



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**CW#07-23**

**Wednesday, June 21, 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 21, 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

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Councillor Davidson

Councillor Thompson

Councillor Liu

Councillor Cui

Councillor Cilevitz

Councillor Shiu

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

M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer

C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor

M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning

S. Huycke, City Clerk

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
- D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
- R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
- D. Oliveira, Acting Director, Public Works
- D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
- D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions
- J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Water Resources
- L. Penner, Senior Planner
- A. Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Council Announcements**

Regional and Local Councillor Chan recognized that today was National Indigenous Peoples Day, and noted that we celebrate the diversity and culture of the Indigenous People, including the Inuit and Métis.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan recognized that today was the first day of summer and invited Richmond Hill seniors aged 55 and above to visit Oak Ridges Community Centre from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ice cream.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan recognized that at last week's Regional Council meeting a resolution was adopted to recognize the 100 year anniversary of dark history in Canada. He provided background information on the Chinese Exclusion Act, noted that the Senate of Canada would be commemorating the anniversary, and that he looked forward to continuing to promote our diverse and multicultural society.

Mayor West recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day, and noted that there were a number of activities within the city that promoted Indigenous culture and a greater understanding by residents of what needed to be done for truth and reconciliation. He advised of the sacred fire ceremony that was held yesterday on the grounds of the Richmond Hill Public Library and remarked on its importance in Indigenous culture.

Mayor West acknowledged that the Richmond Hill Public Library Board had unveiled artwork that was a collaboration with an Indigenous artist named Keith

Gattie at the Richmond Green Library and highlighted the artwork and drumming ceremony.

Mayor West recognized the success of the York Region Pride Parade that took place last weekend in Newmarket and thanked Councillor Cilevitz for taking the lead and those Councillors in attendance.

Mayor West encouraged the community to get involved in the development of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and noted that it was an opportunity for the community to share their views on the vision and strategic direction of the City.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola extended his gratitude to event staff and volunteers for their efforts in organizing his event on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Lake Wilcox and advised that the proceeds from sponsorships were donated to a local charity Abuse Hurts.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola acknowledged that today was his wife's birthday.

Councillor Cui advised that he was hosting a community public meeting regarding a development proposal along Yonge Street at the Main Municipal Offices tomorrow evening, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and extended an invitation to Council members to attend.

### **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 with the following additions:

a) Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to a Pilot Project to Allow Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas – (Item 11.7)

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, 11.3, 11.6, 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 for discussion.

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

On a motion of Mayor West, 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 SRCS.23.12 – 2022 to 2023 Season Winter Maintenance Review**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.12 regarding review of winter maintenance during the 2022 to 2023 winter season be received for information.

b) That staff investigate the potential to provide the South Richvale Greenway, in whole or in part, with the same standard of maintenance provided for other city trails maintained through the winter months; and, that staff report back to Council their findings through the 2024 Operating Budget process.

Carried Unanimously

**11.2 SRCS.23.15 – Administrative Penalties Amendment – Parking and Stopping on Regional Roads**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.15 regarding amendment of the Administrative Penalty By-law be received;

b) That By-law No. 70-23 (Attachment 3) be enacted to replace Schedule “B” of the Administrative Penalty By-law No. 69-16.

Carried Unanimously

**11.3 SRPI.23.058 - Request for Approval – Town Park Master Plan**

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRPI.23.058 regarding the Town Park Master Plan be received; and
- b) That Council approve the Town Park Master Plan (Appendix A).

Carried Unanimously

**11.4 SRPI.23.070 – Request for Comments – Site Plan Application – 2706379 Ontario Limited – 12600 Bayview Avenue - City File: D06-20041 (Related City Files: D01-19004, D02-19021 and CON-22-0003)**

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.070 with respect to the Site Plan application submitted by 2706379 Ontario Limited for lands known as Block 226, Plan 65M-3802 (Municipal Address: 12600 Bayview Avenue), City File D06-20041, be received for information purposes and that all comments be referred back to staff; and,
- b) That the authority to assign 54.15 persons equivalent of servicing allocation to 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, and that the assigned servicing allocation be released in accordance with the provisions of By-law 109-11, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**11.5 SRCM.23.11 - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund**

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That Council endorse the City's submission of applications to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund administered by Infrastructure Canada for 2 eligible capital projects as described in SRCM.23.11; and
- b) That should the City's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund grants be successful, Council approve the City's allocation of:
  - i. Upper East Don River & Mill Pond Park Stormwater Management System Revitalization Project - with the total current estimated value of the project at \$12,743,000 and the grant being for up to

40% of the costs, that the City's portion be funded from sources as determined by the Treasurer.

ii. Humber Flats Flood Mitigation Project - with the total current estimated value of the project at \$5,670,000 and the grant being for up to 40% of the costs, that the City's portion be funded from sources as determined by the Treasurer.

Carried Unanimously

**11.6 Correspondence from Henry Chui, President, MRVCBA, dated May 30, 2023, regarding a Request to Deem an Event Municipally Significant - Uptown Asian Festival**

Moved by: Councillor Liu

a) That the correspondence from Henry Chui, President, MRVCBA, dated May 30, 2023, regarding a Request to Deem an Event Municipally Significant - Uptown Asian Festival, be received;

b) That the Uptown Asian Festival, scheduled to be held on September 1-3, 2023 be deemed an event of Municipal Significance in order for the Uptown Asian Festival to obtain a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to be utilized at the Uptown Asian Festival.

Carried Unanimously

**11.7 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to a Pilot Project to Allow Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas – (Item 12.2)**

Moved by: Mayor West

That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to a Pilot Project to Allow Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas, be received:

1. Irmajean Bajnok, 25 Castleridge Drive, dated June 20, 2023;
2. Kathleen Wong, 169 Parkston Court, dated June 20, 2023;
3. Adriana Pisano Beaumont, 62 Wicker Drive, dated June 20, 2023.
4. Elena Smith, 10 Cheval Court, dated June 20, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**12. Other Business****12.1 Member Motion - Mayor West - Civic Centre Revitalization**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas the City owns significant parcels of land (the “Civic Centre Lands”) at the southwest corner of Yonge Street and Major Mackenzie Drive, which have potential to be an important landmark and functional public space in the City centre.

Whereas intermittently since the late 1970’s, the City has considered developing the Civic Centre Lands to include municipal offices, an urban square and a destination park. Most recently, in 2013 the City completed a comprehensive community engagement and corporate planning initiative under the name of the “Civic Precinct Project” and in 2016 Council approved a recommended “Civic Precinct Plan” (Appendix 1).

Whereas in 2020 implementation of the Civic Precinct Plan was put on hold given the pandemic and its impact on the need for municipal office space, as well as the priorities of Council at the time.

Whereas a destination park and public square at the Civic Centre Lands would help to revitalize the Village Core and provide a much needed central location for community gatherings and civic events.

Whereas development of the Civic Centre Lands would be consistent with:

- 1) Official Plan policies which recognize these lands as part of the Major Mackenzie BRT Station Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) and the Regional Mixed Use Corridor;
- 2) The Investment Attraction Study (approved by Council June 2022) recommendation to explore public-private partnerships to use the Civic Centre Lands as “community-based office and culture industry-focused location;”
- 3) The Parks Plan (approved by Council in June 2022) directs that “The City may convert the Mount Pleasant Community Park, including The Wave Pool lands (Lois Hancey Aquatic Centre) and the lands to the east of the Central Library lands into a Destination Park to establish a new civic gathering space now referred to as the “Richmond Hill Civic Centre Lands” at the southwest corner of Major Mackenzie Drive and Yonge Street”.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

- a) Staff undertake a consultation process to confirm the design elements to be included in a passive park (i.e. a park with no permanent outdoor recreational facilities) on the portion of the Richmond Hill Civic Centre lands to the east of the Central Library to provide a central location for community gatherings and civic events in the short-term to be considered in the 2024 capital Budget discussion; and
- b) A report back to Council following the completion of the short-term passive park works on the recommended process to develop and undertake the longer-term vision for the Richmond Hill Civic Centre lands.

Carried Unanimously

**12.2 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Pilot Project Re: Allowing Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently run a pilot project regarding allowing hens in residential neighbourhoods;

Whereas urban agriculture and vertical farming will become an increasingly important means by which to counter difficulties with getting product to market and mitigating against potential food production inconsistencies;

Whereas allowing residents to have a limited number of hens in their backyards, for the purposes of producing eggs for personal consumption can provide an option for our residents to expand urban farming opportunities;

Whereas having a limited number of chickens of the female gender requires a relatively small amount of land area and provides relatively little disturbance in a residential neighbourhood if cared for properly;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Committee of the Whole recommends that Richmond Hill Council directs appropriate city staff to initiate a 1-year pilot project that would allow residents in residentially zoned areas to have up to 3 hens on their property.



2. That appropriate city staff monitor the success of this pilot project and report back to Council with recommendations on whether or not to proceed with granting residents this option permanently through a By-Law.

**Motion to Refer:**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the member motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding a Pilot Project to Allow Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas be referred to staff to report back when the Animal Keeping By-law review is brought forward to Council.

Motion to Refer Carried Unanimously

**12.3 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Direction to Staff to Initiate Procurement Process for Tax Collection Software**

The member motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding Direction to Staff to Initiate Procurement Process for Tax Collection Software was withdrawn.

**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 Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.