



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#02-26

Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Shiu

Regrets:

Councillor Cilevitz

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
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
T. Raeburn, Fire Chief
M. Clifford, Deputy Fire Chief - Operations
A. McArthur, Director, People and Culture
M. Pitoscia, Senior Labour Relations Consultant
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk

L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communication Services
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
J. Walters, Manager, Engineering Subdivisions and Infrastructure Planning
D. Pigliacelli, Planner I - Development

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

We are gathering on lands that have been home to First Nations Peoples from time immemorial. We acknowledge that what we now call Richmond Hill is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. We also recognize that we are on part of the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron Wendat.

We would also like to acknowledge all First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples from across North America, also known as Turtle Island, who now reside in the City of Richmond Hill. We are committed to rebuilding constructive and cooperative relationships.

3. National Anthem

The National Anthem was played.

4. Public Forum (not exceeding fifteen minutes)

4.1 Amandipp Singh, Enabled Talent, regarding improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Canada

Amandipp Singh, Founder of Enabled Talent, addressed Council regarding improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities, noting that many Canadians face barriers despite national accessibility commitments. He described his organizations work supporting accessible hiring and onboarding in partnership with governments, institutions, and nonprofits, including pilot projects. He identified Richmond Hill as well positioned to

advance this work locally, and requested further engagement with City staff and community partners.

4.2 Paolo Volpe, 165 Richmond Street, regarding development at 169 Richmond Street

Paolo Volpe, 165 Richmond Street, addressed Council regarding the development at 169 Richmond Street. He expressed opposition to the proposed four-unit townhouse development, stating it would negatively impact the Village Core and the neighbourhood's heritage character. He explained that the City had discretion under provincial policies to implement safeguards, highlighted community opposition and engagement, concerns with the approval process, and requested that the proposal be paused or reassessed to better protect the Village Core.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Thompson reminded everyone that February was Heart Month and emphasized the importance of CPR skills. He advised that together with Councillor Davidson, a free CPR event had been arranged with St. John Ambulance on February 1st, and that registration was already full. He encouraged residents to follow their social media channels for updates and events.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola noted that in recognition of Heart Month, a motion previously passed by City Council regarding AED registration would be brought forward to Region of York Council on February 26th along with plans for additional seminars on life-saving skills.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola extended his appreciation to Operations staff for their effective snow clearing response to a demanding winter season, noted positive feedback received, and extended thanks to residents for their patience and cooperation.

Councillor Cui announced that on January 30th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Elgin West Community Centre, he was hosting the Ward 4 Community Safety meeting focused on home break-ins, featuring a presentation by York Regional Police, and invited residents to attend.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan expressed his gratitude to City staff for their snow clearing efforts during the challenging winter season, noted positive feedback received, and highlighted that the snowplow tracking tool was available online.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan announced that he was hosting his annual New Year's Levee on February 1st, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bayview Hill Community Centre. He noted the event was free to attend, highlighted the planned activities, and invited community members to attend with pre-registration encouraged, but was not required.

6. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Council.

7. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

8. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Having not attended the December 10, 2025, Special Council Meeting, Councillor Liu declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* in respect to Item 5.1 (A) of the December 10, 2025, Special Council Meeting, as he was named in one of the matters.

9. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

9.1 Special Council Meeting C#34-25 held December 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#34-25 held on December 10, 2026, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

9.2 Council meeting C#35-25 held December 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#35-25 held on December 10, 2025, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate item 16.1 for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Cui, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

14. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 SRCM.26.06 - Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting – Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by By-law 52-24 (December 15, 2025 to January 16, 2026)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCM.26.06 regarding Delegated Authority Winter Recess Accounting Report, be received for information.

Carried

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Enhancing Public Communication During Winter Maintenance Operations

The Member Motion submitted by Councillor Davidson regarding Enhancing Public Communication During Winter Maintenance Operations, was withdrawn.

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

18. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following By-laws be approved:

- 18.1 By-law 1-26 - A By-law to establish lands as public highway
- 18.2 By-law 2-26 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services
- 18.3 By-law 4-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.4 By-law 5-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.5 By-law 6-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.6 By-law 7-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control
- 18.7 By-law 10-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

Carried

19. Closed Session

19.1 Resolution to Move into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That Council move into Closed Session:

- a) To consider matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the 2026 Richmond Hill Professional Fire Fighters Association (RHPFFA) Local 1957 Negotiations, pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

19.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (10:27 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.).

19.3 Adoption of the Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting (if required)

The City Clerk advised that direction was provided to staff during Closed Session, with no recommendations for Open Session.

20. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at this Meeting

20.1 By-law 11-26

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 11-26, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk