



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#35-23

Monday, October 16, 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 Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Cui

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
H. Punia, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
L. Villanueva, Manager, Revenue Billing
J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Water Resources
Y. Rabadia, Senior Analyst - Revenue Business Support
C. Stone, Financial Services Consultant

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Joslin, City Manager
N. Khan, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
S. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk

Gary Scandlan and Navreet Bains, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., were also in attendance in Council Chambers; and Steven Vanharen, WSP, was also in attendance via videoconference.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

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 City of Richmond Hill's Stormwater Management Funding and Rate Structure Review

- Presentation by Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, provided introductory remarks regarding the City of Richmond Hill's Stormwater Management Funding and Rate Structure Review. She provided background and historical information on the current fee structure, reviewed the agenda and objectives for the meeting, and introduced the staff team and the

consultants from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. and WSP who were retained to undertake the review.

Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., made a presentation to Council regarding the City of Richmond Hill's Stormwater Management Funding and Rate Structure Review, sharing additional background information and providing an overview of the Study process and timeline. He reviewed what stormwater management was, why it was managed and how it was managed; explained various impacts on stormwater infrastructure and types of infrastructure services; discussed applicable legislation; and highlighted stormwater management in Richmond Hill including Richmond Hill's stormwater rate structure journey, current rate structure and progress to date.

G. Scandlan provided benchmarking information from other Ontario municipalities specific to rate structures and policies, and explained the proposed rate structure changes for various property classifications including residential, commercial/industrial, institutional (hospital and places of worship), multi-residential, vacant and farm land, and golf courses. He concluded the presentation by explaining the stormwater management infrastructure funding gap, identifying options for financial sustainability, and advising of next steps in the process.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the presentation by Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, and Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., regarding the overview of the City of Richmond Hill's Stormwater Management Funding and Rate Structure Review, be received and all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

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

4.1 By-law 121-23

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

That By-law 121-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk