



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#09-25

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 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, June 4, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

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

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
M. Flores, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
K. Graham, Manager, Development Planning
C. Greco, Manager, Real Estate
M. Lam, Manager, Revenue Billing
B. Osler, Senior Economic Development Officer
S. Huycke, City Clerk

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola invited everyone to his “Family Fun Day” barbeque at Mill Pond on June 7th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. He advised that, thanks to generous donations from local sponsors and community partners, there will be free burgers and drinks, entertainment, and activities, and noted that he looked forward to seeing everyone there.

Councillor Cilevitz extended her gratitude to Events staff for assisting her office with the “Songwriters from the Hill” event, which was held at the United Church last Saturday night. She noted that she looked forward to part two, which will be held on November 1st.

Councillor Cilevitz acknowledged and wished everyone a happy Pride Month, and invited everyone to attend the flag raising on June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Councillor Cilevitz advised that the York Pride Parade takes place on June 21st in Newmarket, and noted that Council, along with some staff and the Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra, will be marching. She invited those interested to join the march or attend for a day of fun.

Mayor West advised that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Convention in Ottawa, where the City of Richmond Hill was well represented on the national stage. He commented on the keynote addresses delivered by all federal parties, and in particular highlighted Prime Minister Carney’s remarks on supporting cities in addressing the challenges they face in their communities.

Councillor Cui recognized that last week was National Accessibility Week. He advised of several hockey games hosted by NorthStar Special Needs Society for children with autism, and noted that the organization is working with a New York university to study how sports can benefit children with autism.

Councillor Cui advised that registration to participate in the Ward 4 community garage sale, taking place on June 14th, will close this week, and encouraged those interested to visit his website.

Councillor Cui advised that yesterday he, along with Mayor West, attended Richland Academy to celebrate the school being awarded \$5,000 by EcoSchools Canada and the Greenbelt Foundation, in recognition of a Grade 8 student's video addressing the potential impact of Highway 413.

Councillor Cui advised that last week York Regional Police hosted a bicycle ride to promote their "1 Metre" campaign to remind motorists to adhere to the law and give cyclists one metre of space on roadways.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that June is Senior's Month and that the City will be hosting a barbeque on June 7th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mill Pond for those 55 and older.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan recognized that June was also Parks and Recreation Month and encouraged everyone to enjoy the beautiful trails and parks.

Councillor Thompson advised that in commemoration of National Indigenous History Month and in partnership with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), Richmond Hill will be hosting "Minwaa Niinwind Dabaadjimownan: Our Story Continues Art Exhibit" which celebrates the history and culture of the MCFN. He noted that the exhibit is open now until July 2nd at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Councillor Thompson, on behalf of the Legion, invited everyone to the "Live at the Legion" event on June 14th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an afternoon of popular music performed by the Twisted Covers Band.

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: Mayor West

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

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 and 12.1 for discussion.

7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Davidson Committee unanimously 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)

There were no delegations.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 SRPBS.25.050 - Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Golden Ambra Highrise Inc. – 10920 Yonge Street - City File D02-19016 (Related File: D06-21073)

Moved by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Golden Ambra Highrise Inc. to remove the Holding (H) provisions applicable to lands known as Part of Lot 52, Concession 1, W.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 10920 Yonge Street), City File D02-19016, be approved and that the Zoning By-law Amendments attached hereto as Appendices “A” and “B” be brought forward to the June 11, 2025 Council meeting for enactment.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 SRCM.25.08 - Economic Development Mission to Hannover Messe

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That SRCM.25.08, regarding the Economic Development Mission to Hannover Messe, be received.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 SRS.25.02 - Conveyance of Easement to Enbridge Gas Inc. located at 0 Pebblelane Court W/S (legally described as Block 10 on Plan 65M-3415)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

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 as shown as Part 1 on Draft Reference Plan prepared by J. D. Barnes Limited dated April 22, 2025 being Reference No. 25-12-073-00 to Enbridge Gas Inc. upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRCFS.25.023 - 2025 Final Levy By-Law and Tax Rates

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That By-law 56-25 be enacted in the form of the draft By-law attached to SRCFS.25.023 to establish and adopt tax rates for 2025 on the assessment in each property class staff report SRCFS.25.023 be received;

b) That the billing and collection of taxes, special assessments, defaulted fines and fees including the tax installment due dates for residential and non-residential properties be authorized; and

c) That the Treasurer be provided delegated authority to adjust billing and collection of taxes, special assessments, defaulted fines and fees including the tax installment due dates for residential and non-residential properties in the event of a postal service disruption.

Carried Unanimously

12. Other Business

12.1 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Council Public Meeting Start Times

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Whereas, Council Public Meetings are intended to allow residents to voice concerns, ask questions, and provide feedback on planning applications and zoning changes; and

Whereas, lengthy meetings with packed agendas can stretch late into the evening, making it harder for residents to participate and adding strain on Richmond Hill staff and attendees.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the start times of Council Public Meetings for Planning Matters under Article 8 of the Procedure By-law be changed to 6:00 p.m. effective September 1, 2025; and

That the City Clerk be directed to place a by-law to make the necessary amendments to the Procedure By-law to reflect the change to the Council Public Meeting start time to 6:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevtiz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.