



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#01-24

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 9:30 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, January 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Shiu

Council Member present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
H. Punia, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Guy, Director, Community Standards
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
F. Caparelli, Planning Technician

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 exceeding fifteen minutes)

The following member of the public addressed Council during the Public Forum:

Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, President of the Richmond Hill Pickleball Club, inquired about the status of the proposed courts to be installed at the David Dunlap Observatory Park, advised that the courts at the Richmond Green Park and Rouge Woods Community Centre were well used and enjoyed by many residents, and requested consideration of additional indoor and outdoor courts throughout the municipality. M. Bowcott extended an invitation to Council and staff to an introduction to pickleball event being held on February 4th.

5. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that he was hosting his annual New Year's Levee this Sunday, January 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elgin Barrow Arena, highlighted the many planned activities scheduled for the day, and extended an invitation for everyone to attend.

Regional and Local Chan acknowledged that today was the two year anniversary of the Mayoral by-election that was held in the City of Richmond Hill and extended continued best wishes to Mayor West.

Councillor Davidson advised that on Sunday, January 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there would be a drop-in at the Oak Ridges Community Centre for residents to meet other members of their community and to learn more about the Neighbourhood Watch Program, noting that a York Region Police Constable would be in attendance for the event.

Councillor Cui shared that this past Monday he hosted a Neighborhood Watch public meeting at the Central Library with a York Region Police Officer in attendance where they reviewed the status of the program from 2023, discussed additional streets that would qualify for the program in the upcoming year, and advised that additional Neighbourhood Watch signs were going to be installed on various streets.

Mayor West acknowledged that January was Tamil Heritage Month and highlighted the many wonderful celebrations that were taking place.

Mayor West advised that the 55th Annual Richmond Hill Winter Carnival was being held February 3rd and February 4th at the Mill Pond Park and encouraged everyone to attend to celebrate winter and participate in the various events taking place.

Mayor West reminded everyone to come out and attend one of the Traffic Safety Public Education Sessions that had been scheduled throughout the month of February at various locations across the City.

Mayor West advised that he was the Captain of the York Region Mayors Team for the annual 360°Experience taking place this year on February 29th, invited Members of Council to join, and encouraged the public to support the Team and the great work being done by 360°kids.

Mayor West noted that today was Bell Let's Talk Day which began in 2010 and discussed the importance of increasing awareness and acceptance related to mental health issues and removing the associated stigma.

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: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following addition:

a) Public Forum - Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, regarding an update on pickleball - (Item 4.1).

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#43-23 held December 13, 2023

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#43-23 held on December 13, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented not to separate any items for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, seconded by Councillor Cui, Council unanimously adopted those items, including the By-laws, not identified for separate discussion.

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

14. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports**15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#01-24 held January 17, 2024**

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-24 held January 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.1.1 SRCFS.24.002 - Non-Competitive Renewal of the Supply of Wireless Cellular Services - (CW Item 11.1)

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

- a) That the current contract for the supply of wireless cellular services previously awarded non-competitively to Bell Mobility Inc. ("Bell Mobility") be extended for an additional term of six (6) months at a cost not exceeding \$145,000 (exclusive of taxes) pursuant to Appendix "B" Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 as amended by By-law 141-20 to ensure compatibility with existing deployed technologies;
- b) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.2 SRCS.24.02 - Property Standards By-law Key Findings and Directions - (CW Item 11.2)

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

- a) That staff report SRCS.24.02 be received, and that all comments on the key directions and draft Property Standards By-law and Clean Neighbourhoods By-law be referred back to staff;
- b) That staff engage further community consultation on the draft Property Standards and Clean Neighbourhoods By-laws;
- c) That staff report back to Council with:
 - i. A new Property Standards By-law based on key directions outlined in staff report SRCS.24.02 and any comments received;

- ii. A new Clean Neighbourhoods By-law based on key directions outlined in staff report SRCS.24.02 and any comments received;
- iii. Amendments to the Administrative Penalty By-law 69-16 to incorporate designated Property Standards By-law and Clean Neighbourhoods By-law offences.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.3 SRCS.24.01 - Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Project Execution Delegation - (CW Item 11.3)

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

- a) That staff report SRCS.24.01 regarding the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 911) Project be received;
- b) That the Commissioner of Community Services and the Fire Chief be delegated authority to jointly execute necessary agreements to facilitate implementation of the Next Generation 9-1-1 digital platform for the Richmond Hill Public Safety Answering Point (911 call centre).

Carried Unanimously

15.1.4 SRPBS.24.005 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - 2706379 Ontario Limited - 12600 Bayview Avenue - City File AA-23-0016 - (CW Item 11.4)

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

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.005 regarding a Private Street Naming Application submitted by 2706379 Ontario Limited for the lands known as Block 226, Plan 65M-3802 (municipal address: 12600 Bayview Avenue) be approved subject to the following:
 - i. That the proposed private street Frederick Ludford Lane (P), be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.23.022; and,

- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street name in accordance with staff report SRPBS.23.022.

Carried Unanimously

15.1.5 SRCM.24.01 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting - Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by By-law 113-20 (December 18, 2023 to January 12, 2024) - (CW Item 11.5)

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

- a) That staff report SRCM.24.01 regarding Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting be received for information.

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: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 1-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2523, as amended, of The Corporation of the former Township of Vaughan

By-law 2-24 - A By-law to establish lands as public highway

By-law 4-24 - A By-law to Assign a Name to a Certain Private Road

By-law 5-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 150-80 as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and By-law 2325-68, as amended, of the Former Township of Markham

By-law 16-24 - A By-Law to confirm the establishment of the Elections Reserve

Carried Unanimously

19. Closed Session

19.1 Resolution to Move into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to appointing a representative to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) 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 (9:49 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.)

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

19.3.1 SRCFS.24.001 - Appoint a Replacement Education Community Representative on Heritage Richmond Hill - (Item A)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

a) That Crystal Yu be appointed as the Education Community representative to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

Carried Unanimously

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

20.1 By-law 18-24

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That By-law 18-24, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

21. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Carried

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk