



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#10-25

Wednesday, June 18, 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 18, 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
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
K. Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
A. Farrugia, Manager, Urban Forestry, Natural Environment and Horticulture
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
M. O'Brien, Sustainability Coordinator

E. Gach, Intern
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communications Services
B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery
M. Kashani, Manager, Design and Construction
K. Bates, Strategy and Government Relations Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz reminded everyone that the York Pride Parade will be held on Saturday, June 21st in Newmarket, indicated that more information was available at yorkpride.ca, and hoped to see many people in attendance.

Mayor West announced that his second Speaker Series, in partnership with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health, would take place tomorrow at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. He noted that the topic focused on sustainability in the city, with an emphasis on local food, and mentioned that further details and registration was available on the website.

Mayor West announced that today marks International Day of Gastronomy, and highlighted how tomorrow's Speaker Series at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, along with the staff report on Local Food and Urban Agriculture in Richmond Hill in today's agenda, complements this occasion.

Mayor West advised that Indigenous Peoples Day is recognized on June 21st. He noted how proud he was to welcome Chief Sault and Councillor Erma Ferrell from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to the theatre yesterday to view art displays in the gallery. He highlighted the importance of learning about their local history and advised the art would be displayed for a short time. He also shared the print he purchased from one of the featured artists at the theatre.

Councillor Thompson announced that the City was planning to revitalize Unity Park, located at 63 Pugsley Avenue, and outlined the proposed improvements. He encouraged residents to share their feedback by completing the Parks Design

Comment Form on the City's website, with comments being accepted until June 30th.

Councillor Liu shared that the annual Ward 3 Barbecue held last Friday was a great success. He extended his thanks to his colleagues who attended, as well as staff, volunteers, sponsors and to his assistant for all their support.

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 Cilevitz

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

- a) Delegation from Jamie Yoon and Jeff Dennis, Mount Pleasant Group, regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 1591 Elgin Mills Road East - (Item 10.1);
- b) Delegation from Janet and John Sherman, Temperanceville United Church, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 734 King Road - (Item 10.2);
- c) Delegation from Doug Loweth, Richmond Hill United Church, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10201 Yonge Street - (Item 10.3);
- d) Delegation from Morgan Sage, on behalf of the York Region Food Council, regarding Local Food and Urban Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (Item 10.4);
- e) Correspondence received regarding Local Food and Agriculture in Richmond Hill – (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 11.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.2.4, 11.6 and 12.1 for discussion.

7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Shiu, 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)

10.1 Jamie Yoon and Jeff Dennis, Mount Pleasant Group, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 1591 Elgin Mills Road East - (refer to Item 11.2.1)

Jamie Yoon, Mount Pleasant Group, provided background information on the cemetery and the services it offers, and requested a deferral of the designation to allow more time for discussions with staff to better understand its potential impact on cemetery operations. He advised that he met with staff earlier this week to discuss the matter, noted that the cemetery was nearing capacity, and explained that the staff report contained outdated information, such as a reference to a farm lane. J. Yoon emphasized the importance of the deferral to allow time on updating the information before bringing it back to Committee for further consideration.

10.2 Janet and John Sherman, Temperanceville United Church, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 734 King Road - (refer to Item 11.2.2)

Janet Sherman, a trustee of the Temperanceville United Church, advised that she addressed the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee at its meeting on June 5th, regarding concerns over loss of control caused by a heritage designation. She further advised of their support for the heritage designation, but requested that the record be corrected to reflect that the Church was privately owned by three trustees, and was not affiliated with the United Church of Canada as mistakenly listed. J. Sherman requested that the corrections be made prior to the designation moving forward.

10.3 Doug Loweth, Richmond Hill United Church, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10201 Yonge Street - (refer to Item 11.2.4)

Doug Loweth, past Chair of Richmond Hill United Church, expressed support for the Church's designation while requesting a revision. He

outlined a multi-year plan to preserve and adapt the 1880 building and highlighted water damaged plaster in the sanctuary, which was a key heritage feature, noting it was caused by leaking dormer vents on the high roof. D. Loweth advised that the dormers are costly and difficult to maintain, and requested that they be removed from the list of protected heritage attributes to protect the sanctuary ceiling and support long-term preservation.

10.4 Morgan Sage, on behalf of the York Region Food Council, regarding Local Food and Urban Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 11.6)

Morgan Sage, on behalf of the York Region Food Council, addressed Committee regarding an initiative of the York Region Food Network. She explained what a Food Charter was, and noted it was developed through extensive community consultation. She outlined its values which included six key pillars, reviewed the supplemental action document, and noted its alignment with Regional and municipal level policies. She reviewed actions relevant to Richmond Hill, and highlighted the significance of endorsing the Charter. M. Sage requested Committee's endorsement of the 2024 York Region Food Charter.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#03-25 held April 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#03-25 held April 3, 2025, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Extracts - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-25 held June 5, 2025

11.2.1 SRPBS.25.058 - Notice of Intention to Designate 1591 Elgin Mills Road East - City File D12-07179 - (HRH Item 6.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.058 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 1591 Elgin Mills Road East be received;

- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 1591 Elgin Mills Road East 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: 1591 Elgin Mills Road East included as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.058;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, that staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) Notwithstanding recommendation (b) and (d), that staff be directed to remove reference to ‘the original farm lane running from Elgin Mills Road East to the house’ as a heritage attribute in the Designation By-law; and,
- f) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

11.2.2 SRPBS.25.059 - Notice of Intention to Designate 734 King Road - City File D12-07234 - (HRH Item 6.2)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That staff report SRPBS.25.059 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 734 King Road be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 734 King Road 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: 734 King Road included as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.059;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed

to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption; and,

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (7): Councillor Cilevitz, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Liu, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Cui, Councillor Shiu, Mayor West

Opposed: (2): Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Davidson

Carried (7 to 2)

11.2.3 SRPBS.25.060 - Notice of Intention to Designate 317 Mill Street - City File D12-07341 - (HRH Item 6.3)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.060 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 317 Mill Street” be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 317 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: 317 Mill Street included as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.060;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption; and,

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

11.2.4 SRPBS.25.061 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10201 Yonge Street - City File D12-07464 - (HRH Item 6.4)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That staff report SRPBS.25.061 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10201 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10201 Yonge 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: 10201 Yonge Street included as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.061;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption; and,
- e) Notwithstanding recommendation (b) and (d), that staff be directed to remove reference to ‘the gable-roofed dormers’ as a heritage attribute in the Designation By-law; and
- f) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

11.2.5 SRPBS.25.062 - Notice of Intention to Designate 11901 Yonge Street - City File D12-07490 - (HRH Item 6.5)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

- a) That staff report SRPBS.25.062 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 11901 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 11901 Yonge 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: 11901 Yonge Street included as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.062;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, that staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption; and,

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

11.2.6 SRPBS.25.063 - Notice of Intention to Designate 12125 Yonge Street - City File D12-07495 - (HRH Item 6.6)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.063 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 12125 Yonge Street be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 12125 Yonge 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: 12125 Yonge Street included as Attachment "A" to staff report SRPBS.25.063;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption; and,

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

11.2.7 SRPBS.25.064 - Heritage Permit for 32 Richmond Street (William Harrison Rental House) - City File D12-07354 - (HRH Item 6.7)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.064 regarding Heritage Permit for 32 Richmond Street (William Harrison Rental House) be received;

b) That the heritage permit application to construct a rear addition and repair the William Harrison Rental House at 32 Richmond Street, as described in staff report SRPBS.25.064, be approved subject to the following condition:

i. That the owner enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement containing provisions ensuring insurance coverage for protection of the heritage house during construction and that the work is completed as proposed in the approved heritage permit; and

c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Heritage Conservation Agreement with the owner of 32 Richmond Street.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 SRCM.25.10 - Health and Safety Water Stream and Play Your Court Grant Applications

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRCM.25.10 regarding Health and Safety Water Stream and Play Your Court Grant Applications, be received;

b) That for the City's application to the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) for the South Richvale Valleyland Sewer Protection Project:

i) Council endorse submission of the City's funding application to HSWS;

ii) Should the application be successful, Council approve that the South Richvale Valleyland Sewer Protection Project proceed with a \$1,623,000 budget, with up to \$1,184,790 to be funded from the Provincial HSWS, and the remaining City portion to be funded from the appropriate funding sources, as determined by the Treasurer.

c) That for the City's application to the Tennis Canada Play Your Court program for the MacLeod's Landing Park Tennis Court Improvement Project:

i) Council endorse submission of the City's funding application to the Play Your Court Program;

ii) Should the application be successful, Council approve that the MacLeod's Landing Park Tennis Court Improvement Project

proceed with a \$650,000 budget, with up to \$100,000 to be funded from the Tennis Canada Play Your Court program, and the remaining City portion to be funded from appropriate funding sources, as determined by the Treasurer.

iii) That the City agrees to the National Bank sponsorship requirements of the Play Your Court Program as outlined in staff report SRCM.25.10.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRS.25.04 - Conveyance of Easements from Peter and Celia Eftimovski and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to facilitate the Maple Grove Avenue road reconstruction

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That Staff Report SRS.25.04 regarding Conveyance of Easements from Peter and Celia Eftimovski and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to facilitate the Maple Grove Avenue road extension, be received;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents and agreements as required including an Agreement of Purchase and Sale to implement the conveyance of easements from the property owners of 91 Maple Grove Avenue, 0 Parker Avenue (East Humber Trail) and 0 Maple Grove Avenue (Oak Ridges Meadow), upon the written recommendation from the City Manager.

Carried Unanimously

11.5 SRIES.25.007 - Traffic Regulation Changes

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That staff report SRIES.25.007 regarding Traffic Regulation Changes, be received;

b) That the speed limit, parking, stopping and turn restriction regulation changes outlined in Staff Report SRIES.25.007, be approved;

c) That By-law 64-25 (Attachment 4 to Staff Report SRIES.25.007) 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, be enacted;

d) That By-law 65-25 (Attachment 5 to Staff Report SRIES.25.007) to amend the Parking Regulation By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1116) in order to implement the recommended parking and stopping regulation changes, be enacted; and

e) That By-Law 66-25 (Attachment 6 to Staff Report SRIES.25.007) to amend the U-Turn Prohibition Regulation By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1135) in order to implement the recommended changes to U-turn prohibitions, be enacted.

Carried Unanimously

11.6 SRPBS.25.051 - Local Food and Urban Agriculture in Richmond Hill

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.051 regarding Local Food and Urban Agriculture in Richmond Hill, be received;

b) That the 2024 York Region Food Charter Action Document, attached as Attachment 1 to staff report SRPBS.25.051, be endorsed;

c) That staff be directed to continue working with York Region Food Network to support local food access and production through the City's existing policy and programming.

Carried Unanimously

11.7 Correspondence received regarding Local Food and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

That the following correspondence regarding Local Food and Agriculture in Richmond Hill, be received:

1. Gloria Marsh, York Region Environmental Alliance, dated June 16, 2025.
2. Morgan Sage, York Region Food Network, dated June 16, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

12. Other Business

12.1 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Feasibility of banning fireworks in the City of Richmond Hill

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Whereas fireworks can pose significant safety risks to people, animals, and property, and generate noise and environmental pollution; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill and Members of Council receive complaints and concerns from residents about the use of fireworks, particularly in relation to excessive noise, litter, fire hazards, and negative impacts on pets and local wildlife; and

Whereas fireworks are set off outside of the dates, times, and locations currently permitted by the City's Fireworks By-law; and

Whereas the response to fireworks-related incidents requires the allocation of Fire and Emergency Services, By-law, and Access Richmond Hill resources; and

Whereas other municipalities have implemented restrictions or outright bans on the sale and/or use of fireworks and have adopted alternative forms of celebration that are more inclusive and environmentally responsible, and

Whereas a comprehensive review of the Richmond Hill Fireworks By-law is contemplated to commence in late 2025 as per SRCS.23.13.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That as part of comprehensive review of the Fireworks By-law staff provide Council with the following information:

- Options for alternative public celebrations or visual displays (e.g., drone light shows, laser shows), and a cost analysis of implementing these alternatives;
- An assessment of fireworks-related complaints received by Access Richmond Hill;
- A comparative analysis of fireworks policies and bylaws in other municipalities;
- A review of potential enforcement mechanisms and associated challenges within Richmond Hill, along with a comparison of enforcement challenges experienced by other municipalities;
- An assessment of the environmental impacts of consumer fireworks, including air and water pollution, litter, and effects on wildlife.

Carried Unanimously

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.