



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#33-23

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Special Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 10:02 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Cui
Councillor Shiu

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
L. Chen, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy
I. Treiger, Financial Management Advisor
S. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- S. Adams, Acting City Manager
- T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
- A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
- D. Solomon, Chief Executive Officer, Richmond Hill Public Library
- M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
- D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
- D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- B. DeFreitas, Manager, Policy
- H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
- J. Walters, Manager, Engineering Subdivisions and Infrastructure Planning
- C. Chu, Senior Planner - Policy
- T. Wang, Project Manager Transportation Planning

Gary Scanlan and Navreet Bains, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., were also in attendance in Council Chambers.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

2. 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*.

3. Scheduled Business

3.1 2023 Development Charges Background Study and By-law Update

Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, provided introductory remarks regarding the 2023 Development Charges (DC) Background Study and By-law Update. She advised that the Study was a critical undertaking for the City's financial planning framework and development related funding, noted that extensive stakeholder consultations had taken place, and that staff had been working with the consultant Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. G. Li advised that this was the first comprehensive DC update since 2014, as well as the City's first update post-Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, and noted that a

preliminary staff report was presented to Council in June 2023 that outlined the process and adoption date. She acknowledged staff's efforts to incorporate a number of changes and impacts, as well as extra measures to ensure realistic construction costs were integrated into the Study's framework, and introduced Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. who would be making a presentation.

G. Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., made a presentation to Council regarding the 2023 Development Charges (DC) Background Study and By-law Update. He provided an overview of the process and timelines, reviewed the municipal financial planning framework and explained the process for the City's Plans and Studies. He reviewed the purpose and history of DCs, changes to the DC legislation and to the *Development Charges Act*, methodology and calculation of DCs, 10 and 20 year growth forecasts, and the draft service standards and capital project listing.

G. Scandlan further reviewed the draft DC rates by municipal wide services/class of service for residential and non-residential units, rate comparisons of current, calculated and 5 year mandatory phase-in DC charges for a series of residential and non-residential units, and provided DC comparisons with neighbouring municipalities for residential and non-residential unit types. He also reviewed local service policies, Area Specific Development Charges, other DC policies, and concluded the presentation by outlining next steps.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the presentation by Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., regarding the 2023 Development Charges background study and By-law update, be received.

Carried

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

4.1 By-law 119-23

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That By-law 119-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Shui

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk