



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#24-23

Wednesday, June 28, 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 28, 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 Member 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
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
S. Huycke, City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer
- M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
- D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
- F. Quarisa, Director, Public Works Operations
- D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
- L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
- M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
- D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions
- D. Oliveira, Manager, Water, Wastewater and Roads
- J. Concepcion, Financial Management Advisor
- L. Penner, Senior Planner - 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)

4.1 Hassan Ghanei, 1009-75 Oneida Crescent, regarding narrow roadway connections near Oneida Crescent

Hassan Ghanei, 1009-75 Oneida Crescent, addressed Council regarding the narrow road for residents residing at 75, 85, 95 and 105 Oneida Crescent. He shared various photos depicting the area and narrow

roadway design, expressed concerns with existing vehicular traffic, community safety, and future proposals adding to traffic pressures in the neighbourhood, and shared his solution to resolving the narrow road issue.

4.2 Eric Wolf, 303-39 Crosby Avenue; Adrienne Rizzo, 906-39 Crosby Avenue; and Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, Crosby Area Restoration Effort (C.A.R.E), regarding issues affecting residents in the Yonge Street and Crosby Avenue neighbourhood

Residents registered as Item 4.2 withdrew their request to address Council during Public Forum.

4.3 Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, regarding park revitalization and its meaning for residents

Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, expressed appreciation to Members of Council and staff for the revitalization projects of Maplewood Park and Carrville Park. She conveyed her pleasure in seeing many families utilizing the parks, and indicated that with proposed developments and intensification along the corridors, similar activity or amenity areas should be encouraged in future developments rather than cash-in-lieu of parkland, noting that parks promoted a healthier life-style and good planning for the City.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Ciu recognized that this year marked the 100th anniversary of the *Chinese Exclusion Act*, advised of the rally that was held in Ottawa last week, and requested that we reflect on the important contributions Chinese Canadians had made to Canada's history.

Councillor Thompson advised that plans were underway to revitalize Kozak Park, and noted that a Zoom meeting was being held this evening to provide details on the project. He indicated that the comment period for this project would be open until July 12th, information was also available on the City's website, and advised that anyone interested in attending this evening's meeting via Zoom, to contact his office and speak with his Executive Assistant, Nikki Sabet, to receive a link to the meeting.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended an invitation to the community to celebrate Canada Day as well as Richmond Hill's 150th Anniversary on Saturday, July 1st at Richmond Green Park from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. He acknowledged staff's hard work in preparing for the event, and noted there was a lot of

entertainment and activities planned including a welcome ceremony from Mayor West and Members of Council that was taking place at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor West extended congratulatory remarks to Toronto's new Mayor-elect Olivia Chow, and noted that he looked forward to working with her at the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus. He advised that the City of Toronto's Mayoral By-election had a high voter turnout, and recognized that Richmond Hill's City Clerk's Office had a team of staff who helped out by working at a polling station.

Mayor West advised that June 27th was Canadian Multiculturalism Day and that it was important to celebrate and appreciate our diversity, reaffirm our commitment to equity and inclusion, and to respect and celebrate the differences of others.

Mayor West advised that on June 27th he and Regional and Local Councillor Chan attended the Collision Conference in downtown Toronto, and indicated that Merry Electronics as well as Canada Computers announced they were opening their head offices in Richmond Hill which would bring additional jobs to the community. Mayor West extended welcoming remarks to both companies for their commitment to Richmond Hill.

Mayor West advised that Richmond Hill had partnered with OCAD University to launch the Centre for Local Innovation and Collaboration (CLIC), funded by eCampus Ontario. He advised that it was an exciting program to support businesses in partnership with eCampus Ontario, and extended congratulations to everyone involved.

Mayor West echoed comments made by Regional and Local Councillor Chan for the Canada Day event being held at Richmond Green Park on July 1st, and encouraged everyone to participate in the full day activities to celebrate our community and country, as well as celebrating Richmond Hill's 150th Anniversary this year.

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 Thompson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

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#22-23 held June 14, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#22-23 held on June 14, 2023 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.4.1 and 15.4.3 for discussion.

11. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Regional and Local Councillor Chan, seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

12. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentations

13.1 Presentation by Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, in respect to Strong Mayor Powers (Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001)

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, provided a high level overview to Council regarding Strong Mayor Powers, Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and staff's plan to review and integrate the Strong Mayor Powers into various by-laws, policies and processes that come in effect to Mayors on July 1, 2023. S. Huycke reviewed background information to the Strong Mayor Powers of the *Act* that fall into three broad categories: Legislative Powers Administrative Powers, and Financial Powers. He explained the Legislative Powers, including the Veto Powers over certain By-laws which are connected to the Provincial Priorities as defined in the Regulations. S. Huycke noted that the Mayor will be required to approve all by-laws passed by Council because of how broadly the Provincial Priorities are defined. He highlighted the Administrative Powers for Committees, the City Manager and statutory officers, as well

as the Financial Powers of the Mayor with respect to proposing and adopting the municipal budget. He concluded the presentation by reviewing next steps and staff's recommendation to receive the Strong Mayor Powers presentation for information.

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

a) That the presentation by Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, in respect to Strong Mayor Powers (Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*), be received for information with thanks.

Carried

14. Delegations

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-23 held May 11, 2023

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

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-23 held May 11, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-23 held June 15, 2023

15.2.1 SRPI.23.061 - Heritage Permit and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement – (Eliza Gaby House) - 103 Richmond Street - (HRH Item 6.1)

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

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to allow alterations to the Part IV designated heritage property at 103 Richmond Street, as generally described in the plans and drawings prepared by The Gregory Design Group dated May 4, 2023, and the Conservation Brief prepared by Common Bond Collective dated May 17, 2023, be approved subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the owner of 103 Richmond Street enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement in accordance with the plans and drawings prepared by The Gregory Design Group dated May 4, 2023, and the Conservation Brief prepared by Common Bond Collective dated May 17, 2023, containing provisions to ensure insurance coverage for protection of the heritage house during construction and restricting any site works until building permits have been issued;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Heritage Conservation Agreement with the owner of 103 Richmond Street, upon written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services.

Carried Unanimously

15.3 Minutes - Audit Committee Meeting A#01-23 held June 20, 2023

That the minutes of Audit Committee meeting A#01-23 held June 20, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.3.1 Report from Grant Thornton LLP, dated June 20, 2023, regarding the Communication of Audit Strategy and Results for the year ended December 31, 2022 - (Audit Item 4.1)

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

a) That the Report from Grant Thornton LLP, dated June 20, 2023, regarding the Communication of Audit Strategy and Results for the year ended December 31, 2022, be received.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.2 SRCFS.23.036 - 2022 Draft Consolidated Financial Statements - (Audit Item 4.2)

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

a) That the 2022 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.23.036, be approved and published;

b) That the Mayor and the Treasurer be authorized to sign the Financial Statements;

c) That the 2022 Audited Richmond Hill Public Library Board Financial Statements (to be approved by the Library Board in June 2023), attached as Appendix 'B' to staff report SRCFS.23.036, be received for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.3 SRCFS.23.033 - Capital Project Financial Status Report - (Audit Item 4.3)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That all capital projects listed in Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.23.033:

- i. Be closed;
- ii. Projects with a net surplus of \$1.02 million be returned to sources as identified; and

b) That Budget and Funding Adjustments in the amount of \$2.53 million funded from sources as identified in Appendix 'B' to staff report SRCFS.23.033 be approved;

c) That the Status of Capital Projects List in Appendix 'F' to staff report SRCFS.23.022 be received.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.4 SRCM.23.09 - Internal Audit - Fleet Services Final Report - (Audit Item 4.4)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCM.23.09 regarding the Internal Audit of Fleet Services be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.5 SRCFS.23.031 - Banking By-law Update - (Audit Item 4.5) - (Proposed By-law 67-23)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That By-Law 67-23, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.23.031, be enacted in order to authorize and approve cheque signing, EFT payment, wire transfers, and general banking controls, and that By-law 65-15 be repealed.

Carried Unanimously

15.4 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#07-23 held June 21, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#07-23 held June 21, 2023, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.4.1 SRCS.23.12 – 2022 to 2023 Season Winter Maintenance Review - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

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;

c) That Staff report back, in advance of next year's operating budget process, with a comprehensive review of the Windrow Program that explores ways to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the program and includes an assessment of options with associated financial implications.

Carried Unanimously

15.4.2 SRCS.23.15 - Administrative Penalties Amendment – Parking and Stopping on Regional Roads - (CW Item 11.2) - (Proposed By-law 70-23)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- 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

15.4.3 SRPI.23.058 - Request for Approval – Town Park Master Plan - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- 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

15.4.4 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) - (CW Item 11.4)

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

- 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

15.4.5 SRCM.23.11 - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund - (CW Item 11.5)

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

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

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

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

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

15.4.7 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 - (CW Item 11.7)

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

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

15.4.8 Member Motion - Mayor West - Civic Centre Revitalization - (CW Item 12.1)

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

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

15.4.9 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Pilot Project Re: Allowing Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas - (CW Item 12.2)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Seconded 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.

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 Ciu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following By-laws be approved:

18.1 By-law 66-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 278-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

18.2 By-law 67-23 - A By-Law to provide for Persons Authorized to Sign Cheques, Approve Electronic Fund Transfer and Wire Transfers, and general banking controls And to Repeal By-law 65-15

18.3 By-law 70-23 - A By-law to Amend the City's Administrative Penalty By-law 69-16 (the "AMPS By-law")

18.4 By-law 71-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 128-04 and By-law 235-97, as amended, of The Corporation 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: Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That Council move into closed session:

- a) To consider matters related to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board in Ward 6, pursuant to Section 239(2)(c), 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 12:13 p.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

19.3.1 SRS.23.03 – Sale of Part Lot 10, Plan 3805, Designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 65R-16599 – Release of Easement Over Parts 5 and 7 on Plan 65R-16599 – (Item A)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

- a) That the lands owned by the City described as Part of Lot 10, Plan 3805, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 65R-16599 be declared surplus to the City's needs without public notice, pursuant to the City's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, Part 1, Paragraph 2;
- b) That the right-of-way in favour of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill as in Instrument Number R673925 registered on March 1, 1996 be declared surplus to the City's needs without public notice, pursuant to the City's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, Part 1, Paragraph 2;
- c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents required on behalf of the City for the purposes of releasing any and all easements over Parts 5 and 7 on Plan 65R-16599 from the lands at 255 16th Avenue upon

the written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure;

- d) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Duncan Hill Homes Limited Partner Inc. or a third party transferee as may be directed, and such further documentation as may be required to implement the sale of Part of Lot 10, Plan 3805, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 65R-16599 upon the written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure;
- e) That a capital account be established in the amount of \$5,000, plus applicable taxes to be funded from the Property Divesture and Acquisition Reserve Fund.

Carried Unanimously

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

20.1 By-law 78-23

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

That By-law 78-23, 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 Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk