



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**CW#11-25**

**Wednesday, July 2, 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, July 2, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

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

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager  
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services  
N. Kalyvas, Acting Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
G. Li, Acting Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services  
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services  
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning  
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning  
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture  
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor  
F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering  
S. Aiello, Manager, Development Zoning and Committee of Adjustment  
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning  
F. Caparelli, Planner I - Development  
G. La Moglie, Senior Planner - Development

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

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communications Services  
D. Guy, Director, Community Standards  
D. DiRuscio, Manager, Cultural Services  
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

**1. Call to Order**

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

Councillor Cui transferred the Chair to Councillor Liu between:

- 10:51 a.m. and 10:57 a.m. during consideration of Item 11.3.

**2. Council Announcements**

Mayor West extended his thanks to everyone who participated in yesterday's Canada Day festivities and to the staff for organizing a great event that was enjoyed by the community in celebration of Canada's 158th birthday.

**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 by Michael Paddags, 37 Prince Arthur Avenue, regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue - (Item 10.1);

b) Delegation by Joanna Fast, Groundswell Urban Planners, regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue - (Item 10.2);

c) Delegation by Carole Munro, 20 Hanna Avenue, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball - (Item 10.3);

d) Delegation by Teresa Miotto, 20 Hillholm Boulevard, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball - (Item 10.4);

e) Delegation by Claire Malcolmson, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt - (Item 10.5);

f) Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt - (Item 11.11).

Carried

**5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest on Item 11.3 regarding the 2025 Community and Cultural Grant Program (Staff Report SRCS.25.09) as he is a Director on the Board of Management of The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area. Councillor Thompson left the meeting during consideration of this item, and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor Cui declared a pecuniary interest on Item 11.3 regarding the 2025 Community and Cultural Grant Program (Staff Report SRCS.25.09) as he is a Director on the Board of Management of The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area. Councillor Cui left the meeting during consideration of this item, and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

**6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Committee consented to separate Items 11.3, 11.9, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5 for discussion.

**7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Mayor West, Committee 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 Michael Paddags, 37 Prince Arthur Avenue, regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue - (refer to Item 11.9)**

Michael Paddags, 37 Prince Arthur Avenue, addressed Committee regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue. He shared aerial photographs of the area and advised of his concerns with the proposed elevation of the development in relation to his home and the proposed retaining wall which would result in drainage onto his property and negatively impact the value of his property. M. Paddags further advised of his concerns that the proposed development was not taking a holistic view of the area and did not fit with the neighbourhood.

**10.2 Joanna Fast, Groundswell Urban Planners, regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue - (refer to Item 11.9)**

Joanna Fast, Groundswell Urban Planners, agent for the applicant, addressed Committee regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Application submitted by Sasan Saadat for 45 Prince Arthur Avenue. She addressed the concerns of the previous delegate specific to the retaining wall and raised elevations and advised that detailed servicing and grading plans were submitted to the City. J. Fast explained that infill in the area was being done in stages, discussed the existing grade of the road, noted that through the design phase a rear lot catch basin was being proposed, and further detailed design considerations would be done through the draft Plan of Subdivision.

**10.3 Carole Munro, 20 Hanna Avenue, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball - (refer to Item 12.4)**

Carole Munro, 20 Hanna Avenue, addressed Committee regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball. She shared the many advantages of playing pickleball including the health and physical benefits, as well as the friendships and connectivity it created within the community. C. Munro encouraged Committee to make pickleball a strong consideration within Richmond Hill because of its many benefits and requested that a clear status update be provided to the residents of when and where the additional pickleball facilities would be located.

**10.4 Teresa Miotto, 20 Hillholm Boulevard, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball - (refer to Item 12.4)**

Teresa Miotto, 20 Hillholm Boulevard, addressed Committee regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Pickleball. She advised that she was in agreement with the comments made by the previous delegate and that she was speaking on behalf of the Richmond Hill pickleball community who were concerned that there were no clear timelines and commitment. T. Miotto shared that many Richmond Hill residents were going elsewhere to play, suggested options that could be considered for pickleball facilities, and requested that the Member Motion be amended to include clear timelines, goals and a framework for pickleball.

**10.5 Claire Malcolmson, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt - (refer to Item 12.5)**

Claire Malcolmson, Executive Director, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, addressed Committee regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt. She provided background information on the Coalition and the focus of their campaign to help support the snow and ice management sector in the province. C. Malcolmson advised that they were asking municipalities to support resolutions that urged the province to work with stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee and commit to the reduction of road salt use.

**11. Committee and Staff Reports**

**11.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-25 held April 24, 2025**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-25 held April 24, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

**11.2 SRCFS.25.030 - Amendment to Respect in the Workplace Policy**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the amended Respect in the Workplace Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to staff report SRCFS.25.030, be approved.

Carried

**11.3 SRCS.25.09 - 2025 Community and Cultural Grant Program**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRCS.25.09 regarding the 2025 Community and Cultural Grant Program be received;

b) That Community and Cultural Grants totaling \$99,878 be provided to community and cultural organizations, and individual artists as follows:

1. Ayrton Spence, \$5,000
2. Canadian Asian Heritage Association, \$5,000
3. Canadian Literacy Association of Higher Education, \$5,000
4. Canadian Senior Cooperation Association, \$2,625
5. Carol Choi, \$5,000
6. Community and Home Assistance for Seniors (CHATS), \$2,500
7. Greg Chiykowski, \$662
8. Hellenic Canadian Community of York, \$5,000
9. High Notes Avante Productions, \$3,750
10. ICTC Youth Foundation, \$5,000
11. International Psychology Association of Canada, \$2,500
12. Inventor Academy, \$5,000
13. Katya Kuznetsova (Dance Together), \$5,000
14. Luminis Choir, \$3,750
15. Mastermind Dragon Robotic Inc, \$4,740
16. Natasha Khan, \$2,550
17. Play Forever, \$5,000

- 18. Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra, \$2,625
- 19. Richmond Hill Winter Carnival, \$2,500
- 20. Shadowpath Theatre, \$4,250
- 21. Shawn Heydari, \$3,700
- 22. The Village of Richmond Hill BIA, \$5,000
- 23. Toronto Asian Arts Museum, \$5,000
- 24. Yellow Brick House, \$3,500
- 25. York Community Tamil Seniors Association, \$4,226
- 26. York South Family Network, \$1,000

Carried Unanimously

**11.4 SRPBS.25.042 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium - Country Wide Homes (Jefferson) Inc. - 48 and 60 Beech Avenue, and 363 Jefferson Sideroad - City File D05-20005 (Related City File D06-20026)**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by Country Wide Homes (Jefferson) Inc. for the lands known as Block 1, Registered Plan 65M-4850 (municipal addresses: 48 and 60 Beech Avenue, and 363 Jefferson Sideroad), City File D05-20005, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. the conditions of draft plan approval as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.042;
- 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.25.042, if required.

Carried

**11.5 SRPBS.25.067 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Ghasem Hashemi - 4 Bayview Ridge Court - City File D02-22002**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Ghasem Hashemi for lands known as Lot 35, Registered Plan 355 (municipal address: 4 Bayview Ridge Court), City File D02-22002, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Residential Second Density (R2) Zone under Zoning By-law 1703, as amended, to Single Detached Four (R4) Zone under By-law 313-96, as amended, with site specific exceptions;
- ii. that the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached hereto as Appendix “B” to staff report SRPBS.25.067 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and brought to the July 9th, 2025 Council meeting for consideration and enactment; and,
- iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands.

Carried

**11.6 SRPBS.25.074 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium - 2706379 Ontario Limited - 12600 Bayview Avenue - City File CON-22-0003 (Related Files D01-19004, D02-19021 and D06-20041)**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by 2706379 Ontario Limited for the lands known as Block 226, Registered Plan 65M-3802 (municipal address: 12600 Bayview Avenue), City File CON-22-0003, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. the conditions of draft plan approval as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.074;
- 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.25.074, if required.

Carried

**11.7 SRPBS.25.075 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium - Montagna Capital (BT) Inc. - 1577 to 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East- City File CON-25-0001 (Related City File D06-21063)**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by Montagna (BT) Capital Inc. known as Block 4, Registered Plan 65M-4807 (municipal addresses: 1577 to 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East), City File CON-25-0001, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. the fulfillment of the conditions of draft approval as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.075; and,
- ii. that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.075, if required.

Carried

**11.8 SRPBS.25.077- Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium - Jiaying Dai - 9225 Leslie Street - City File CON-24-0007**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by Jiaying Dai for the lands known as Part of Lots 2 and 3, Registered Plan 65M-2139 (municipal address: 9225 Leslie Street), City File CON-24-0007, 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.25.077; and,
- ii. that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.075, if required.

Carried

**11.9 SRPBS.25.078 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-Law Amendment Application - Sasan Saadat - 45 Prince Arthur Avenue - City File D02-17024**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Sasan Saadat for lands known as Lots 47 to 50, Registered Plan 133 (municipal address: 45 Prince Arthur Avenue), City File D02-17024 be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from the former Township of King By-law 986, as amended, to Semi-detached One (RD1) Zone under By-law 313-96, as amended, and that the amending Zoning By-law establish site specific standards as outlined in Appendix "B" to staff report SRPBS.25.078;
- ii. that the draft amending Zoning By-law attached hereto as Appendix "B" be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and brought forward to the July 9th, 2025 Council meeting for consideration and enactment; and,
- iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-law Amendment to implement the proposed development on the subject lands.

Carried

**11.10 SRPBS.25.079 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-Law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - 2550526 Ontario Inc. - 51 Prince Arthur Avenue - City Files D02-16025 and D03-16008**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by 2550526 Ontario Inc. for lands known as Lots 51 to 58, Registered Plan 133 (municipal address: 51 Prince Arthur Avenue), City Files D02-16025 and D03-16008 be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from the former Township of King By-law 986, as amended, to Single Detached Two (R2) Zone under By-law 313-96, as amended, and that the amending Zoning By-law establish standards as outlined in Appendix "B" to staff report SRPBS.25.079;

- ii. that the draft amending Zoning By-law attached hereto as Appendix “B” be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and brought forward to the July 9th, 2025 Council meeting for consideration and enactment;
- iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-law Amendment to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;
- iv. that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 6 to staff report SRPBS.25.079 be draft approved subject to the conditions set out in Appendix “C” to staff report; and,
- v. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City’s Tariff of Fees By-law, as amended.

Carried

**11.11 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt - (refer to Item 12.5)**

Moved by: Mayor West

That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt, be received:

1. Irene Ford, 36 Irish Moss Court, Woodbridge, dated June 27, 2025.
2. Peter Miasek, 34 Normandale Road, Markham, dated June 27, 2025.
3. Linda Keith, 25 Bloomgate Crescent, dated June 27, 2025.
4. Anna Pelc-Draper, 278 Douglas Road, dated June 27, 2025.
5. Bill Wolters, 135 Barberry Crescent, dated June 28, 2025.
6. Paulina Benhaim, 463 North Lake Road, dated June 29, 2025.
7. Reza Farmand, 45 Blackbird Crescent, dated June 29, 2025.

Carried

**12. Other Business**

**12.1 Member Motion - Councillor Liu - FIFA World Cup 2026**

Moved by: Councillor Liu

WHEREAS The Countdown of FIFA World Cup 2026 has begun.

WHEREAS FIFA World Cup 2026 is the first-ever tri-nation World Cup jointly host by Canada, USA and Mexico.

WHEREAS This will be the first-ever men's FIFA World Cup™ match on Canadian soil.

WHEREAS The 2026 edition of the FIFA World Cup is the largest ever with 48 teams, 104 matches across 39 days.

WHEREAS Toronto will host six matches in the FIFA World Cup 2026.

WHEREAS FIFA World Cup 2026 projected to bring in billions of revenues, jobs, and drive tourism growth to neighboring Cities beyond Toronto.

WHEREAS Richmond Hill is one of the most multi-cultural Cities in Canada.

WHEREAS Soccer is one of the most popular sports in Richmond Hill.

WHEREAS FIFA World Cup is more than a tournament – it is a catalyst for growth, unity, and innovation across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Staff be directed to report back through the 2026 Operating Budget process regarding the possibility of hosting FIFA World Cup 2026 viewing parties in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

**12.2 Member Motion - Mayor West - Heritage Grant Program**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is committed to supporting heritage conservation through its cultural heritage planning programs, such as the identification and designation of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register, the Heritage Richmond Hill (HRH) Advisory Committee, the Heritage Permit Process, and the Heritage Grant Program;

Whereas through Bills 23 and 200, all non-designated heritage properties will automatically be removed from the City's Heritage Register on December 31, 2026 and thus lose their protection from demolition; Whereas the City has been actively pursuing the designation of priority listed properties under its heritage designation strategy in response to the Province's deadline;

Whereas designated heritage property owners rely on the City's Heritage Grant Program for financial assistance to conserve, repair and restore their heritage properties up to 50% of rehabilitation costs to a maximum of \$5,000.00; and

Whereas the cost of building repair and replacement, like many other construction and material costs, have risen over the years yet the Heritage Grant amount has remained the same since it was first established in 2013;

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

Staff be directed to review the Heritage Grant Program to identify a way to more effectively incentivize the owners of designated heritage buildings and report back by the end of Q2 2026.

Carried Unanimously

### **12.3 Member Motion - Mayor West - Bond Lake-ORCCR Motion**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (the "ORCCR") is a valued nature and recreational sanctuary in Richmond Hill made up of approximately 600 hectares of land located between Bathurst Street and Leslie Street, north of Stouffville Road and Jefferson Sideroad, and south of Bethesda Sideroad and King Road; and,

Whereas a significant portion of the ORCCR is owned by the Province of Ontario and managed by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority pursuant to a Management Agreement that will expire in 2027, and,

Whereas the Province, the City, TRCA and others collaborated to prepare the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan (2006) and the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East Management Plan (2011), which have guided infrastructure investment and management activities on the ORCCR lands for the last 20 years; and,

Whereas the population of Richmond Hill has increased substantially, with a corresponding increase in demand for access to greenspaces, since the management plans were approved.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The City supports the renewal of the management agreement between the TRCA and Infrastructure Ontario in order to provide TRCA with a framework for long-term management of the provincially-owned portions of the ORCCR lands; and,

The Province be requested to provide funds to TRCA for the development of a new ORCCR Management Plan, that will among other things, determine necessary infrastructure investment, educational programming, restoration works and management approaches for the lands, and will strike an appropriate balance between protection of the natural heritage system and provision of nature-based recreation opportunities; and,

The TRCA be requested to engage the Province, City, Regional Municipality of York and other interested parties in the development of the new ORCCR Management Plan; and,

The Province be requested to allocate funding to the ORCCR for infrastructure (for example, trails and parking) and management (for example, educational programming, monitoring and enforcement) in conjunction with announcements around the adjacent East Humber Headwaters Lands; and,

The ORCCP and the East Humber Headwaters lands together be considered for designation as an Urban Provincial Park.

The City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the following:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- The Regional Municipality of York

- The Municipality of King Township

Carried

#### **12.4 Member Motion - Mayor West - Pickleball Motion**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas pickleball continues to be an increasingly popular sport for many Richmond Hill residents, providing health and social benefits to our community,

Whereas in July of 2023 Council considered staff report SRPI.23.063, which outlined concerns associated with proceeding with construction of a year-round 16 court pickleball facility in David Dunlap Observatory Park at an estimated cost of \$9.2 million; and,

Whereas in response to the July 2023 report Council decided to pause work toward implementation of the pickleball facility at David Dunlap Observatory Park due to:

- The cost of the facility (given that the 10 Year Capital Forecast already included expenditures from the Parks and Recreation Development Reserve Fund more than anticipated available funding)
- The fact that 10 seasonal pickleball courts had just been installed in Richmond Green in 2022 and the extent that these courts would address demand for summer pickleball was still unclear
- Concerns raised through public consultation about potential noise and lighting impacts to adjacent residents, as well as inconsistency with the David Dunlap Observatory Park vision, and
- The desire to monitor the extent to which new indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities and programming (including the seasonal courts at Richmond Green) would meet demand.

Whereas the City currently has the following outdoor pickleball facilities:

- 12 “pop-up” pickleball courts at Richmond Green to be in place through 2026
- 2 pickleball courts at Kings College Park
- 4 pickleball courts at Bayview Hill Park

- 7 multi-lined courts (available for tennis or pickleball play) at Town Park (2), Morgan Boyle Park (1), Grovewood Park (1), Oak Ridges Lion's Club Park (1), and Russel Farm Park (2)

Whereas the City currently offers year-round indoor pickleball opportunities at the following locations:

- Rouge Woods Community Centre - 6 courts with 7th being added
- Elgin West Community Centre - 3 courts
- Oak Ridges Community Centre - 6 courts
- McConaghy Centre - 2 courts
- Langstaff Community Centre - 3 courts (1 per gym)
- Bayview Hill Community Centre - 3 courts

Whereas the City is aware that there is a private company running pickleball programs (including leagues and lessons) at the Curling Club in Richmond Hill and a number of schools in Richmond Hill.

Whereas the City is currently working on a Master Plan for the revitalization of Richmond Green, which will determine, amongst other matters, a long-term vision for the location of pickleball facilities in this park.

Whereas the City recognizes the growth in popularity of pickleball and aims to meet the needs of two types of pickleball players – those that play casually and are interested in easily accessible courts for recreational play in their local neighbourhood, and those who are frequently playing pickleball and looking for a permanent large-scale facility that accommodates a social gathering of players for more organized play.

Whereas a process to finalize a Tennis and Pickleball Strategy is currently underway in Richmond Hill that will closely examine and guide future Tennis and Pickleball investments in the coming years and this strategy will include a public consultation process with stakeholders.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The existing 12 “pop-up” courts at Richmond Green Park be confirmed as an “interim facility” to remain in place until such time as a permanent year-round multi-court facility is constructed, and:

In recognition of the interim status, staff continue to improve the quality of the courts at Richmond Green through measures such as smaller gauge fencing, an approach to mitigating the impacts of sandbags, more picnic tables, and increased washroom facilities; and,

The draft Richmond Green Master Plan contemplate the provision of a year-round multi-court pickleball facility, in Phase 1 of implementation; and New indoor pickleball courts be provided in the Elgin Barrow Arena and Bond Lake Arena from mid-May to mid-August when there is no ice in these facilities; and,

Pickleball lines be added to the gymnasium in the Richvale Community Centre to facilitate additional new indoor courts.

Carried

**12.5 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Whereas road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage; and

Whereas salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is home to ecologically significant kettle lakes and headwater streams on the Oak Ridges Moraine, including Lake Wilcox, Bond Lake, Phillips Lake, Lake St. George, as well as the headwaters of the Humber River and Don River, all of which are highly vulnerable to chloride contamination from road salt; and

Whereas scientific studies show that Lake Wilcox has seen a fourfold increase in salt levels from 1996 to 2018, mainly due to road salt washing into the lake, which is harming water quality, upsetting the lake's natural balance; and

Whereas the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

Whereas numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

Whereas increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

Whereas unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

Whereas the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

Whereas road authorities that use salt, such as the City of Richmond Hill, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill's 2015 Salt Management Plan implemented best practices such as RWIS (Road Weather Information System) monitoring, brining, pre-wetting, GPS calibration, and staff training, but further action is needed to protect Richmond Hill's sensitive freshwater ecosystems and maintain leadership in salt reduction innovation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City of Richmond Hill urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management.
2. The City of Richmond Hill urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect

freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution.

3. The City of Richmond Hill commits to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while maintaining safety on roads, parking lots and sidewalks.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
  - a. all municipalities in York Region;
  - b. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
  - c. MPP Daisy Wai;
  - d. MPP Michael Parsa;
  - e. Conservation Ontario;
  - f. The Ontario Municipal Water Association;
  - g. The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition;
  - h. Hon. Todd McCarthy Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
  - i. Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
  - j. Premier Doug Ford.

Carried Unanimously

**13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Liu

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.