



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#01-25

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

(Electronic Meeting in accordance with Article 12 of the Procedure By-law No. 125-23)

An electronic Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., in Committee Room 1, via videoconference.

Council Member present in Committee Room 1:

Mayor West

Committee Members present via videoconference:

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 via videoconference:

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
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
M. Flores, Director, Development Planning
K. Chaudry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
D. Kwan, Manager, Technology Infrastructure
K. Graham, Project Manager, Development Planning

J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Staff Members present in Committee Room 1:

S. Huycke, City Clerk

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

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 Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, regarding Ministry Code of Conduct

Pat Pollock, 67 Drumern Crescent, addressed Council regarding proposed amendments from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Municipal Act, aimed at standardizing and strengthening the Municipal Code of Conduct. She outlined key legislative changes, raised concerns about specific aspects, and requested that Council comment on the proposal to the Ministry before the February 10, 2025 deadline.

4.2 Christopher Lozinski, 6 Crystal Drive, regarding gentrification and housing in the Mill Pond area

Christopher Lozinski, 6 Crystal Drive, addressed Council regarding the changing housing landscape in the Mill Pond area. He expressed concern over the replacement of affordable multi-unit homes with large, expensive houses that often sit vacant, making the area inaccessible to younger generations and working class families. He urged Council to prioritize the development of multi-unit housing on vacant land to maintain affordability and inclusivity.

5. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor Chan extended best wishes to those who will celebrate the Lunar New Year on January 29, 2025.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan announced that he will be hosting his annual New Year's Levee on January 26th, at Bayview Community Centre, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. He encouraged all residents to attend, and provided an overview of the event.

Councillor Liu advised that he hosted his Ward 3 Community Safety Town Hall last night, noting the good turnout, and extended his gratitude to the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and Superintendent for sharing valuable information to the residents. Councillor Liu acknowledged Richmond Hill's MP, MPPs, and members of Council who attended, and City staff and volunteers for help at the event.

Mayor West recognized the success of Councillor Liu's Ward 3 Community Safety Town Hall, emphasizing the valuable information shared and the excellent work being done by York Regional Police to address crime and safety in the community.

Mayor West announced that the Winter Carnival will take place on February 1st and 2nd, noting it as a longstanding Richmond Hill tradition of over 50 years, filled with fun activities, and expressed his hope that everyone attend.

Mayor West congratulated Richmond Hill resident Rachel Piggot, a member of Canada's National Women's Under-18 team, for winning gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

Mayor West congratulated Richmond Hill-based MARI for its Autonomous Adaptable Robot System, which has been named one of three finalists for the 2025 HANNOVER MESSE North America Robotics Award.

Mayor West acknowledged that today is Bell Let's Talk Day, highlighting its significance in raising awareness about the mental health crisis within the

community and across Canada, and emphasizing the importance of encouraging open conversations and ensuring people seek help when needed.

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 addition:

- a) Correspondence from Lisa La Civita, Armland Group, dated January 20, 2025, regarding Municipal Servicing Capacity and Allocation Summary Update (Item 15.4).

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#29-24 held December 10, 2024

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#29-24 held December 10, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.2 Special Council Meeting C#31-24 held December 11, 2024

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#31-24 held December 11, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.3 Council Meeting C#30-24 held December 11, 2024

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#30-24 held December 11, 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 Lui, seconded by Councillor Cui, Council adopted those items 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 - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#01-25 held January 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-25 held January 15, 2025, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

Carried

15.1.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-24 held September 26, 2024 - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-24 held September 26, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

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

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#08-24 held November 7, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

15.1.3 SRCM.25.01 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting – Reference By-law 86-20 (December 16, 2024 to January 10, 2025) - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

a) That staff report SRCM.25.01, regarding Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting, be received.

Carried

15.1.4 SRCM.25.03 - York University Memorandum of Understanding - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

a) That staff report SRCM.25.03, regarding York University Memorandum of Understanding, be received;

b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with York University at the recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried

15.1.5 SRCFS.25.002 - Non-Competitive Renewal of Oracle Software - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

- a) That staff report SRCFS.25.002, regarding Non-Competitive Renewal of Oracle Software, be received;
- b) That the sole source renewal of the Oracle Database Software maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to Oracle Corporation Canada Inc for a contract duration of three (3) years and a cost not exceeding \$510,000, 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 enterprise applications that use Oracle Database software;
- 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

15.1.6 SRPBS.25.003 - Municipal Servicing Capacity and Allocation Summary Update - (CW Item 11.6) - (Proposed By-laws 8-25 and 9-25)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That Staff Report SRPBS.25.003, regarding Municipal Servicing Capacity and Allocation Summary Update, be received for information purposes;
- b) That the City’s Interim Policy for Allocating Sanitary Sewer Capacity, as amended, and the Interim Growth Management Strategy, be revoked;
- c) That the proposed Municipal Servicing Allocation Policy By-law 9-25, attached as Appendix “G” to Staff Report SRPBS.25.003, being a by-law to adopt a policy to provide for the allocation of water supply and sewage capacity, and to assign administration of this policy to the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, be approved and enacted; and,
- d) That the Amendment to the City’s Tariff of Fees By-law 8-25, attached as Appendix “H” to Staff Report SRPBS.25.003 to facilitate the implementation of the proposed Municipal Servicing Allocation Policy, be approved and enacted.

Carried

15.1.7 Memorandum from Darlene Joslin, City Manager, dated January 14, 2025 regarding Addendum to Staff Report SRCM.25.01 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting - Reference by-law 86-20 (December 16, 2024 to January 14, 2025) - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

a) That the Memorandum from Darlene Joslin, City Manager, dated January 14, 2025 regarding Addendum to Staff Report SRCM.25.01 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting - Reference by-law 86-20 (December 16, 2024 to January 14, 2025), be received.

Carried

15.2 SRPBS.25.001 - Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate - 11644 Leslie Street - City File D12-07275

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

- a) That staff report SRPBS.25.001 regarding Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That the Notice of Objection to designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* submitted by or on behalf of the property owner(s) of 11644 Leslie Street, be received;
- c) That City Council affirm its intention to designate the property at 11644 Leslie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance attached as Attachment "A" to staff report SRPBS.25.001;
- d) That staff be directed to bring a designation by-law for the property at 11644 Leslie Street before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

15.3 SRPBS.25.002 - Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate - 159 Mill Street - City File D12-07334

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

- a) That staff report SRPBS.25.002 regarding Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street be received;
- b) That the Notice of Objection to designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* submitted by or on behalf of the property owner(s) of 159 Mill Street, be received;
- c) That City Council affirm its intention to designate the subject property at 159 Mill Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance attached as Attachment "A" to staff report SRPBS.25.002;
- d) That staff be directed to bring a designation by-law for the subject property at 159 Mill Street before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

15.4 Correspondence from Lisa La Civita, Armland Group, dated January 20, 2025, regarding Municipal Servicing Capacity and Allocation Summary Update (refer to Item 15.1.6)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Ciu

- a) That the correspondence from Lisa La Civita, Armland Group, dated January 20, 2025, regarding Municipal Servicing Capacity and Allocation Summary Update, be received.

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: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 1-25 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services

By-law 8-25 - A By-Law to Amend By-law 121-24 being a By-law to authorize Fees or Charges for Certain Services (Tariff of Fee By-law)

By-law 9-25 - A By-law to adopt a policy providing for the allocation of water supply and sewage capacity within the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 13-25 - A By-law to Assign Names to Certain Private Roads

Carried Unanimously

19. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

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

Carried Unanimously

19.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (9:54 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

19.3.1 SRCFS.25.004 – Citizen Appointment to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee (Item A)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That Brian Hatt be appointed to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee 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 10-25

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 10-25, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk