



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#13-24

Wednesday, May 22, 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, May 22, 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 Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Regrets:

Councillor Liu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
G. Li, Acting Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
M. Flores, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Giannetta, Acting Director, Development Planning
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Planning
K. Graham, Acting Manager, Development Planning
U. Javed, Planner I, Development
G. La Moglie, Planner II, Development

D. Shermet, Natural Environment Coordinator
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Guy, Director, Community Standards
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
D. Terziewski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
P. Mistry, Manager, GIS
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 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)

4.1 Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, regarding enhancing transparency and accountability in the City of Richmond Hill through the establishment of a lobby registry

Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, addressed Council to request that a lobby registry be established, and shared his opinions as to why he believed it was needed.

4.2 Tom Muench, PH 3 - 11121 Yonge Street, regarding accountability

Tom Muench, PH 3 - 11121 Yonge Street, shared his opinion that establishing a lobby registry was important in building accountability, transparency and confidence in public officials, and asked Council to consider establishing a lobby registry.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz announced that she will be hosting “Song Writers from the Hill” on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill United Church. She advised that it is a free event showcasing music from local songwriters and aims to raise funds for the Richmond Hill Community Foodbank and 360°kids, and invited the community to attend and bring a non-perishable item to donate.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan recognized that this week is National Paramedic Services Week which recognizes the hard work of paramedics in the community and noted that this year’s theme was “Help Us Help You.”

Regional and Local Councillor Chan announced that on May 25th, he will be hosting his 2024 Spring Fair at Town Park from noon to 3 p.m. He invited the community to attend and enjoy live music, and advised that the York Regional Paramedic Chief agreed to station an ambulance at the event for those interested in learning more about York Region Paramedic Services. He also noted that the first motorized fire truck will be on display.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola advised that he will be hosting the Mill Pond Community Barbeque on June 15th and that Mill Street will be closed from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. He noted that there will be live entertainment, complimentary burgers, and encouraged residents who planned to attend to register in advance of the event.

Councillor Cui announced that Walk for Hill House Hospice will take place on May 26th at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed the community to attend and join the five-kilometer walk.

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 Cui

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

- a) Public Forum by Tom Muench, PH 3 - 11121 Yonge Street, regarding accountability – (Item 4.2);
- b) Withdrawal of delegation by Michael Measure, FLAP Canada, regarding Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (Item 14.1).

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 Public Meeting C#10-24 held May 7, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#10-24 held May 7, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.2 Council Meeting C#11-24 held May 8, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#11-24 held May 8, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.3 Special Council Meeting Workshop C#12-24 held May 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#12-24 held May 14, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

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 Councillor Cilevitz, seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)

13.1 Presentation by Altaf Stationwala, Mackenzie Health President and CEO, regarding an Update on Operations at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital

Altaf Stationwala, Mackenzie Health President and CEO, addressed Council regarding operations at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital. He remarked on Mackenzie Health's 60th anniversary, the accreditations it has received, and provided a summary of their financial health. A. Stationwala reviewed operations at the hospital, noted the significant patient volumes and associated challenges, and commented on their strategic plan progress, staffing and recruitment.

A. Stationwala remarked on efforts made by Mackenzie Health to understand the future needs of the community to plan for future growth. He advised of the recent announcement on the opening of the York University School of Medicine in 2028, and their partnership with the university. He reviewed the hospital's site plan, highlighted a future development for seniors' care, and remarked on how the hospital enhanced patient care thorough technology. A. Stationwala reviewed current and upcoming priorities of the Mackenzie Health Foundation, and concluded by highlighting how the community can support the hospital.

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the presentation by Altaf Stationwala, Mackenzie Health President and CEO, regarding an Update on Operations at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

14. Delegation(s)

14.1 Michael Measure, FLAP Canada, regarding Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (refer to Item 15.2.1)

Michael Measure, FLAP Canada, withdrew his request to appear as a delegation to address Council regarding Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report and was not in attendance at the meeting.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Capital Sustainability Steering Committee Meeting CSSC#03-24 held April 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the minutes of Capital Sustainability Steering Committee meeting CSSC#03-24 held April 16, 2024 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

15.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#08-24 held May 15, 2024

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#08-24 held May 22, 2024 be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.2.1 SRPBS.24.018 – Bird-Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.2 SRPBS.24.053 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Seyed Mohammad Sajadi – 34 Avenue Road - City File ZBLA-23-0001 - (CW Item 11.2) - (Proposed By-law 47-24)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.3 SRCFS.24.14 – Non-Competitive Renewal of Esri Software - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.4 SRCFS.24.015 - Non-Competitive Acquisition for the Supply and Services of Off-site Records Storage and Retrieval Services - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.5 SRCS.24.05 – Naming Rights Policy Update - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded 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

15.2.6 Correspondence from Lidia Finlayson, 45 O'Connor Crescent, dated April 28 and 29, 2024, regarding Maintenance of Mary Dawson Park - (CW Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.7 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 - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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

15.2.8 Correspondence received regarding the Bird Safe Design Standards Recommendations Report - (CW Item 11.8)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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 Unanimously

15.2.9 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Raising the Pride Flag for the Month of June - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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

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 Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

- 18.1 By-law 43-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2325-68 of the Former Corporation of the Township of Markham, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill
- 18.2 By-law 46-24 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.3 By-law 47-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2523, as amended, of The Corporation of the former Township of Vaughan
- 18.4 By-law 53-24 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.5 By-law 59 -24 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume lands as public highway; establish lands as public highway

Carried Unanimously

19. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

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 a Citizen appointment

to the Committee of Adjustment for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

19.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (10:52 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

The Deputy City Clerk advised that there were no open session recommendations for Closed Session Item A.

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

20.1 By-law 77-24

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 77-24, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk