



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#15-25

Wednesday, November 5, 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, November 5, 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 DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Committee 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
D. Giannetta, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
B. Levesque, Acting Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
L. Hood, Manager, Strategic Communications
M. Shilton, Manager, Development Planning
D. Ding, Planner II, Development Planning
K. Davey, Communications Consultant to the Mayor
S. Huycke, City Clerk

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

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Guy, Director, Community Standards
F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
T. Raeburn, Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz advised of the successful Voices from The Hill event held on Sunday, and extended her appreciation to the organizing committee, staff, attendees, volunteers for their hard work and dedication, and also thanked her colleagues for their participation and support.

Councillor Cilevitz noted that this week marks Holocaust Education Week and highlighted the importance of honouring the memory of the six million Jews and millions of others who were murdered during the Holocaust. She encouraged everyone to educate themselves and learn from trusted websites, and continue to fight against antisemitism and all forms of hate.

Mayor West noted that today marks the beginning of Veterans' Week, with Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8th. He advised that the annual Veterans Parade and Ceremony, hosted by the Richmond Hill Legion – Branch 375, would take place on Sunday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m., starting beside the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts and proceeding to the Richmond Hill Cenotaph. Mayor West invited everyone to attend and honour the sacrifices of all Veterans.

Councillor Cui advised of his participation at the Break the Silence Step in My Shoes Walk hosted by Yellow Brick House last weekend. He noted the decline in domestic violence-related deaths from 2024 to 2025, emphasized the need for continued awareness and prevention efforts, and acknowledged the attendance of Mayor West and Councillors Thompson and Davidson.

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 with the following additions:

- a) Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to Mandatory Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario - (Item 11.3); and
- b) Delegation - Roberta Scott, AED Foundation Ontario, related to the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding Mandatory Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario - (Item 10.1).

Carried

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 Item 12.1 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)

9.1 Presentation by Mayor West and Darlene Joslin, City Manager, in acknowledgment of Take Our Kids To Work Day

Mayor West welcomed the grade 9 students in attendance at today's meeting as part of the annual Take Our Kids to Work Day and shared how today was an opportunity for them to see what a full-time career in municipal government looked like. Mayor West congratulated the students for participating and wished them an enjoyable day.

Darlene Joslin, City Manager, also extended a warm welcome to the grade 9 students who were in attendance at today's meeting as part of the

annual Take Our Kids to Work Day. She shared how she began her career working in municipal administration, highlighted the many rewarding careers within municipal government, and encouraged the students to enjoy today as they job shadowed their parent and/or sponsor at the City.

10. Delegation(s)

10.1 **Roberta Scott, AED Foundation Ontario, related to the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding Mandatory Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario - (refer to Item 12.1)**

Roberta Scott, co-founder of AED Foundation Ontario, shared her paramedic experience, emphasizing how CPR and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use greatly improves survival rates, and highlighted the need for greater AED awareness and accessibility. R. Scott referenced Bill 141, Defibrillator Registration and Public Access Act, 2020, and noted that the Foundation serves as Ontario's official AED registrar, and is integrating the AED registry to improve emergency response times and survival rates. She thanked Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola for supporting AED awareness efforts in the Richmond Hill community.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 **SRPBS.25.073 - Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Yangping Bao and Yanpy Development Inc. – 181 and 187 Elgin Mills Road East - City File D02-20013 (Related City File D06-21080)**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Yangping Bao and Yanpy Development Inc. for the lands municipally known as 181 and 187 Elgin Mills Road West, City File D02-20013 (Related City File D06-21080) be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from “Third Density Residential (R3) Zone” under Zoning By-law 2523, as amended, to “Residential Multiple Family One (RM1) Zone”, and that the amending Zoning By-law establish site-specific development standards as outlined in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPBS.25.073;
- ii. that “Neighbourhood Mixed Use (NMU) Zone” of By-law 93-25, as amended, be further amended with site-specific development

standards, as outlined in Appendix “C” to Staff Report SRPBS.25.073;

- iii. that the draft amending Zoning By-laws attached hereto as Appendices “B” and “C” be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and be brought forward to November 26, 2025 Council meeting for consideration and enactment; and
- iv. 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-laws to implement the proposed development on the subject lands.

Carried

11.2 SRPBS.25.090 - Request for Approval – Noise Classification Request – Schlegel Villages Inc. - 11300 Yonge Street – City File D06-22074

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That the subject lands be classified as a Class 4 Area as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in its “Environmental Noise Guideline – Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning (NPC-300)” to address Stationary Noise.

Carried

11.3 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to Mandatory Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario - (refer to Item 12.1)

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That the following correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola with respect to Mandatory Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario, be received:

1. Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated October 31, 2025.

Carried

12. Other Business

**12.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola -
Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Whereas sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in Canada, and timely access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can significantly increase survival rates;

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill has installed AEDs in various municipal facilities to enhance public safety and emergency preparedness;

Whereas the AED Foundation Ontario (www.aedfoundationontario.ca) is the official provincial registry for AEDs, providing a centralized and accessible database for emergency responders and the public;

Whereas registering AEDs with the AED Foundation Ontario ensures that emergency services can locate and access AEDs quickly during critical incidents, thereby improving response times and outcomes;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. All City-owned properties and facilities equipped with AEDs be required to register their devices with the AED Foundation Ontario at www.aedfoundationontario.ca;
2. The City of Richmond Hill promote AED awareness and registration through its communication channels, encouraging private businesses and community organizations to register their AEDs as well.

Motion to Refer to Council without Recommendation:

Moved by: Councillor Liu

a) That the Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola regarding Registration of AEDs with AED Foundation Ontario, be referred to the Council meeting on November 12, 2025, without recommendation for Council direction.

A recorded vote was taken on the Motion to Refer without Recommendation:

In favour: (0): None

Opposed: (8): Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Liu, Councillor Cui, Councillor Shiu, Regional and Local

Councillor Chan, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Davidson,
Councillor Thompson

Absent: (1): Mayor West

Motion to Refer without Recommendation Failed to Carry (0 to 8)

Main Motion:

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

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A recorded vote was taken:

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

Opposed: (0): None

Absent: (1): Mayor West

Main Motion Carried Unanimously (8 to 0)

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.