



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**CW#06-23**

**Wednesday, June 7, 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, June 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee 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

Regrets:

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. Adari, Assistant City Solicitor  
B. Burbidge, Fire Chief  
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center  
B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery  
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
L. Chen, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy  
D. Olding, Senior Manager Richmond Hill Centre Subway

S. Tsenis, Manager, Corporate Asset Management  
F. Toniolo, Senior Planner - Development  
S. Huycke, City Clerk  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer  
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture  
D. Oliveira, Acting Director, Public Works Operations  
D. Anand, Manager, Policy and Licensing  
D. DiRuscio, Manager, Cultural Services  
I. Treiger, Financial Management Advisor

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**2. Council Announcements**

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that the month of June was observed for National Indigenous Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, Portuguese History and Heritage Month, Filipino Heritage Month, Pride Month, Seniors Month, and Parks and Recreation Month.

Councillor Cilevitz announced that the City of Richmond Hill had once again proclaimed June as Pride Month, and extended an invitation to everyone to celebrate the proclamation and show their pride at the flag raising event being held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the main municipal offices community flag poles.

Councillor Cilevitz further advised that the annual York Pride Parade was being held on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. along Main Street in Newmarket. She extended an invitation to everyone to attend and show pride, noting a Richmond Hill Fire Truck would be leading a group of loud marches.

Councillor Cilevitz extended an open invitation to all to join herself, Pat Pollock and the Ward 5 Civic Engagement Committee on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to learn about municipal by-laws.

Councillor Cilevitz extended congratulatory remarks to Regional and Local Councillor Chan for being reelected to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan expressed his thanks and noted that he looked forward to the opportunity of representing Richmond Hill, York Region and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Councillor Shiu advised that he would be launching a Traffic Safety Seminar on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the main municipal offices, Committee Room 2, reviewed items of discussion, and extended an invitation to the public and Members of Council to join him at the seminar.

Councillor Cui advised that June was observed for Seniors Month in Ontario, and noted that the City was hosting events. He extended an invitation to all seniors over the age of 55 to participate in the celebration.

Councillor Cui advised that the City's Official Plan Update and Zoning By-law update public engagement meeting was being held this evening, and extended an invitation for everyone to participate in the discussions and provide input to the City's plans.

Councillor Cui advised of the Ward 4 Multi-Cultural Gala that was being held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Elgin West Community Centre and extended an invitation to residents to participate in the event.

Councillor Thompson advised that he was hosting a Safety Symposium on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., at Elgin Barrow Area, noted details of the event, and extended an invitation to all residents to attend the event and learn how to become a safer community.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola announced that a City Plan Open House public engagement meeting was being held this evening at the McConaghy Centre at 7 p.m., and extended an invitation to everyone to join and learn about the proposed Official Plan Amendments and have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the City's Official Plan.

### **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 Thompson

- a) That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following additions:
  - i. Correspondence received regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs – (Item 11.11);
  - ii. Correspondence received regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc., for 0 Oneida Crescent – (Item 11.12);
- b) That Committee of the Whole consider Delegations prior to Presentations.

Carried Unanimously

## **5. 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*.

## **6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Committee consented to separate items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6 and 11.9 for discussion.

## **7. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Councillor Cilevitz, Committee adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

## **8. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

## **9. Presentations**

- 9.1 Paolo Masaro, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services, made a presentation to Committee regarding the City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report. He reviewed the importance of Asset Management as a key driver in the Capital Sustainability Framework, how asset management planning had evolved since 2020, and the purpose and how to understand the State of Infrastructure Report. He provided a summary of City-owned assets and their condition, and shared the importance of asset condition assessments, and the Risk Prioritization Framework in prioritizing capital investments in infrastructure. P. Masaro provided examples of condition assessments that are undertaken by the City, and advised of the growing asset inventories and aging infrastructure that will require increased funding to maintain their condition and manage the infrastructure backlog.

He advised that the 2024 Asset Management Plan will include the updated State of Infrastructure asset data and would further inform on the backlog and infrastructure needs and financing structure.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

- a) That the presentation by Paolo Masaro, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services, regarding the City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

- 9.2 Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, made a presentation to Committee regarding Development Charges (DC) By-law Update - Status Update. She highlighted the 'Growth Studies and Master Plans', and the 'Financial Studies and Plans' components within the Capital Sustainability Framework which informed the Financial Sustainability Strategy and impacted future budgets. She reviewed the purpose of collecting development charges (DC), how the DC rate was calculated, the two types of DCs in Richmond Hill, and the reasons for updating the 2023 DC By-laws. G. Li advised of the forecasted financial impact of Bill 23 on revenue and noted that the revenue losses presented additional challenges to the capital planning process. She reviewed key considerations for the 2023 DC By-law update, the tentative timeline for completing the DC Background Study and commented on the on-going stakeholder consultation and engagement.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That the presentation by Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, regarding Development Charges By-law Update - Status Update, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

## 10. Delegations

- 10.1 Karine Hajje, on behalf of her parents Anis and Leila Hajje, 1610-65 Oneida Crescent, addressed Committee regarding the applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc., for 0 Oneida Crescent. She advised that when her parents purchased their home the sales representative confirmed that the lands in front were proposed townhouses. She expressed their disappointment with construction, traffic, congestion, and with proposed development on Oneida Crescent, and noted the proposed

development would block their view, and would tower over the existing buildings. K. Hajje advised that urban planning had changed in the area and that what was being proposed was unethical. She advised that in her opinion, the City worked closely with developers, and requested that Committee consider what the future would look like in terms of urban planning and greenspace.

- 10.2 Billy Tung, KLM Planning Partners Inc., representing the applicant, addressed Committee regarding the applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc., for 0 Oneida Crescent. He advised that they were satisfied with staff's recommendations in the staff report, and that the 2010 Richmond Hill Official Plan and the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan designated the subject lands as high density residential uses. He advised that the applicant made efforts to change the building orientation and building floor plates to an oval shape which provided for better view for the existing residents and for direct unit to unit views.
- 10.3 Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, addressed Committee regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs. She advised that she welcomed changes to the Sign By-law, specifically to the Elections Signs section. She shared suggestions with respect to Section 6.6.6 Election Signs on Private Property, which included that a fine be levied for misplacement of a sign on private property; enforcement of signs on regional road intersections and medians; and remarked on municipal candidate signs bordering municipal boundaries. She advised that the City of Toronto levied fines for the situations stated and that it also operated as a deterrent. She encouraged Committee to make Richmond Hill a safer place, and advised that clear, transparent accountable by-laws were required that cover as many situations as possible.

## 11. Committee and Staff Reports

### 11.1 **SRCM.23.008 – Request for Direction – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications – Gates of Bayview Inc. – 0 Oneida Crescent - City Files D01-19005 and D02-19023 (Related File D06-22002)**

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

- a) That Staff Report SRCM.23.008 be received for information;
- b) That the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) be advised:

- (i) That Council supports the revised development proposal as outlined in Report SRCM.23.008 and generally depicted on Maps 7 and 8 to Staff Report SRCM.23.008 associated with Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc. (City Files D01-19005 and D02-19023) for lands known as Part of Lots 37 and 38, Concession 1, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 0 Oneida Crescent);
  - (ii) That the OLT be requested to approve the Official Plan Amendment substantially in accordance with the document in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRCM.23.008;
  - (iii) That the OLT be requested to approve the Zoning By-law Amendment substantially in accordance with the document in Appendix “C” to Staff Report SRCM.23.008;
  - (iv) 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 amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;
- c) That the authority to assign servicing allocation to the proposed development to be constructed on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure Services subject to the criteria in the City’s Interim Growth Management Strategy, and that the assigned servicing allocation be released in accordance with the provisions of By-law 109-11; and,
- d) That appropriate City staff be directed to appear at the OLT in support of Council’s position concerning the above noted application.

Carried Unanimously

## **11.2 SRCFS.23.028 – Public Conduct and Complaints Policy**

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

- a) That Staff Report SRCFS.23.028 regarding a Public Conduct and Complaints Policy be received;
- b) That the Public Conduct and Complaints Policy, Attachment “A to Staff Report SRCFS.23.028, be approved; and
- c) That the Accountability and Transparency Policy be amended to include the approved Public Conduct and Complaints Policy in the Section 4 list of Open Government and Public Participation policies.

Carried Unanimously

**11.3 SRCFS.23.020 - Development Charges By-Law Update – Status Update**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

- a) That staff report SRCFS.23.020, regarding Development Charges By-law Update - Status Update, be received for information purposes;
- b) That the 2023 Development Charges By-Law Update Plan as outlined in Appendix A to staff report SRCFS.23.020 be approved; and
- c) That the Director of Financial Services and Treasurer be authorized to schedule and give notice for the public meetings required by the Development Charges Act, 1997.

Carried Unanimously

**11.4 SRCFS.23.027 – Reinstatement of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

- a) That a Capital Sustainability Steering Committee be reinstated;
- b) That the following members be appointed to the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee for this term of Council:
  - i. Mayor, Chair of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee
  - ii. Budget Chair
  - iii. Deputy Mayor
  - iv. Ward 1 and Ward 5 Local Councillors
- c) That the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee Draft Terms of Reference attached as Appendix “B” to staff report SRCFS.23.027 be approved;
- d) That the first meeting of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee be scheduled upon Council’s approval of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee’s Draft Terms of Reference.

Carried Unanimously

**11.5 SRCS.23.11 – 2023 Community and Cultural Grant Program**

Moved by: Councillor Shiu



a) That the Community and Cultural Grant applications listed in Appendix “A” to Staff Report SRCS.23.11, be received;

b) That Community and Cultural Grants totaling \$64,640 be provided to the following community and cultural organizations, and individual artists:

- CHATS \$4,850
- Community Living York South \$5,000
- Rise Above GTA Inc. \$5,000
- Salvation Army \$1,000
- Bindu Shah \$5,000
- Caterina Liberatore \$500
- Christos Damianos \$2,500
- Howard Wong \$5,000
- Kousha Nakhaei \$5,000
- Vania Chan \$4,700
- Chorus York \$3,750
- Dance Together Festival \$5,000
- Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region \$5,000
- High Notes Avante Productions Inc. \$3,750
- Odeiwin \$4,160
- Origami Canada \$680
- Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra \$3,750

Carried Unanimously

#### **11.6 SRCS.23.14 - Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.14 regarding amendments to the Sign By-law be received;

b) That By-law 62-23 (Attachment 1 to staff report SRCS.23.14) be enacted to amend the Sign By-law 52-09, Municipal Code Chapter 740 regarding the regulation of Highway and Digital Display Signs within the City of Richmond Hill;

c) That By-law 63-23 (Attachment 2 to staff report SRCS.23.14) be enacted to amend the Sign By-law 52-09, Municipal Code Chapter 740 regarding the regulation of Election Signs within the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

**11.7 SRCS.23.16 - Amendments to the Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-law**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.16, regarding amendments to the Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-law, be received;

b) That By-law 59-23 (Attachment 1 to staff report SRCS.23.16) be enacted to amend the Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-law 195-05 (Municipal Code Chapter 875);

c) That By-law 69-23 (Attachment 2 to staff report SRCS.23.16) be enacted to amend Schedule 'A' of the Administrative Penalties By-law 69-16, as amended, to include designated Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-law offences.

Carried Unanimously

**11.8 SRCS.23.06 - Emergency Management Program**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS 23.06 regarding the City's Emergency Management Program be received;

b) That the Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan By-law 47-23, attached to Staff Report SRCS.23.06 as Appendix 1, be enacted;

c) That the approved 2023 Emergency Plan (Schedule "A" to By-law 47-23) be posted on the City's website and made available to the public in hardcopy upon request.

Carried Unanimously

**11.9 SRPI.23.055 - City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report**

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That staff report SRPI.23.055 regarding the City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report, be received for information purposes; and
- b) That the City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report, be

Carried Unanimously

**11.10 SRPI.23.056 - Request for In-Year Budget Increase for the West Beaver Creek Pond Capital Project**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That Council authorize and increase the amount of the City's capital project West Beaver Creek Pond A (SWMF 27-2) Rehabilitation account P/000560, by \$890,000, from \$3,777,500 to \$4,667,500;
- b) That the capital project budget increase be funded from the following sources:
  - i. That \$270,000.00 of the increase be funded through the Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund;
  - ii. \$620,000.00 from the Water Quality Protection Reserve Fund;
- c) That staff continue with the award of this contract to the low bidder.

Carried Unanimously

**11.11 Correspondence received regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs - (Item 11.6)**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following correspondence regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs, be received:

- 1. Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated June 5, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**11.12 Correspondence received regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc., for 0 Oneida Crescent - (Item 11.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following correspondence regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by Gates of Bayview Inc., for 0 Oneida Crescent, be received:

1. Jack Krepel, 205-55 Oneida Crescent, and Ian Noy, 301-65 Oneida Crescent, dated May 31, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**12. Other Business**

There were no other business items.

**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: Mayor West

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.