



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#27-24

Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 11:48 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, November 27, 2024 at 11:48 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 Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
A. McArthur, Manager, Human Resources and Organizational Development
C. Beatty, Organizational Development Business Partner
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
- A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer
- R. Jones, Director Information Technology/CIO
- F. Quarisa, Director, Public Works Operations
- D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
- C. Treacy, Director, People and Culture
- V. Gaiu, Manager, Energy and Waste
- H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
- C. Chu, Senior Planner - Policy
- D. Lau, Project Manager, Climate Change & Sustainable Development
- J. Sealey, Program Manager, Traffic Safety and Operations

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:48 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)

Jake Matta, Parks Operator and CUPE 905.16 Unit Chair, addressed Council on behalf of the union. He advised of their concerns regarding CUPE 905 Member's wages, working conditions, employee retention and other issues they had which led to the vote to strike. J. Matta indicated that it was their hope that an

agreement could be reached that reflected the needs of their membership so they could return to work.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Cui advised that last weekend a food bank drive was held in Ward 4 at the Elgin West Community Centre and extended his thanks to the residents for their donations and support of those residents in need throughout the community.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola shared that Members of Council were wearing purple today to raise awareness and to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and highlighted the services that were available to help women who were escaping violence such as the non-profit organization Abuse Hurts.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that this Friday at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts was the annual Seniors' Christmas Celebration and extended an invitation for all seniors to register and attend the event.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that this Friday and throughout the weekend was the Hill Potters' Guild sale and showcase and noted that it would be a great place to buy holiday gifts for family and friends.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan shared that at tomorrow's York Region Council meeting a final decision would be made regarding the Regional budget and that it would be Chair Wayne Emmerson's last meeting before entering retirement. Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended his appreciation and thanks to Chair Emmerson for his years of service.

Mayor West echoed the comments made by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding why they were wearing purple and shared the important role that Members of Council play in addressing the elimination of violence against women.

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: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

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

a) Withdrawal - Presentation by Mayor West of the William F. Bell Young Entrepreneur Award to Owen Knowles, founder of Owen Knowles Interior Car Detailing - (Item 13.1);

b) Withdrawal - Presentation by Superintendent Ian Hill, Inspector Kolin Alexander, Detective Sergeant Jason Jackson, and Detective Sergeant Jason Dinsmore, York Region Police, regarding 2 District Operational Updates - (Item 13.2).

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#25-24 held November 13, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#25-24 held on November 13, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

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 Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council adopted those items, including the By-laws, not identified for separate discussion.

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 - Audit Committee meeting A#02-24 held November 12, 2024

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting A#02-24 held November 12, 2024, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.1.1 SRCFS.24.048 - Capital Project Financial Status Report

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

- a) That staff report SRCFS.24.048 regarding Capital Project Financial Status Report be received;
- b) That all capital projects listed in Appendix "A" to staff report SRCFS.24.048:
 - i. Be closed;
 - ii. Projects with a net surplus of \$2.98 million be returned to sources as identified.
- c) That Budget and Funding Adjustments in the net amount of \$4.19 million returned to source as identified in Appendix "B" to staff report SRCFS.24.048 be approved.

Carried

15.1.2 SRCFS.24.051 - Awarding of External Audit Services

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

- a) That KPMG be appointed auditors for the City of Richmond Hill for a period of five years ending Financial Statements dated December 31, 2028.

Carried

15.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#16-24 held November 20, 2024

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#16-24 held November 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.2.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH #07-24 held October 3, 2024 - (CW Item 11.1)

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

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#07-24 held October 3, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

15.2.2 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#08-24 held November 7, 2024 - (CW Item 11.2)

15.2.2.1 SRPBS.24.109 - Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South - City File D12-0750 - (CW Item 11.2.1)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.109 regarding Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South be received;

b) That Council approve the request to demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South.

Carried

15.2.3 SRCFS.24.027 - Renewal and Support Services with Salesforce for CRM - (CW Item 11.3)

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

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.027 regarding Renewal and Support Services with Salesforce for CRM be received;

b) That the sole source renewal of the City Customer Relations Management (CRM) System hosting license, maintenance and

support be awarded non-competitively to Salesforce Corporation (Canada) for a contract duration of five (5) years and a cost not exceeding \$695,000, exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with existing Salesforce Corporation (Canada) software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff;

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 affect the contract(s).

Carried

15.2.4 SRCFS.24.053 - Non-Competitive Acquisition, Water Meter Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Reading - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.053 regarding the Non-Competitive Acquisition for the Water Meter Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Reading be received;

b) That a contract for the provision of water meter supply, installation, maintenance and reading be awarded non-competitively to Neptune Technology Group Canada Co. pursuant to Appendix “B” Part I Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 and Article 513 (c) of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement;

c) That the contract award be for an acquisition value not exceeding \$ 3,000,000 exclusive of H.S.T., pursuant to and for a term of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026;

d) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract.

Carried

15.2.5 SRCS.24.16 - 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Plan - (CW Item 11.5)

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

- a) That staff report SRCS 24.16 regarding the 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Plan be received;
- b) That the 2024 Corporate Energy Plan be endorsed and implementation of recommended energy efficiency and net zero carbon measures be brought forward for approval through the budget process;
- c) That the energy efficiency and GHG emissions targets for new City facilities and major retrofits, as described in the 2024 Corporate Energy Plan, be adopted; and
- d) That staff explore the market for alternate funding and financing options that would reduce or eliminate the municipal capital investment for solar power installations on City Facilities.

Carried

15.2.6 SRIES.24.007 - Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update - (CW Item 11.6)

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

- a) That staff report SRIES.24.007 regarding Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update be received;
- b) That Council approve the 18 traffic calming locations for traffic calming in 2025, as outlined in Attachment 2 to SRIES.24.007;
- c) That Council approve a boulevard 'Slow Down' sign pilot program as outlined in staff report SRIES.24.007.

Carried

**15.2.7 SRIES.24.009 - Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets
(Speed Limit and Parking) - (CW Item 11.7) - (Proposed By-laws
129-24 and 130-24)**

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

- a) That staff report SRIES.24.009 regarding Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets be received;
- b) That Council approve the speed limit and parking regulation changes outlined in staff report SRIES.24.009;
- c) That By-law 129-24 (Attachment 3 to staff report SRIES.24.009) be enacted to amend the Speed Restrictions - Roads By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1126) in order to reduce the speed limit on the identified roads to 40 km/h;
- d) That By-law 130-24 (Attachment 4 to staff report SRIES.24.009) be enacted to amend the Parking Regulation By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1116) in order to implement the recommended parking regulation changes.

Carried

**15.2.8 SRPBS.24.092 - Park Naming Report (Heron View Park) - (CW
Item 11.8)**

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

- a) That the proposed name “Heron View Park” be approved in principle for the site described in staff report SRPBS.24.092;
- b) That the proposed name “Heron View Park” be advertised on the City’s website with request for public comments in accordance with the City’s Policy for Naming and Renaming Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities;
- c) That staff report back to Council regarding public comments on the proposed “Heron View Park” name and with a final recommendation for naming the site.

Carried

15.2.9 SRPBS.24.103 - Request for Approval - Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design - (CW Item 11.9) - (By-laws 133-24 and 134-24)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.103 regarding the Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design, be received;

b) That the Community Improvement Plan Project Area (Proposed By-law 133-24, attached as Appendix A to staff report SRPBS.24.103) and the Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design (Proposed By-law 134-24, attached as Appendix B to staff report SRPBS.24.103), be approved.

Carried

15.2.10 SRPBS.24.112 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - 2706379 Ontario Limited - 12600 Bayview Avenue - City File AA-24-0051- (CW Item 11.10)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.112 regarding a Private Street Naming Application submitted by 2706379 Ontario Limited for the lands known as Block 226, Registered Plan 65M-3802 (municipal address: 12600 Bayview Avenue) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed private street Baldwin Ransom Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.112; and
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street name in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.112.

Carried

15.2.11 SRPBS.24.113 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Deergate Holdings Inc. - 11546 Leslie Street - City File AA-24-0053 - (CW Item 11.11)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.113 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by Deergate Holdings Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 31, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 11546 Leslie Street) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed private street Douglas Sanders Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.113; and
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street name in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.113.

Carried

15.2.12 SRCM.24.13 - Richmond Hill Service Charter - (CW Item 11.12)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the Richmond Hill Service Charter as outlined in staff report SRCM.24.13 be approved.

Carried

15.2.13 Correspondence from S. Jason D'Elia, ELM Developments, dated November 19, 2024, regarding Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design - (CW Item 11.13)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the correspondence from S. Jason D'Elia, ELM Developments, dated November 19, 2024, regarding Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design, be received.

Carried

15.3 SRPBS.24.126 - Update on the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.126 regarding Update on the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

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: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-Law 129-24 - A By-Law to amend Schedule "A", as amended, being Chapter 1126 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code, relating to the Speed of Motor Vehicles

By-Law 130-24 - A By-law to amend Chapter 1116 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code, being By-law 402-89, as amended, relating to parking regulation

By-law 133-24 - A By-Law to Designate a Community Improvement Project Area for the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 134-24 - A By-Law to Adopt the Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design

By-law 137-24 - A By-law to Levy for Taxes Prior to the Adoption of Budget Estimates

Carried

19. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

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

20.1 By-law 156-24

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

That By-law 156-24, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk