



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#13-24

Wednesday, October 2, 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, October 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

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

Committee Member regrets:

Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner, Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Commissioner, Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner, Community Services
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
D. Guy, Director, Community Standards

P. Chow, Manager, Policy
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Planning
M. Fartsalas, Manager, Adjudication and Policy Governance
B. DeFreitas, Senior Planner – Policy
G. La Moglie, Senior Planner – Development
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communications Services
D. Terziewski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
S. Graham, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations
C. Armenean, Supervisor, Application Services

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

With Rosh Hashanah approaching, Mayor West extended a Shana Tovah greeting to all the Jewish residents of Richmond Hill.

Mayor West acknowledged the numerous events held in Richmond Hill in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and thanked those who attended the flag raising last Wednesday.

Mayor West shared that he attended an event with Councillor Davidson at Lake Wilcox Park in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. He acknowledged the difficult truths that must be faced before reconciliation can occur, and emphasized the importance of considering how we can be allies to Indigenous peoples every day.

Councillor Davidson acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event that took place at Oak Ridges Community Centre, and remarked on the meaningful and enlightening conversation, and encouraged everyone to attend next year.

Councillor Davidson announced that she is hosting an event on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., which will include a concert and an opportunity to drop off e-waste. She encouraged attendees to ride their bikes, as a bike valet will be available, and expressed her hope to see everyone there this weekend.

Councillor Cui acknowledged the success of the Mackenzie Health fundraising event that took place last week and expressed gratitude to everyone for their generosity.

Councillor Thompson announced that he will be hosting ECO-Family Fest at Town Park on Saturday, October 5th. He invited everyone to attend, highlighting that it is a free event featuring a complimentary barbeque and an opportunity to explore innovative products that promote a more sustainable future.

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: Councillor Cui

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

a) Delegation by Vincent Ching, 9017 Leslie Street, on behalf of York Region Standard Condominium Corporation #972 and #1008, regarding Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach - (Item 10.1);

b) Delegation by Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Parkway Hotels and Convention Centre Inc., 650 Hwy 7 East Inc., and 9005 Leslie Street Inc., regarding Completion of Comprehensive Plan Update and Secondary Approach - (Item 10.2);

c) Correspondence from Kathleen Wong, 169 Parkston Court, dated September 27, 2024, regarding Animal Regulation By-laws Review Key Findings and Directions - (Item 11.7).

Carried Unanimously

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 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.6 and 12.1 for discussion.

7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Mayor West, 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)**10.1 Vincent Ching, 9017 Leslie Street, on behalf of York Region Standard Condominium Corporation #972 and #1008, regarding Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach - (refer to Item 11.2)**

Vincent Ching, board member on the York Region Standard Condominium Corporation #972 and #1008, addressed Committee regarding Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach. He advised of their support of the recommendations within the associated staff report to complete the Official Plan (OP) update in the East Beaver Creek and Highway 7 area, noting that it was necessary before the City can consider development proposals that do not meet the current OP guidelines. He further conveyed their desire as a stakeholder to be involved in the consultation and public engagement process when the OP update and Secondary Plan for the area is developed. V. Ching advised that they had raised objections to the development application submitted by Parkway Hotels, noting that the proposal did not meet the current OP policies, citing concerns with height, density, transportation infrastructure, and traffic congestion on Highway 7.

10.2 Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Parkway Hotels and Convention Centre Inc., 650 Hwy 7 East Inc., and 9005 Leslie Street Inc., regarding Completion of Comprehensive Plan Update and Secondary Approach - (refer to Item 11.2)

Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Parkway Hotels and Convention Centre Inc., addressed Committee regarding Completion of Comprehensive Plan Update and Secondary Approach and requested that the Sheraton Parkway lands be excluded from the Secondary Plan process, arguing that their Official Plan amendment,

submitted in March 2023, should be handled as a tertiary or concept planning exercise. She expressed concerns that the Secondary Plan process, set to begin in 2026, was a long way off, arguing that the OP amendment application submitted by Sheraton could effectively address the same elements as a Secondary Plan but on a smaller and more focused area. She noted that it had already been four years since the Sheraton lands were converted from employment use, with little progress made on policy updates. She shared her opinion that keeping the Sheraton lands within the Secondary Plan process would hinder the development of a major hotel and convention center and much-needed housing and emphasized Sheraton's long-standing presence and commitment to the community.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 SRCM.24.09 - Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Grant Applications

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That Council endorse the City's submission of applications to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) for the following:

i) Stream 1 application for Repair and Rehabilitation Projects – Lake Wilcox Park Playground and Splash Pad Resurfacing Project; and

ii) Stream 2 application for New Builds – Brickworks Park Revitalization Project;

b) That should one or both of the City's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund grant applications be successful, Council approve:

i) That the Lake Wilcox Park Playground and Splash Pad Resurfacing Project proceed with a \$395,700 budget, with approximately \$197,850 to be funded from the Provincial CSRIF, and the remaining City portion to be funded from appropriate funding sources, as determined by the Treasurer;

ii) That the Brickworks Park Revitalization Project proceed with a \$2,000,000 budget, with approximately \$1,000,000 to be funded from the Provincial CSRIF, and the remaining City portion to be funded from appropriate funding sources, as determined by the Treasurer.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 SRPBS.24.078 - Request for Direction – Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

- a) That Staff Report SRPBS.24.078 regarding Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach be received;
- b) That the revised timeline to complete the Official Plan Update as set out in Appendix 'A' to SRPBS.24.078 be endorsed;
- c) That staff be directed to explore additional growth and intensification in the Regional Mixed-Use Corridor designation through increases to maximum densities and building heights;
- d) That staff be directed to commence the preparation of a comprehensive Secondary Plan for the area of East Beaver Creek Road and Highway 7 in 2026, subject to budget approval through the 2026 Capital Budget process;
- e) That staff be directed to commence the preparation of a comprehensive Secondary Plan for the area of Bathurst Street and Highway 7 in 2027, subject to budget approval through the 2027 Capital Budget process; and,
- f) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to give effect to consulting services contracts recommended in SRPBS.24.078, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services.

An Amendment was:

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the following clause be added to the main motion:

- g) That the Sheraton Parkway lands be exempted from the Comprehensive Official Plan Update and the Secondary Plan for the area of East Beaver Creek Road and Highway 7.

Motion to Defer:

Moved by: Mayor West

That consideration of SRPBS.24.078 regarding Completion of Comprehensive Official Plan Update and Secondary Plan Approach be deferred to the Council Meeting on October 9, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 SRPBS.24.101 - Authorization to Execute Development Agreement – Mon Sheong Foundation – 187 and 189 Vogell Road - City File SP-24-0018

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That Staff Report SRPBS.24.101 with respect to the development proposal by Mon Sheong Foundation for the lands known as Block 5, Registered Plan 65M-4807 (Municipal Addresses 187 and 189 Vogell Road), City File SP-24-0018, be received; and,

b) That upon the written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Development Agreement and any further agreements or documentation as may be necessary between the City of Richmond Hill and Mon Sheong Foundation under Section 47 (4.4) of the Planning Act for the subject lands.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRCFS.24.028 - Renewal and Support Services with GHD Digital to sustain the City Website

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.028 regarding Renewal and Support Services with GHD Digital to sustain the City Website be received;

b) That the sole source renewal of the City website (RichmondHill.ca) hosting license, maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to GHD Digital (Canada) Limited for a contract duration of an initial term of two (2) years which may be extended for up to three (3) one (1) year optional terms, and a cost not exceeding \$279,300 exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law No. 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with existing GHD Digital (Canada) Limited software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff; and

c) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services, and upon the recommendations of the Chief Information Officer, be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract(s).

Carried

11.5 SRCFS.24.041 - 2025 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That Staff Report SRCFS.24.041 regarding the 2025 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule be received; and

b) That the proposed 2025 Council and Committee meeting schedule as set out in Appendix 'A' to staff report SRCFS.24.041 be approved.

Carried

11.6 SRCS.24.13 - Animal Regulation By-laws Review Key Findings and Directions

Moved by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCS.24.13 regarding the City's Animal Regulation By-laws be received;

b) That all comments on the key directions and draft Responsible Pet Ownership and Animal Regulation By-law be referred to staff;

c) That staff report back to Council in December of 2024 with:

i) a new Responsible Pet Ownership and Animal Regulation By-law based on key directions outlined in Staff Report SRCS.24.13 and any comments received; and

ii) amendments to the Administrative Penalty By-law No. 69-16 to incorporate designated Responsible Pet Ownership and Animal Regulation By-law offences into the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS).

Carried Unanimously

11.7 Correspondence from Kathleen Wong, 169 Parkston Court, dated September 27, 2024, regarding Animal Regulation By-laws Review Key Findings and Directions - (refer to Item 11.6)

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the correspondence from Kathleen Wong, 169 Parkston Court, dated September 27, 2024, regarding Animal Regulation By-laws Review Key Findings and Directions, be received.

Carried

12. Other Business

12.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Whereas, Richmond Hill was chosen as the first location in Canada to have an electric vehicle charging station with a digital billboard;

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill owns several locations across the city suitable for additional electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas, the placement of these charging stations on city property presents an opportunity for revenue generation and a chance to promote city initiatives;

Whereas, Jolt charging locations offer a unique combination of electric vehicle charging and digital billboards;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the appropriate City of Richmond Hill staff report back to the October 16th Committee of the Whole with a strategy on how Richmond Hill can enter into an agreement with Jolt to install electric vehicle charging billboards on city property at multiple locations.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (2): Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Opposed: (5): Councillor Thompson, Councillor Cui, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Liu, Councillor Davidson

Absent: (2): Mayor West, Councillor Cilevitz

Motion Failed to Carry (2 to 5)

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.