



## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**C#18-24**

**Wednesday, September 11, 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, September 11, 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 Liu  
Councillor Cui  
Councillor Cilevitz  
Councillor Shiu

Council Members regrets:

Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

T. Steele, Acting City Manager  
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services and Treasurer  
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services  
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning  
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
M. Raza, Manager, Fiscal Strategy and Long-term Plan  
I. Treiger, Financial Management Advisor  
S. Huycke, City Clerk  
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. DiRuscio, Manager, Cultural Services

M. Mackenzie, Heritage Coordinator

Gary Scandlan, Independent Policy Advisor retired from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., and Daryl Abbs, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., were in attendance electronically.

**1. Call to Order**

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

Mayor West transferred the Chair to Regional and Local Councillor Chan between 10:08 a.m. and 10:13 a.m. during consideration of Item 16.2.

**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)**

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

**5. Council Announcements**

Councillor Shiu extended an invitation to the community to join him at the Langstaff Community Centre for an outdoor event on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 12

p.m. to 4 p.m. He highlighted the concessions, live music, prizes, and community service organizations in attendance.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that on September 9<sup>th</sup> he welcomed, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, over 100 delegates from across Ontario to the 66<sup>th</sup> Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association Training and Education Symposium held in Richmond Hill. He noted that both the President of the association and the President of the Ontario Fire Educators Association are members of the Richmond Hill Fire and Emergency Services.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that Richmond Hill Fire and Emergency Services across the city commemorated 9/11 this morning.

Council observed one minute of silence in honour of the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of 9/11.

Councillor Cui announced that a family running event was held in Ward 4 last week, with participants from ages 5 to 60 in attendance.

Councillor Cui advised that September 14<sup>th</sup> is International Tai Chi Day, and that he will be hosting a tai chi demonstration at City Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Councillor Cui invited the community to a fundraising event at Richmond Hill Green Park on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. in support of autism programs for children provided by Northstar.

Councillor Cui noted that next week marks the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival and extended his best wishes for a joyful celebration.

Councillor Davidson announced that the Terry Fox Run will take place on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Ridges Community Centre and invited everyone to join in to support and raise funds for cancer research.

Mayor West remarked that today is the anniversary of 9/11 and emphasized the significance of remembering that day.

Mayor West extended his gratitude to Councillor Cilevitz and Glemena Bettencourt for their assistance with the Terry Fox book launch that was held at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. He highlighted that the event was attended by the author, publishers, and individuals featured in the book.

Mayor West highlighted that the Terry Fox book launch was a great start to raising awareness for the Terry Fox Run that will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Ridges Community Centre. He also remarked on the enduring legacy of Terry Fox.

Mayor West wished everyone a joyous Moon Festival.

**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 Shiu

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

**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#16-24 held June 19, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#16-24 held on June 19, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**9.2 Council Public Meeting C#17-24 held June 25, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#17-24 held June 25, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Council consented to separate items 16.1 and 16.2 for discussion.

**11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items**

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

**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#11-24 held September 4, 2024**

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#11-24 held September 4, 2024, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

**15.1.1 Minutes - Heritage Centre Advisory Committee meetings held February 26, 2024 and April 15, 2024 - (CW Item 11.1)**

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

a) That the minutes of the Heritage Centre Advisory Committee meetings held February 26, 2024 and April 15, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

**15.1.2 SRCFS.24.032 - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Education Community Representative - Remainder of 2022 to 2026 Term of Council - (CW Item 11.2)**

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

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.032 regarding Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Education Community Representative - Remainder of 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, be received;

b) That the resignation of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Member, Crystal Yu, be received;

c) That, for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be authorized to operate without an Education Community representative and without making any

amendments to the Committee's composition as outlined in its Terms of Reference.

Carried

**15.1.3 SRCFS.24.033 - 2024 Development Charges By-law Amendments - (CW Item 11.3) - (Proposed By-laws 105-24, 106-24, 107-24, 108-24, 109-24, 110-24 and 111-24)**

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

- a) That staff report SRCFS.24.033 regarding 2024 Development Charges By-law Amendments be received;
- b) That the memo dated August 13, 2024 regarding 2024 Development Charges Background Study Update - Amendments as per Bill 185, attached as Appendix "A" to staff report SRCFS.24.033, be received;
- c) That Council endorses the phased approach with two distinct processes to amend the City's existing Development Charges By-laws, as outlined in staff report SRCFS.24.033;
- d) That the capital project listing set out in Section 3.1.2 of the 2024 Development Charges Background Study Update - Amendments as per Bill 185 dated August 13, 2024, subject to further annual review during the capital budget process, be approved;
- e) That draft amending By-laws 105-24, 106-24, 107-24, 108-24, 109-24, 110-24, and 111-24 for City-wide and Area Specific Development Charges be brought forward to the September 11, 2024 Council meeting for adoption, attached as Appendix "B" to staff report SRCFS.24.033, as part of Phase I - Minor amendments to the Development Charges By-laws;
- f) That the Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, be authorized to schedule and give notice for the public meeting(s) required by the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

Carried

**15.1.4 SRCFS.24.034 - Semi Annual Report - Non Competitive Acquisitions - (CW Item 11.4)**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.034 regarding Semi Annual Report - Non-Competitive Acquisitions, be received for information purposes only.

Carried

**15.1.5 SRCFS.24.036 - Amendments to the Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy pertaining to the United Nations University - Institute for Water Environment and Health - (CW Item 11.5)**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.036 regarding Amendments to the Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy pertaining to the United Nations University - Institute for Water Environment and Health, be received;

b) That the amended Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRCFS.24.36, be approved;

c) That the amended Customary Flag Configuration Procedure, attached as Attachment B to staff report SRCFS.24.36, be approved;

d) That the amended Flying Flags at Half-mast Procedure, attached as Attachment C to staff report SRCFS.24.36, be approved.

Carried

**15.1.6 SRCM.24.07 - Delegated Authority Summer Recess Accounting - Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by By-law 113-20 and By-law 86-24 (June 24, 2024 to August 30, 2024) - (CW Item 11.6)**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCM.24.07 regarding staff report SRCM.24.07, Delegated Authority Summer Recess Accounting - Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by By-law 113-20 and By-law

86-24 (June 24, 2024 to August 30, 2024), be received for information.

Carried

**15.2 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-24 held September 5, 2024**

**15.2.1 SRPBS.24.087 - Heritage Permit for David Dunlap Observatory Building Repairs - City File D12-07228**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.087 regarding Heritage Permit for David Dunlap Observatory Building Repairs” be received;

b) That the heritage permit application to repair the interior of the David Dunlap Observatory building, as described in staff report SRPBS.24.087, be approved.

Carried

**16. Other Business**

**16.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Chan - Public Safety - Crime Trends**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

Whereas the York Regional Police has reported an increase in crimes, particularly violent crime, in 2024. Based on the yearly comparisons between August 2023 and August 2024, York Region has experienced an increase of 92 per cent in gun crime and 106 per cent in carjackings. Over a five-year period since 2019, carjackings have increased by 400 per cent;

Whereas there have been videos viewable in social media channels that showed violent carjackings and break and enter in residential areas that raise concerns among residents;

Whereas Council supports the York Regional Police in its mission to ensure that citizens feel safe and secure, and is committed to collaborating with the York Regional Police in disseminating accurate crime data and statistics.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:



That Council requests the Command Officers of #2 District of the York Regional Police share the crime trends for Richmond Hill at a future Council meeting before the end of the year of 2024.

The Motion was withdrawn by Regional and Local Councillor Chan.

## **16.2 Member Motion - Mayor West - Naming of Waterways in Richmond Hill**

Moved by: Mayor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, in June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission presented the executive summary of their findings contained in its multi-volume final report, including 94 "calls to action" (or recommendations) to further reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples; and,

Whereas, since that date all levels of government have been called upon to actively engage with the 94 Calls to Action in order redress the legacy of residential schools; and

Whereas, here in Richmond Hill we acknowledge our community is established 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; and

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill is committed to building a trusting relationships with our treaty partners; and

Whereas, the Oak Ridges Moraine in Richmond Hill is a natural feature created about 13,000 years ago during the last ice age, which stores a very large volume of groundwater that feeds into the Humber, Rouge and Don River systems; and

Whereas, these waterways have enduring importance now for the current residents of Ontario as they did for all peoples inhabiting these lands; and

Whereas, it is important that we continue to offer education about our environment to support understanding of our natural resources and efforts to sustain them; and

Whereas, it is also important that we seek out opportunities to contribute to the 94 Calls to Action and that by including both English and Anishinaabe on signage that identified waterways, we would support the efforts of the "Language and Culture" Calls to Action, specifically #14 iv).

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council direct staff to create roadside and/or park signage to recognize the Humber, Rouge, and Don River system waterways using traditional First Nations names; and
2. That staff be directed to work with Mississauga of the Credit First Nation treaty partners to identify important waterways and the correct language to be used; and
3. That staff be directed to expedite the development of the concept design so that it can be unveiled on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

**17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**18. By-laws**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

- 18.1 By-law 91-24 - A By-law to Appoint Deputy Treasurers and to repeal By-law 139-23
- 18.2 By-law 92-24 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.3 By-law 105-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 6-24, Respecting City-wide Development Charges for Engineering Services
- 18.4 By-law 106-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 7-24, Respecting City-wide Development Charges for Public Works
- 18.5 By-law 107-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 8-24, Respecting City-wide Development Charges for Fire Protection Services
- 18.6 By-law 108-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 9-24, Respecting City-wide Development Charges for Parks and Recreation Services
- 18.7 By-law 109-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 10-24, Respecting City-wide Development Charges for Library Services
- 18.8 By-law 110-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 11-24, Respecting Development Charges for the Bayview North East Development Area

18.9 By-law 111-24 - A By-law to Amend By-law 12-24, Respecting Development Charges for the Headford Excluding Storm Development Area

18.10 By-law 119-24 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

18.11 By-law 120-24 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

Carried

**19. Closed Session**

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

Moved by: Regional and Local DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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 Richmond Hill Public Library Board 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 (10:13 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.).

**19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting**

The following recommendation was made in open session for Closed Session Item A:

**19.3.1 SRCFS.24.035 – Citizen Appointment to the Library Board**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That Jennifer Paige be appointed to the Richmond Hill Public Library Board 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 122-24**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That By-law 122-24, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

**21. Adjournment**

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk