



Official Plan Update Committee

Minutes

OPUC#01-25

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

An electronic hybrid Official Plan Update Committee meeting, pursuant to Section 283(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola (Chair)
Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Shiu

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Vice-chair)
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu

Committee Member regrets:

Councillor Cui

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
P. Chow, Manager, Policy
B. DeFreitas, Project Manager, Policy
C. Chu, Senior Planner - Policy
S. Khan, Senior Planner - Policy
A. Crawford, Planner II - Policy
M. Rasouli, Planner II - Policy
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present in via videoconference:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner, Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Commissioner, Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff to the Mayor

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

3. 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*.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#01-24 held September 10, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#01-24 held September 10, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 Official Plan Update and Upcoming Engagement

Phoebe Chow, Manager, Policy, Planning and Building Services, made a presentation to Committee regarding an update to the Official Plan (OP)

and upcoming engagements. She outlined the OP project timeline and advised of their approach to complete all the remaining policy areas in one OP amendment with a targeted completion date in the second quarter of 2026. She provided a status update on completed and ongoing work including Richmond Hill's 17 Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSA), Regional Mixed-Use Corridor (RMUC), Employment Lands, and Housekeeping Policies. P. Chow also reviewed upcoming engagement events, and outlined next steps for the project.

The Committee thanked staff for the presentation and ongoing efforts on the project. They sought clarification on the OP timeline, and discussed the zoning and land use designations along Highway 7, specifically between Vallemede Drive and Chalmers Road, including considerations for future development. Committee members inquired about employment land conversions, the impact of provincial planning authority changes, and the upcoming public consultations.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That the presentation by Phoebe Chow, Manager, Policy, Planning and Building Services, regarding an Official Plan Update and Upcoming Engagement, be received.

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor West

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.