in organizing his Spring Fair which was held on May 20. He thanked Council members, the Deputy Fire Chief, and residents who attended and supported his event.

Councillor Thompson advised that he was hosting a Safety Symposium at Elgin Barrow Arena on June 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in which Emergency and Fire Services, York Regional Police, Road Watch, Neighborhood Watch and various other safety organizations would be in attendance to offer tips on how to keep our home and community safe.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola shared that he will be hosting a Family Fun Day at Lake Wilcox on June 17, and recommended that residents planning to attend register their license plate through the City's website in order to park at Lake Wilcox for free.

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: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

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

a) Delegation from John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding 2023 Final Levy By-law and Tax Rates - (Item 14.1)

b) Correspondence from John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding 2023 Final Levy By-law and Tax Rates - (Item 15.4)

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#17-23 held May 2, 2023

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#17-23 held May 2, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.2 Council Meeting C#18-23 held May 10, 2023

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#18-23 held May 10, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate item 15.3.5 for discussion.

11. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Cilevitz, seconded by Councillor Shiu, 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 Patrick Francone in recognition of running every street in the City of Richmond Hill over a two-year period

Mayor West presented Patrick Francone with a certificate for accomplishing his goal of running on every street in Richmond Hill over a two-year period. He congratulated P. Francone on his commitment and dedication to his goal and for his passion for the City.

13.2 Presentation by Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health, regarding an update on operations at Mackenzie Health

Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health, provided an update on operations at Mackenzie Health, including remarking on their accomplishments and pressures. He shared how operations have been stabilized across the two hospitals; provided an update on staffing; how technology was being leveraged to enhance patient care; efforts to renew the hospital, and fundraising. A. Stationwala invited the community to get involved through volunteering, or by joining a fundraising committee or the Foundation Board.

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

a) That the presentation by Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health, regarding an update on operations at Mackenzie Health, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

14. Delegations

14.1 John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding 2023 Final Levy By-law and Tax Rates - (refer to Items 15.3.5 and 18.2)

John Li, 206 Brookside Road, provided statistics on residents' contribution to property tax revenue and indicated that he utilized data provided by the Ontario Provincial Government in his analysis. He shared his opinion that Richmond Hill residents have seen the highest tax increase over the past decade and bared the highest tax burden among comparable cities in Ontario. J. Li identified possible reasons for the increased tax burden on residents, and asked Council to confront the challenges directly and take actions to improve municipal operations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#03-23 held April 13, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Extracts - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-23 held May 11, 2023

15.2.1 SRPI.23.037 - 2023 Heritage Grant Applications - Six Properties

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the presentation by Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding SRPI.23037, 2023 Heritage Grant Applications – Six Properties, be received with thanks;

b) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved towards the cost of emergency structural and roof repairs to the front verandah/balcony of the property located at 188 Gormley Road West (designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SRPI.23.03;

c) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved towards the cost of replacing the roof of the Octagonal Vault located at 10066 Yonge Street (designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SPRI.23.037;

d) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved towards the cost of replacing 20 deteriorated windows of the property at 12 Station Road (designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SRPI.23.037;

e) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved towards the cost of replacing three deteriorated wood windows of the property located at 210 Richmond Street (designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SPRI.23.037;

f) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$750 be approved towards the cost of repainting exterior doors and windows of the property located at 16 Macleod Estate Court (designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SRPI.23.037; and

g) That a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved towards the cost of installing a new front door and windows of the property located at 16 Bawden Drive (designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act), as outlined in SRPI.23.037.

Carried Unanimously

15.2.2 SRPI.23.045 Heritage Permit – 10066 Yonge St (Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery Octagonal Vault) Roof Replacement D12-07438

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to replace the roof of the Octagonal Vault located at 10066 Yonge Street, as described in report SRPI.23.045, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

15.3 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#05-23 held May 17, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#05-23 held May 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded 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

15.3.2 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) - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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 Unanimously

15.3.3 SRPI.23.064 - Bayview Avenue - 16th Avenue to Highway 7 Streetscape Corner Enhancements - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded 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

15.3.4 SRCFS.23.016 - Local Improvement Project - Treasurer Report, Special Assessment for Powell Street and Wright Street, from Mill Street to Hall Street - (CW Item 11.4) - (Proposed By-law 37-23)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

15.3.5 SRCFS.23.017 - 2023 Final Levy By-Law and Tax Rates - (CW Item 11.5) - (Proposed By-law 38-23)

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

- 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.

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, Councillor Shiu

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

15.3.6 SRCFS.23.023 - Non-Competitive Acquisition, Catalogue Discovery Layer Solution for Richmond Hill Public Library - (CW Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

15.3.8 Member Motion - Mayor West - Government of Ontario to Expedite Regulations Affecting Housing Supply Crisis - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

15.3.9 Member Motion - Mayor West - Funding for Increased Data Capacity - (CW Item 12.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

15.4 Correspondence from John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding 2023 Final Levy By-law and Tax Rates - (refer to Items 15.3.5 and 18.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the correspondence from John Li, 206 Brookside Road, regarding 2023 Final Levy By-law and Tax Rates be received.

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: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following By-laws be approved:

18.1 By-law 37-23 - A By-law to adopt the Local Improvement Roll for Powell Street and Wright Street, from Mill Street to Hall Street Local Improvement Project

18.2 By-law 38-23 - A By-law to provide for the levy and collection of the sums required by The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill for 2023 and to provide for the mailing of notices demanding payment of taxes for 2023

18.3 Bylaw 60-23 - A By-law to establish lands as public highway

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Carried

19. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider matters relating to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them, with respect to a Federal Crown Agency program (Section 239(2)(h) 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 (11:55 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

The City Clerk advised that Council provided confidential direction to staff in Closed Session for Item A, and that there were no recommendations to be made in open session.

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

20.1 By-law 68-23

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 68-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

21. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk