



**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

**CW#08-24
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Councillor Davidson (Chair)
Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Regrets:

Councillor Liu

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
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
D. Giannetta, Acting Director, Development Planning
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor
K. Graham, Acting Manager, Development Planning
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
D. Shermet, Natural Environment Coordinator

S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Guy, Director, Community Standards
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
F. Quarisa, Director, Public Works Operations
D. Terziewski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
P. Mistry, Manager, GIS
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
A. Rashvand, Manager, Parks Services and Infrastructure

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz announced that the Federal Government was testing Ontario's Alert Ready system today at 12:55 p.m. which would include sound alerts on cell phones, televisions, and radios.

Mayor West advised that he placed a Moose Hide Campaign information card at each Committee members' desk. He provided details about the campaign's nationwide reach, highlighting the commitment of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians dedicated to combatting gender-based violence. He noted the significance of the moose hide pin as a cornerstone symbol and the importance of wearing it to support the cause.

Mayor West shared his excitement with a newsletter sent to Richmond Hill households this week that contained community events and updates, and extended appreciation to Communications staff for their great work.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola advised of his successful Senior Safety Seminar held at Rouge Woods Community Centre. He extended appreciation to York Region Police Officers that attended and helped educate seniors about fraudulent schemes, crime prevention tips and available resources.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that today was observed as Buddah Day.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that the month of May was observed as Asian Heritage Month, and noted this year’s theme “Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future: Amplifying Asian Canadian Legacy”. He advised of his participation at events held last weekend and noted that activities continue to be held throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Canada.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised of Richmond Hill’s 2024 Spring Fair being held on Saturday, May 25th between 12 p.m.to 3 p.m. at Town Park, highlighted the planned activities and entertainment, and extended an invitation for everyone to attend this year’s free event.

Councillor Cui advised of the successful Strides for Mackenzie Health community run/walk event held last weekend and extended his appreciation to participants, the community, and sponsors for their generous contributions in support of the cause.

Councillor Cui shared that an upcoming bike riding fundraising event would be held in the coming months and extended an invitation for residents to participate.

Councillor Cui advised of the successful Open Doors Richmond Hill event held last weekend, noted his participation in the Business Improvement Area, the educational opportunities regarding the City’s heritage, and encouraged everyone to join next year’s event.

Councillor Davidson advised of the successful Oak Ridges Lions Club Community Clean Up event held on Saturday, and implored dog walkers to help by taking their poop and scoop bags home for disposal.

3. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Committee.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Mayor West

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

- a) Correspondence received regarding the Bird Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (Item 11.8).

Carried

5. 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*.

6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Committee consented to separate items 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 and 12.1 for discussion.

7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Cui, Committee adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

8. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

9. Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

10. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 SRPBS.24.018 – Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report

Moved by: Councillor Cui

- a) That Staff Report SRPBS.24.018, regarding Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report be received;
- b) That the proposed Bird-Safe Design Standards (April 2024) be endorsed as mandatory requirements for new private and public development and become effective as of May 22, 2024;
- c) That staff be directed to develop a Bird-safe Retrofit Assessment Program to evaluate and prioritize existing City-owned buildings and determine budgetary needs for bird-safe design retrofits, and report back to Council;
- d) That the capital budget to pilot bird-safe design retrofits at the Richmond Hill Public Library Central Branch be submitted for consideration through the 2025 Capital budget prioritization process; and
- e) That staff be directed to review and update the Bird-Safe Design Standards to address new best practices, as needed.

Carried

11.2 SRPBS.24.053 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Seyed Mohammad Sajadi – 34 Avenue Road - City File ZBLA-23-0001

Moved by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Seyed Mohammad Sajadi for the lands known as Part of Lot 99, Registered Plan M-1960 (Municipal Address: 34 Avenue Road), City File ZBLA-23-0001, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the existing zoning of the lands be amended to include the site specific exceptions as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPBS.24.053; and,
- ii. that the amending Zoning By-law be brought forward to the May 22, 2024 Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

11.3 SRCFS.24.14 – Non-Competitive Renewal of Esri Software

Moved by: Councillor Cui

a) That the non-competitive renewal of the current Enterprise GIS software ArcGIS Platform, and purchase of select ad hoc subscription annual software licenses be awarded to Esri Canada until December 31, 2027, for a cost not exceeding CAD \$700,000 exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I, Section (c) of Procurement By-law No. 113-16 in order to ensure the continued leverage of the Esri ArcGIS platform and systems already in use at the City of Richmond Hill;

b) That the Commissioner Corporate and Financial Services (CFS) be authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation to affect the contract.

Carried

11.4 SRCFS.24.015 - Non-Competitive Acquisition for the Supply and Services of Off-site Records Storage and Retrieval Services

Moved by: Councillor Cui

- a) That staff report SRCFS.24.015 regarding the Non-Competitive Acquisition for the Supply and Services of Off-site Records Storage and Retrieval Services be received;
- b) That a contract for the provision of Off-site Records Storage and Retrieval Services be awarded non-competitively to Iron Mountain pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16;
- c) That the contract award be for an acquisition value not exceeding \$850,000 exclusive of H.S.T., pursuant to and for a term of ten years, commencing July 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2034; and
- d) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract.

Carried

11.5 SRCS.24.05 – Naming Rights Policy Update

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRCS.24.05 regarding an update to the Naming Rights Policy be received;
- b) That the updated Naming Rights Policy attached to staff report SRCS.24.05 be approved;
- c) That the City Manager be authorized to approve Naming Rights for interior spaces in City-owned facilities and execute any associated Naming Rights Agreements.

Carried Unanimously

11.6 Correspondence from Lidia Finlayson, 45 O'Connor Crescent, dated April 28 and 29, 2024, regarding Maintenance of Mary Dawson Park

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the correspondence from Lidia Finlayson, 45 O'Connor Crescent, dated April 28 and 29, 2024, regarding maintenance of Mary Dawson Park, be received.

Carried

11.7 Correspondence from Al Itwar, 61586-9350 Yonge Street, received May 1, 2024, and Petition dated November 25, 2021 regarding Traffic

Calming Measures on Weldrick Road West between Castle Rock Drive and Bathurst Street

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the correspondence from Al Itwar, 61586-9350 Yonge Street, received May 1, 2024, and Petition dated November 25, 2021 regarding traffic calming measures on Weldrick Road West between Castle Road Drive and Bathurst Street, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

11.8 Correspondence received regarding the Bird Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (refer to Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cui

a) That the following correspondence regarding the Bird Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report, be received:

1. Cheryl Lewandowski, Richmond Hill Bird Friendly, dated May 12, 2024.
2. Pearl Shore, Never Collide, dated May 13, 2024.

Carried

12. Other Business

12.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Raising the Pride Flag for the Month of June

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, we in Canada uphold our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, acknowledging the inherent rights and freedoms of all Canadian citizens;

Whereas, the month of June has been proclaimed Pride Month across Canada, including York Region, for at least the past 25 years;

Whereas, York Region is home to over 1.2 million people with an estimated 120,000 2SLGBTQ+ identifying residents;

Whereas, Richmond Hill proudly upholds its Council-approved Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Policy;

Whereas, Pride Month is not only a time of vibrant celebration but also a crucial opportunity to raise awareness of 2SLGBTQ+ issues;

Whereas, since 2021, hate-motivated incidents directed towards Canada's 2SLGBTQ+ population have increased by 64% (Statistics, Canada 2021);

Whereas, York Region municipalities have made significant strides in supporting York Pride events and initiatives, including the annual Pride Parade held every June in Newmarket;

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill has immense potential to demonstrate its commitment to 2SLGBTQ+ education and support across the region; and

Whereas, by raising the Pride Flag at Richmond Hill's Community Flagpoles located outside City Hall for the duration of the month of June, Richmond Hill exhibits its strong message of support and inclusion to all identifying 2SLGBTQ+ people and their allies; and

Whereas, the Council approved Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy currently only permits flags to be flown on a Community Flagpole for up to one week.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That, notwithstanding the Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy, the Pride Flag be flown on one of City's Community Flagpoles for the duration of the month of June, when otherwise not in use for another community flag raising.

Carried Unanimously

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.