



Capital Sustainability Steering Committee

Minutes

CSSC#03-24

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Capital Sustainability Steering Committee meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West (Chair)

Councillor Davidson

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola (Vice-Chair)

Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Councillor Cilevitz

Council member also in attendance in Council Chambers:

Councillor Thompson

Council member also in attendance via videoconference:

Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services

T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services

D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture

N. Kalyvas, Director, Facilities Management

B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer

L. Chen, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy

S. Morgan, Manager, Design and Construction and Facilities
S. Tsenis, Manager, Corporate Asset Management
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

G. Galanis, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
H. Punia, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
I. Treiger, Financial Management Advisor

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

3. 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*.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

**4.1 Minutes - Capital Sustainability Steering Committee meeting
CSSC#02-24 held March 19, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the minutes of Capital Sustainability Steering Committee meeting
CSSC#02-24 held March 19, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

5. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 SRCS.24.07 - Recreation and Culture Master Plan and 10 Year Capital Forecast for Growth

Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, provided opening remarks by explaining the objectives of the Capital Sustainability Strategy Committee (CSSC) and reviewed the planned Committee meetings in 2024. She outlined the CSSC's impact on the Capital Budget process, reviewed various asset categories, capital funding sources, and concluded with an overview of growth-related funding.

Tracey Steele, Commissioner of Community Services, reviewed the purpose of the meeting and provided an overview of the Recreation and Culture Plan (RCP), operational and capital recommendations in progress, and capital recommendations for facility service levels within the RCP. She compared the Master Plans to Asset Categories within the Capital Forecast, reviewed the Recreation and Culture 10-year Capital Forecast for growth projects, and described projects funded from the Parks and Recreation Development Charges (DC). T. Steele outlined the funding source for the 10-year DC Reserve Fund's year-end projection, reviewed the risks and challenges, proposed mitigating strategies for discussion, and outlined next steps of the RCP.

Committee provided input regarding selling Naming Rights for the North Leslie Community Centre (NLCC), noted the potential for financial support, and suggested to compare the approach with other municipalities that currently engage in similar practice; to consider taxpayer funds when naming a facility; and to explore potential opportunities with organizations and groups.

Committee members proposed that the NLCC be developed as an innovative facility that is both environmentally and financially sustainable over the next 50 years; the approach consider climate and environmental changes; if it was feasible to build the community centre in phases; to explore the opportunity of shared facilities with School Boards and organizations to maximize investment; and expressed their desire to maintain service levels. Committee members commented on the acquisition of cash-in-lieu of parkland, the option of reallocating the funds, and requested clarification on whether these funds could be utilized to support the development of the NLCC.

Remarks were made regarding debt financing noting that it was likely anticipated in the future. An education session to discuss the implications for the City was suggested, and the possibility of exploring internal financing options with an interest rate component was discussed.

Comments were provided on the Sports Dome regarding the expense of assembling and disassembling the dome, its life cycle, and the permit revenue for the facility.

Staff provided insight into the funding source, and explained expenditures, revenues, the shortfall, impacts of Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, and the DC for the NLCC over the next decade to accommodate future growth. Staff emphasized the importance of conducting a feasibility study for the NLCC, noted they would revisit new trends in the community, outlined the differences between Naming Rights and Public-Private Partnerships (P3s), and remarked on the utilization of the Sports Dome as well as seasonal recreation programs.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS.24.07 regarding the Recreation and Culture Master Plan and 10 Year Capital Forecast for Recreation and Culture new and growth projects be received, and all comments referred back to staff for consideration in 2025 capital planning.

Carried

7. **Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.