



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#34-23

Wednesday, October 11, 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, October 11, 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
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development – Site Plans
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development – Subdivisions
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Strategic Communications
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
D. Terziewski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
K. Ash, Manager, Recreation Programs
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Water Resources
D. Shermet, Natural Environment Coordinator
F. Caparelli, Planning Technician

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)

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Thompson advised he will be hosting a skating event on the evening of October 27th at the National Training Rinks on Edward Avenue, noted that registration will open soon, and that everyone was welcome to attend.

Mayor West recognized today as the International Day of the Girl which was a day proclaimed by the United Nations to acknowledge girls' rights and the unique challenges that girls face around the world.

Mayor West recognized that yesterday was World Mental Health Day, and acknowledged the importance of open and honest discussions regarding mental health.

Mayor West remarked on the recent acts of terror perpetrated by Hamas, and advised that a statement on behalf of Council was posted on social media to advise that Council stood in solidarity with the Israeli community, and that they hope for a quick resolution to the situation.

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

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#31-23 held September 27, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#31-23 held September 27, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

9.2 Special Council Meeting C#32-23 held October 3, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#32-23 held October 3, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.2.1, 15.2.3 and 15.3.7 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

There were no presentations.

14. Delegations

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-23 held June 8, 2023

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-23 held June 8, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Minutes - Budget Committee of the Whole BCW#05-23 held September 26, 2023

15.2.1 SRCFS.23.042 - 2023 Operating Forecast - (BCW Item 4.1)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.042 regarding the 2023 Operating Forecast be received for information purposes;

b) That staff be directed to report back on the advisability and effectiveness of investing a portion of the 2023 Operating Surplus to hire additional contract staff resources to effectively and materially advance and accelerate the building of housing that meets the Region of York's definition of affordable, the purpose of this initiative being within the jurisdiction and power afforded to municipalities, to find ways to see built in the near future, more housing that is affordable to more people for our current and future residents, and to assist Richmond Hill in meeting our Provincial Housing Pledge; and

c) That staff report back to Council through the 2024 Operating Budget process.

Carried Unanimously

15.2.2 SRCFS.23.043 - Budget Consultation Update - (BCW Item 4.2)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the 2024 Budget Consultation be deferred to 2025 after the new Strategic Plan is approved by Council;

b) That Council endorse in principle funding for the 2025 Budget Consultation, to be considered in the 2024 Operating Budget.

Carried Unanimously

15.2.3 SRCFS.23.041 - Tariff of Fees Update - (BCW Item 4.3)

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the proposed fees set out in draft By-law 94-23, attached as Appendix 'D' to staff report SRCFS.23.041, be adopted;

b) That Council approve that the Tariff of Fees By-Law be amended to delegate fee indexing to the Treasurer.

Carried Unanimously

15.3 Minutes - Committee of the Whole CW#11-23 held October 4, 2023

15.3.1 SRCFS.23.048 - Renewal and Support Services with SAP Canada Inc. to Sustain the City Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Application - (CW Item 11.1)

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

a) That the sole source renewal of SAP software licenses, maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to SAP Canada Inc. for a contract duration of five (5) years and a cost not exceeding \$2,961,000, exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with existing SAP software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff;

b) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services, and upon the recommendations of the Chief Information Officer, be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract(s).

Carried Unanimously

15.3.2 SRCFS.23.049 - Renewal and Support Services with City of Mississauga for Tax Manager Application - (CW Item 11.2)

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

a) That the sole source renewal of Tax Manager licenses, maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to the City of Mississauga for a contract duration of five (5) years and a cost not exceeding \$1,037,000, exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with existing TXM software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff;

b) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services, and upon the recommendations of the Chief Information Officer, be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract(s).

Carried Unanimously

15.3.3 SRCFS.23.053 - Area Specific Development Charge Payments - 19T-11004 Montagna Capital (BT) Inc. - (CW Item 11.3)

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

- a) That the timing for Area Specific Development Charge payments for Subdivision File 19T-11004 be delayed until execution of site plan or subdivision agreements for development Blocks within 19T-11004 after registration of the plan for 19T-11004;
- b) That the Subdivision Agreement for 19T-11004 to be executed by the Mayor and Clerk include provisions to reflect this delayed timing for Area Specific Development Charge payments upon the written recommendation of the Director of Financial Services and Treasurer.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.4 SRCS.23.18 - Age-Friendly Community Strategy - (CW Item 11.4)

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

- a) That staff report SRCS.23.18 regarding the 2023 Richmond Hill Age-Friendly Community Strategy be received;
- b) That the 2023 Richmond Hill Age-Friendly Community Strategy, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCS 23.18, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.5 SRIES.23.002 - Provincial Legislative Changes to the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval Process and Delegated Authority - (CW Item 11.5)

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

- a) That staff report SRIES.23.002 regarding Provincial Legislative Changes to the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval Process and Delegated Authority, be received for information;
- b) That Council delegate signing authority to the Manager of Water Resources, Director of Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, and the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services as it pertains to applications and approvals for the City's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater management systems under the Province's Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Compliance Approval process (CLI-ECA).

Carried Unanimously

15.3.6 SRPBS.23.008 - Urban Forest Management Plan Progress Update, 2020 to 2022 - (CW Item 11.6)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.23.008 regarding the Urban Forest Management Plan Progress Update, 2020 to 2022, and the attached Urban Forest Management Plan Progress Tracker (2020-2022) and Urban Forest Study Fact Sheets, be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

15.3.7 SRCM.23.16 - Streamline Development Approval Fund Final Reporting - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRCM.23.16 regarding Streamline Development Approval Fund Final Reporting be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

15.4 SRPBS.23.019 - Request for Approval - Street Naming Application - Ramin Jalalpoor - 265 and 305 16th Avenue and 86, 92, 94, 98, 102 and 106 Duncan Road - City File AA-23-0008

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

a) That Staff Report SRPBS.23.019 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by Ramin Jalalpoor for the lands known as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13, 32, 35 and 36, and All of Lots 33 and 34, Plan 3805 and Part of Lots 13 and 53, Plan 3806 (Municipal Addresses: 265 and 305 16th Avenue and 86, 92, 94, 98, 102 and 106 Duncan Road) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed street Lloyd Hill Lane and Imogene Court be approved in accordance with SRPBS.23.019; and,
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street names in accordance with SRPBS.23.019.

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 Cui

That the following By-law be approved:

By-law 102-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

Carried

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 Cui

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider matters regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board in Ward 4, pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) 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 (10:18 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

19.3.1. Memorandum from Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre, dated October 11, 2023, regarding Hill House Hospice Lease Arrangements – 36 Wright Street – (Item A)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That the lands owned by the City described as 36 Wright Street, Richmond Hill be declared surplus to the City’s needs and that, pursuant to the City’s Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, Part 1, Paragraph 2, the City’s Clerk be directed to give public notice;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Lease and such further documentation as may be required to implement the lease of 36 Wright Street, Richmond Hill to Hill House Hospice upon the written recommendation of the City Manager; and

c) That Council approve \$75,000 from the Property Divestiture and Acquisition Reserve to procure external legal and/or consulting services to support the confidential negotiation of a lease agreement with the Hill House Hospice for the 36 Wright Street, Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

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

20.1 By-law 120-23

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 120-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk