



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#05-25

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 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, February 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Member present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan

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
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
A. McArthur, Acting Director, People and Culture
F. Quarisa, Director, Public Works Operations

S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Planning
D. Oliveira, Manager, Water, Wastewater and Roads
V. Gaiu, Manager, Energy and Waste
A. Rashvand, Manager, Parks Services and Infrastructure
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
R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
C. Debi, Director, Communications Services
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
B. Akingbade, Manager, Application Services
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
D. Lau, Project Manager, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
T. Posey, Planner II - Parks
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

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 DiPaola between 11:26 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. during consideration of Item 15.3.

Council consented to recess the meeting between 11:47 a.m. 12:12 p.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 Ian Macmillan, 62 Weldrick Road West, regarding a request to have Aquafit classes relocated back to Bayview Hill pool

Ian Macmillan, of 62 Weldrick Road West, expressed his disappointment with Richmond Hill's decision to relocate Aquafit classes to the Wave Pool from Bayview Hill pool. He detailed efforts to have the decision reversed, highlighted why the Wave Pool is unsuitable for Aquafit classes, and noted the decline in enrollment following the move.

5. Council Announcements

Mayor West recognized that Ramadan begins on Friday and, on behalf of Council, wished everyone celebrating a blessed and generous Ramadan.

Mayor West advised that his annual Maple Syrup Festival will be held on April 12th, and that more information will be shared soon.

Mayor West invited everyone to save the date for the first Sustainability Speaker Series session that will be held in partnership with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health. He advised that the first event will be held on March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, and for those interested to register at his website.

Mayor West acknowledged that today was Pink Shirt Day, an annual event to raise awareness against bullying in Canada.

Mayor West congratulated Jordan Binnington, Connor McDavid, and all of Team Canada for winning the 2025 4 Nations Face-off.

6. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

6.1 Introduction of Emergency and Time Sensitive Matter - Member Motion – Councillor Davidson - Detailed Report on Snow Cleanup Efforts in Response to Recent Extreme Weather Event

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding a Detailed Report on Snow Cleanup Efforts in Response to Recent Extreme Weather Event, be added to the agenda as an Emergency and/or Time Sensitive Matter.

Carried

7. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- a) To be rescheduled - Presentation by Darlene Joslin, City Manager, to Tarana Rahimi, Manager, Corporate Donor Relations, United Way Greater Toronto, on behalf of the City of Richmond Hill 2024 United Way Campaign Committee – (Item 13.1);
- b) Correspondence from Penny Alexopoulos, Chair, Village of Richmond Hill BIA, dated February 24, 2025, regarding Blue Box Collection Charges - Non-Eligible Sources – (Item 15.4);
- c) Emergency and Time Sensitive Matter - Member Motion – Councillor Davidson - Detailed Report on Snow Cleanup Efforts in Response to Recent Extreme Weather Event – (Item 17.1).

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 Public Meeting C#02-25 held February 11, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#02-25 held February 11, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

9.2 Council Meeting C#03-25 held February 12, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#03-25 held February 12, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.2, 15.3, 16.1 and 17.1 for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion, including all the by-laws.

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)

13.1 Presentation by Darlene Joslin, City Manager, to Tarana Rahimi, Manager, Corporate Donor Relations, United Way Greater Toronto, on behalf of the City of Richmond Hill 2024 United Way Campaign Committee

The presentation by Darlene Joslin, City Manager, to Tarana Rahimi, Manager, Corporate Donor Relations, United Way Greater Toronto, on behalf of the City of Richmond Hill 2024 United Way Campaign Committee, will be rescheduled.

14. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#03-25 held February 19, 2025

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#03-25 held February 19, 2025, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.1.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#09-24 held December 5, 2024 - (CW Item 11.1)

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

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#09-24 held December 5, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

15.1.2 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#01-25 held February 6, 2025

15.1.2.1 SRPBS.25.021 - Notice to Demolish the Buildings at 53 St. Laurent Drive - City File D12-07405 - (CW Item 11.2.1)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.021 regarding Notice to Demolish the Buildings at 53 St. Laurent Drive - City File D12-07405, be received;

b) That Council approve the demolition of 53 St. Laurent Drive;

c) That once the buildings are demolished, 53 St. Laurent Drive be removed from Richmond Hill's Heritage Register.

Carried

15.1.3 SRCS.25.02 - Blue Box Transition - Waste Collection Contract Update - (CW Item 11.4)

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

a) That staff report SRCS.25.02 regarding Blue Box Transition - Waste Collection Contract Update, be received;

b) That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to amend the existing waste collection contract SS-30-17 to remove residential recycling collection services; amend the cost per tonne for organics collection; and enact a 1-year optional contract extension;

c) That a Request for Proposal (RFP) be issued for the provision of new long-term residential waste collection services commencing in April 2028.

Carried

15.1.4 SRCS.25.05 - 2024 Municipal Drinking Water Reporting - (CW Item 11.5)

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

a) That staff report SRCS.25.05 containing various 2024 Municipal Drinking Water Reporting documents including the Summary Report required by Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03 be received;

b) That the “City of Richmond Hill Drinking Water Annual Report 2024” (attached as Appendix 1 to staff report SRCS.25.05) required under Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03 be received and made available to the public on the City’s website;

c) That the Quality Management System Report 2024 (attached as Appendix 2 to staff report SRCS.25.05) required by the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, be received.

Carried

15.1.5 SRIES.25.002 - 2024 - Municipal Infrastructure Assumptions Summary under Delegated Authority - (CW Item 11.6)

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

a) That staff report SRIES.25.002 regarding 2024 - Municipal Infrastructure Assumptions Summary under Delegated Authority, be received.

Carried

15.1.6 SRPBS.25.012 - Park Naming Report (Heron View Park) - Follow Up - (CW Item 11.7)

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

a) That the proposed name “Heron View Park” for the site described in staff report SRPBS.24.092, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPBS.25.012, be granted final approval.

Carried

**15.1.7 SRPBS.25.013 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Community Efficiency Financing Grant for Home Energy
Retrofit Financing Program Feasibility Study - (CW Item 11.8)**

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.013 regarding Federation of Canadian Municipalities Community Efficiency Financing Grant for Home Energy Retrofit Financing Program Feasibility Study be received;

b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Richmond Hill and Markham to give effect to the joint Feasibility Study as part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Community Efficiency Financing grant as recommended in staff report SRPBS.25.013, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services.

Carried

**15.1.8 SRPBS.25.016 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of
Condominium - 243 Sixteenth Ave. GP Inc. - 243 16th Avenue -
City File D05-14003 (Related City Files D01-17007, D02-14013,
D03-14002, D06-14038) - (CW Item 11.9)**

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

a) That the Draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by 243 Sixteenth Ave. GP Inc. known as Block 1, Registered Plan 65M-4689 (municipal address: 243 16th Avenue), City File D05-14003, be draft approved, subject to the following:

- i. that draft approval be subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.016;

- ii. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fees in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law; and,
- iii. that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix "A" to staff report SRPBS.25.016, if required.

Carried

15.1.9 SRPBS.25.018 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Sunny Communities Elgin Mills Inc. - City File AA-24-0055 - (CW Item 11.10)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.018 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by Sunny Communities Elgin Mills Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 1080 Elgin Mills Road East) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed private streets Gathering Lane (P) and Harry Chadwick Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.25.018; and,
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street names in accordance with staff report SRPBS.25.018.

Carried

15.1.10 SRPBS.25.019 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - 1430518 Ontario Limited - City File AA-24-0062 - (CW Item 11.11)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.019 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by 1430518 Ontario Limited for the lands known as Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 0 Elgin Mills Road East) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed private streets Ernest Mitchell Lane (P), Parfait Lane (P), and Damask Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.25.019; and,
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street names in accordance with staff report SRPBS.25.019.

Carried

15.1.11 SRCM.25.04 - Provincial Housing Pledge and Federal Housing Accelerator Fund: Launch of Richmond Hill Centre Zoning By-law - (CW Item 11.12)

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

- a) That staff report SRCM.25.04 regarding Provincial Housing Pledge and Federal Housing Accelerator Fund: Launch of Richmond Hill Centre Zoning By-law, be received for information.

Carried

15.1.12 SRS.25.01 - Conveyance of Easement located at 64 Castleridge Drive from Qing Sun - (CW Item 11.13)

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

- a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to implement the conveyance of an easement designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 65R-41234 as Part 1 (Reference Project No. 24-B8300) from the property at 64 Castleridge Drive upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried

15.1.13 SRCFS.25.001 - Semi Annual Report - Non Competitive Acquisitions - (CW Item 11.14)

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

- a) That staff report SRCFS.25.001 regarding Semi Annual Report, Non Competitive Acquisitions, be received for information purposes only.

Carried

15.1.14 SRCFS.25.005 - Non-Competitive Acquisition of SAP Payroll Upgrade Licenses - (CW Item 11.15)

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

a) That staff report SRCFS.25.005 for the Non-Competitive Acquisition of SAP Payroll Upgrade Licenses, Maintenance and Support be received;

b) That a contract for the provision of licenses required for the upgrade of the City's Payroll system on the SAP ERP Platform, including the maintenance and support for a term of four (4) years (2025 - 2028) be awarded non-competitively to SAP Canada Inc. for an acquisition value not exceeding \$1,734,000 exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix "B" Part I, Sections (b) and (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16, in order to ensure compatibility with existing SAP S4HANA ERP Platform (S4HANA) software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill;

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 procurement of the Licenses and the contract(s).

Carried

15.1.15 Correspondence from Ross Vaccaro, 82 Duncan Road, dated February 18, 2025, regarding the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium submitted by 243 Sixteenth Ave. GP Inc. for 243 16th Avenue - (CW Item 11.16)

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

a) That the correspondence from Ross Vaccaro, 82 Duncan Road, dated February 18, 2025, regarding the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium submitted by 243 Sixteenth Ave. GP Inc. for 243 16th Avenue, be received.

Carried

15.1.16 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Richmond Hill's Commitment to Transparency and Accountability - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill is committed to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the continuous improvement of municipal operations; and

Whereas, the City strives to deliver services and projects that maximize value for taxpayers while effectively meeting the needs and expectations of the community; and

Whereas, the City's continuous improvement initiatives must play a vital role in streamlining operations, improving service delivery, and optimizing the use of taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, maintaining transparency and accountability necessitates regular reporting to City Council and residents on efficiencies, cost savings, and service improvements; and

Whereas, this motion reinforces Council and the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the continuous improvement of municipal operations.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That staff be directed to prepare a presentation on Richmond Hill's Continuous Improvement Journey, including but not limited to:

- Efficiencies identified and implemented;
- Service improvements achieved;
- Resulting cost savings and financial impacts;
- Opportunities for further enhancements;
- Recommendations for sustaining and expanding continuous improvement efforts across all departments;
- Ongoing and upcoming projects planned for 2025 and beyond.

2. That the staff presentation be presented to Council by April 16, 2025 for review and discussion.

Carried

15.2 SRCS.25.01 - Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That staff report SRCS.25.01 regarding Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources, be received;

b) That the City continue providing recycling collection services, effective January 1, 2026, to:

i. City Facilities; and,

ii. Rateable business properties currently receiving municipal collection in the downtown core Business Improvement Area (BIA).

c) That a waste management fee of \$365 be implemented in 2026 for rateable business properties in the BIA that will be receiving municipal waste collection, and that this fee be reviewed and updated annually through the Tariff of Fees process to facilitate phase-in to full cost recovery.

d) That the City's Super Mailbox Recycling Program be terminated effective January 1, 2027, and an aggressive public awareness campaign be implemented in 2026 to prevent ad-mail littering when the recycling bins are removed.

e) That recycling collection services be discontinued as of January 1, 2026, from the following:

i. religious institutions currently receiving service;

ii. non-profit organizations currently receiving service; and,

iii. daycare providers currently receiving service.

f) That collection of all waste streams be discontinued effective January 1, 2026, from industrial and commercial properties outside of the BIA currently receiving service.

An Amendment was:

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That Clause d) of the motion be amended to read as follows:

“d) That the City’s Super Mailbox Recycling Program be terminated effective January 1, 2026, and an aggressive public awareness campaign be implemented in 2025 to prevent ad-mail littering when the recycling bins are removed.”

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (4): Councillor Thompson, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Cui, Councillor Cilevitz

Opposed: (5) Councillor Shiu, Mayor West, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Motion to Amend Failed to Carry (4 to 5)

Main Motion:

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

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b) That the City continue providing recycling collection services, effective January 1, 2026, to:

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e) That recycling collection services be discontinued as of January 1, 2026, from the following:

- i. religious institutions currently receiving service;
- ii. non-profit organizations currently receiving service; and,
- iii. daycare providers currently receiving service.

f) That collection of all waste streams be discontinued effective January 1, 2026, from industrial and commercial properties outside of the BIA currently receiving service.

A recorded vote was taken on Clause a):

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Liu, Councillor Cui, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Davidson, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Clause a) Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause b) (i):

In favour: (8): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Thompson, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Cui, Councillor Davidson, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Mayor West, Councillor Shiu

Opposed: (1): Councillor Liu

Clause b) (i) Carried (8 to 1)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause b) (ii):

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Cui, Mayor West, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Liu, Councillor Thompson, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Davidson, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Opposed: (0): None

Clause b) (ii) Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause c):

In favour: (6): Councillor Cilevitz, Mayor West, Councillor Shiu, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Cui, Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Opposed: (3): Councillor Davidson, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Liu

Clause c) Carried (6 to 3)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause d):

In favour: (5): Councillor Cilevitz, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West, Councillor Cui

Opposed: (4): Councillor Liu, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Shiu

Clause d) Carried (5 to 4)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause e):

In favour: (8): Councillor Cilevitz, Mayor West, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Cui, Councillor Thompson

Opposed: (1): Councillor Liu

Clause e) Carried (8 to 1)

A recorded vote was taken on Clause f):

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Mayor West, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Liu, Councillor Cui, Councillor Davidson

Opposed: (0): None

Clause f) Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

The complete motion to read as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That staff report SRCS.25.01 regarding Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources, be received;

b) That the City continue providing recycling collection services, effective January 1, 2026, to:

i. City Facilities; and,

ii. Rateable business properties currently receiving municipal collection in the downtown core Business Improvement Area (BIA).

c) That a waste management fee of \$365 be implemented in 2026 for rateable business properties in the BIA that will be receiving municipal waste collection, and that this fee be reviewed and updated annually through the Tariff of Fees process to facilitate phase-in to full cost recovery.

- d) That the City's Super Mailbox Recycling Program be terminated effective January 1, 2027, and an aggressive public awareness campaign be implemented in 2026 to prevent ad-mail littering when the recycling bins are removed.
- e) That recycling collection services be discontinued as of January 1, 2026, from the following:
 - i. religious institutions currently receiving service;
 - ii. non-profit organizations currently receiving service; and,
 - iii. daycare providers currently receiving service.
- f) That collection of all waste streams be discontinued effective January 1, 2026, from industrial and commercial properties outside of the BIA currently receiving service.

Carried

15.3 SRCFS.25.007 - Response to February 12, 2025 Member Motion – Regarding a “Made in Canada” Procurement Policy

Moved by: Mayor West
 Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That staff report SRCFS.25.007 be received;
- b) That staff be directed to modify current procurement practices to give effect to prioritizing Canadian goods and services by:
 - i. Increasing the threshold for High Value Acquisition procurement to \$133,800 to align with Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) thresholds;
 - ii. Specifying goods or services that are Made In Canada where they are available to meet functional requirements and are within budget for any procurement values below Canada European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Thresholds;
- c) That the City Clerk be authorized to include any by-law or by-laws required to amend the City's Procurement By-law on a future Council agenda in order to effect the actions set out in b) without any prior consideration;

d) That staff be authorized to explore ways the City can best support the Richmond Hill business community when the impacts of tariffs begin to affect local businesses and;

e) That staff be directed to continue to monitor the proposed tariffs and report to Council as necessary regarding the impacts to the City.

Carried Unanimously

15.4 Correspondence from Penny Alexopoulos, Chair, Village of Richmond Hill BIA, dated February 24, 2025, regarding Blue Box Collection Charges - Non-Eligible Sources

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the correspondence from Penny Alexopoulos, Chair, Village of Richmond Hill BIA, dated February 24, 2025, regarding Blue Box Collection Charges - Non-Eligible Sources, be received.

Carried

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
- b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
- c) That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure and program delivery needs;
- d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.
- e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025
- f) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

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

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill experienced an unprecedented snowfall of approximately 70 cm over the course of 12 days, significantly impacting roads, sidewalks, windrow services and residents' safety and mobility; and

Whereas timely communication regarding snow removal operations is critical to ensuring public safety, managing resident expectations, and allocating resources efficiently; and

Whereas it is in the public interest to assess and review the City's response to this extreme weather event to identify successes, challenges, and areas for improvement in future snow removal operations.

Now Therefore, be it resolved:

a) That Council during this meeting discuss the impact of the significant snowfall in February 2025.

Carried

18. By-laws

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

That the following By-laws be approved:

- 18.1 By-law 2-25 - A By-law to Designate 13 Church Street South (Graham-Young House) Under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 18.2 By-law 3-25 - A By-law to Designate 11644 Leslie Street (Horner House) Under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 18.3 By-law 4-25 - A By-law to Designate 159 Mill Street (Thomas Smith House) Under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 18.4 By-law 5-25 - A By-law to Designate 55 Richmond Street (Maple Villa) Under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 18.5 By-law 6-25 - A By-law to Designate 35 Wright Street (Enfield: The Edith (Littlefield) and Harry Endean House) Under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 18.6 By-law 15-25 - A By-law to Assign Names to Certain Private Roads
- 18.7 By-law 16-25 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

18.8 By-law 17-25 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

18.9 By-law 18-25 - A By-law to Establish Lands as Public Highway

18.10 By-law 35-25 - 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:

Council consented not to resolve into a closed session meeting to consider matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the Salaried Employees Association (SEA) Negotiations, pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, and adopted the following resolution:

SRCFS.25.009– Salaried Employees Association (SEA) Negotiations – (Item A)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the direction to staff in the Recommendations section of confidential closed session staff report SRCFS.25.009 be approved.

b) That the direction to staff and confidential closed session staff report SRCFS.25.009 remain confidential.

Carried

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

20.1 By-law 36-25

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 36-25, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui

Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk