



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#22-23

Wednesday, June 14, 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, June 14, 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
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
B. Burbidge, Fire Chief
C. Treacy, Director, Human Resources
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre
D. Olding, Senior Manager, Richmond Hill Centre Subway
C. Chong, Project Manager, Policy Richmond Hill Centre
N. Naghavi, Project Manager, Yonge Subway Extension
S. Huycke, City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
D. Oliveira, Acting Director, Public Works Operations
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
D. Anand, Manager Policy and Licensing
C. Greco, Manager, Real Estate

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)

Julia Vasiliev, 99 Merton Street, addressed Council regarding a soccer field in her neighbourhood that was not being used and inquired about the process to have it repurposed into either a tennis court or basketball court so that the community could make better use of the space.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz thanked the residents who attended the Ward 5 Civic Engagement Committee (W5CEC) meeting last night at the Richmond Hill Central Library where the important issue of municipal by-laws were discussed, and extended her appreciation to the staff who were in attendance to make the presentation and to Chair Pat Pollock for all the work she has done for the W5CEC. Councillor Cilevitz advised that the York Pride Parade was being held on Saturday, June 17th in Newmarket and extended an invitation to everyone to attend to show their Richmond Hill and York Region pride.

Councillor Shiu advised that his Traffic Safety Seminar was being held this evening at the Main Municipal Office and would be attended by a York Regional Police Officer to discuss the enforcement of various driving regulations, as well as a guest speaker who was a traffic engineer who would address the benefits and drawbacks of various traffic calming measures, and extended an invitation for all to attend.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola advised residents that this Saturday, June 17th there was a community event at Lake Wilcox and reminded residents that they were able to register one vehicle for free for the season to ensure they have a parking spot for the event, and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

Councillor Cui highlighted the Ward 4 Multicultural Heritage Gala that was held last Saturday at the Elgin West Community Centre noting that it was very well attended, and extended his thanks to Members of Council, the MPP and MP, as well as all of the residents who attended and for their support. Councillor Cui advised that this Saturday, June 17th the Mon Sheong Foundation was hosting their charity walk at the Richmond Green Park and noted everyone was welcome to attend, and further advised of an awards ceremony he would be in attendance at on Friday, June 23rd and extended an invitation to all to attend if they were available.

Councillor Thompson advised of the success of his Safety Symposium held last Thursday night at the Elgin Barrow Area noting that the event was very well attended, and extended his thanks to those who participated as well as to Deputy Mayor Chan and Mayor West for attending.

Mayor West acknowledged the many Councillor organized events that have been held in the community and thanked his colleagues for their efforts and contributions to the community. Mayor West advised that there was a Pride flag raising ceremony held last week at the Main Municipal Office and that the Pride flag was now flying proudly at 225 East Beaver Creek Road, and noted that he

was looking forward to participating in the Pride Parade being held in Newmarket on the weekend.

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 Shiu

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

a) Correspondence submitted by Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated June 12, 2023, regarding the regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs - (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#19-23 held May 16, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#19-23 held on May 16, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

9.2 Council Meeting C#20-23 held May 24, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#20-23 held on May 24, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

9.3 Council Public Meeting C#21-23 held June 6, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#21-23 held on June 6, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.2.1 and 15.2.6 for discussion.

11. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Liu, 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 Stephen Collins, Rajesh Khetarpal, Chris Spencer, and Renee Afoom-Boateng from Metrolinx regarding an update on the Yonge North Subway Extension Project

Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Yonge North Subway Extension, made a presentation to Council to provide a Project Update on the Yonge North Subway Extension, and introduced Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement (905 region); Chris Spencer, Vice President, Subway Project Delivery - Yonge North Subway Extension; and Renee Afoom-Boateng, Senior Manager, Third Party Adjacent Works - Subways, from Metrolinx who were in attendance to help answer any questions that may arise from the presentation.

S. Collins provided a detailed overview of the Project and reviewed recent milestones that included early work on the Finch Station, release of the Advance Tunnel Request for Qualifications (RFQ), ongoing utility relocations, and Transit Corridor Lands (TCLs) Designation and associated notifications. He reviewed property requirements including property acquisition and negotiation, progress to date, and next steps for the Project. R. Khetarpal provided an overview of the community engagement and communications activities, and advised of the various sources of information available regarding the Project on the internet and

social media. S. Collins concluded the presentation by thanking the Mayor and Members of Council for allowing them to present, and noted that they were available to answer any questions.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the presentation by Stephen Collins, Rajesh Khetarpal, Chris Spencer, and Renee Afoom-Boateng from Metrolinx regarding an update on the Yonge North Subway Extension Project, be received with thanks.

Carried

14. Delegations

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#01-23 held April 20, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#01-23 held April 20, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#06-23 held June 7, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#06-23 held June 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.2.1 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) - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

15.2.2 SRCFS.23.028 - Public Conduct and Complaints Policy - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

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

15.2.3 SRCFS.23.020 - Development Charges By-Law Update - Status Update - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

15.2.4 SRCFS.23.027 - Reinstatement of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

15.2.5 SRCS.23.11 - 2023 Community and Cultural Grant Program - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded 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

15.2.6 SRCS.23.14 - Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs - (CW Item 11.6) - (By-law 62-23)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- 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 draft By-law 63-23 (Attachment 2 to staff report SRCS.23.14, Agenda Item 18.6) be referred back to staff for consideration of the comments raised by Council at its meeting held June 14, 2023.

Carried

15.2.7 SRCS.23.16 - Amendments to the Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-law - (CW Item 11.7) - (By-laws 59-23 and 69-23)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

15.2.8 SRCS.23.06 - Emergency Management Program - (CW Item 11.8) - (Proposed By-law 47-23)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

15.2.9 SRPI.23.055 - City of Richmond Hill 2023 State of Infrastructure Report - (CW Item 11.9)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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 endorsed.

Carried Unanimously

15.2.10 SRPI.23.056 - Request for In-Year Budget Increase for the West Beaver Creek Pond Capital Project - (CW Item 11.10)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

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

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

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

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

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

15.3 SRS.23.02 - Purchase of Lands located on Bethesda Sideroad from The Regional Municipality of York

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and such documentation as may be required to implement the acquisition for nominal consideration of those lands described as Lot 5, Concession 3; designated as Parts 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Plan 65R-39889 from The Regional Municipality of York upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried Unanimously

15.4 Correspondence submitted by Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated June 12, 2023, regarding the regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs - (refer to Item 15.2.6 and Proposed By-laws 62-23 and 63-23)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the correspondence submitted by Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated June 12, 2023, regarding the regarding Sign By-law Amendments for Digital Displays, Highway and Election Signs, 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:

By-law 47-23 - A By-Law to Repeal and Replace By-law 46-10 and Adopt an updated Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and

to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

By-law 57-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 58-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands From Part Lot Control

By-law 59-23 - A By-Law to amend By-law 194-05 of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill for the licensing of refreshment vehicles, as amended, being Chapter 875 of the Municipal Code

By-law 62-23 - A By-law to amend By-law 52-09, being the City of Richmond Hill Sign By-law

By-law 69-23 - A By-law to amend By-law 69-16 of the City of Richmond Hill

Carried Unanimously

19. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That Council move into closed session:

a) To consider matters related to the receiving advice that is subject to: solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and related to litigation affecting the municipality before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Ontario Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-22-00678964-0000, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill ats. Mary-Anne Dempster (Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25).

b) To consider matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the 2023 Richmond Hill Professional Fire Fighters Association (RHPFFA) Local 1957 Negotiations (Section 239(2)(d) 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 (11:41 a.m. to 1:03 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.

The City Clerk advised that there were no open session recommendations for Closed Session Item B.

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

20.1 By-law 72-23

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That By-law 72-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk