



## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**C#03-26**

**Wednesday, February 11, 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, February 11, 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 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  
D. Hearn, Acting Commissioner of Community Services  
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor  
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner  
S. Huycke, City Clerk  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
C. Connolly, Council/Committee Coordinator  
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator  
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning

A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer

F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering

A. Farrugia, Manager, Urban Forestry, Natural Environment and Horticulture

**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)**

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

**5. Council Announcements**

Mayor West acknowledged the tragedy that took place in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, and shared that a letter had been sent to Mayor Krakowka to extend condolences to their community.

Councillor Thompson advised that today was National 211 Day highlighting the essential services provided by 211 and encouraged anyone in need of their services to visit their website.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan wished everyone a Happy Family Day weekend.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that February 17th is the first day of the Lunar New Year extending best wishes to everyone celebrating, and shared that on February 7th Hillcrest Mall hosted a very successful event to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Councillor Cui highlighted several important events and holidays taking place in the month of February including Black History Month, Family Day Weekend, Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year and advised that on February 16th the Toronto Youth Ice Skating Spring Festival Gala would be held at the Elgin Barrow Arena at 1pm.

Mayor West extended his thanks to members of the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival Committee and staff for another successful Winter Carnival held this past weekend at the Mill Pond Park.

Mayor West acknowledged the successful Lunar New Year celebration that was held at Hillcrest Mall and extended his thanks to Hillcrest Mall for hosting the well-attended event.

Mayor West also highlighted that February was Black History Month noting that a flag raising ceremony was held last week for the Pan-African Flag and advised that Lauremont School was hosting a Black History Month event on February 14th and extended an invitation for everyone to attend.

**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 Cilevitz

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**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

**9. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

**9.1 Council Public Meeting C#01-26 held January 27, 2026**

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#01-26 held on January 27, 2026, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**9.2 Council Meeting C#02-26 held January 28, 2026**

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#02-26 held on January 28, 2026, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

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

Council consented not to separate any items for discussion.

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

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

**12. Public Hearing(s)**

There were no public hearings.

**13. Presentation(s)**

**13.1 Presentation by Mayor West of the Certificate of Recognition from the Government of Ontario for York Region's implementation of Ontario's Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility's Age-Friendly Community Model**

Mayor West shared that York Region was honoured along with a number of other municipalities in Ontario by the Province for their efforts in making the Region an age friendly community. He advised that a Certificate of Recognition was given to the City of Richmond Hill to acknowledge the City's commitment to supporting older adults through strengthened program services and policies that promoted inclusion, accessibility and well-being for seniors across the municipality following a comprehensive

assessment conducted by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. Mayor West, on behalf of himself and Members of Council, presented the Certificate of Recognition to Darlene Joslin, City Manager, and Donald Hearn, Acting Commissioner of Community Services.

**14. Delegation(s)**

There were no delegations.

**15. Committee and Staff Reports**

**15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-26 held February 4, 2026**

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-26 held February 4, 2026, be approved as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

**15.1.1 Minutes - Economic Development Committee meeting EDC#01-24 held October 15, 2024 - (CW Item 11.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the minutes from Economic Development Committee meeting EDC#01-24 held October 15, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

**15.1.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-25 held July 3, 2025 - (CW Item 11.2)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-25 held July 3, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

**15.1.3 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#01-26 held January 15, 2026 - (CW Item 11.3)**

**15.1.3.1 SRPBS.26.002 - Heritage Permit for 123 Hillsview Drive (David Dunlap Observatory) - File D12-07228 - (CW Item 11.3.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.002 titled, “Heritage Permit for 123 Hillsview Drive (David Dunlap Observatory)” be received;

b) That the heritage permit application to allow the removal and replanting of hazardous and invasive trees within the areas identified as “plantation and wooded areas”, “specimen plantings” and “larch tree line along Yonge Street” within the David Dunlap Observatory cultural heritage landscape, as described in Staff Report SRPBS.26.002, be approved; and,

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

Carried

**15.1.4 Extracts - Economic Development Committee meeting EDC#01-26 held January 27, 2026 - (CW Item 11.4)**

**15.1.4.1 SRCM.26.01 - 2025 Investment Attraction Program Update and 2026 Investment Attraction Program - (CW Item 11.4.1)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRCM.26.01 regarding 2025 Investment Attraction Program Update and 2026 Investment Attraction Program, be received for information.

Carried

**15.1.4.2 SRCM.26.02 - Employment Lands Study - (CW Item 11.4.2)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRCM.26.02 regarding Employment Lands Study, be received;
- b) That the recommended measures to protect for the City's target sectors on employment lands as detailed in this report be considered as part of the Official Plan Update; and,
- c) That staff report back to Council with an update on the status of the recommended measures as part of the Official Plan update.

Carried

**15.1.4.3 SRCM.26.04 - 2025 Economic Development Year in Review - (CW Item 11.4.3)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRCM.26.04 regarding 2025 Economic Development Year in Review, be received.

Carried

**15.1.4.4 SRCM.26.05 - 2025 Richmond Hill Centre Year in Review - (CW Item 11.4.4)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRM.26.05 regarding 2025 Richmond Hill Centre Year in Review, be received.

Carried

**15.1.5 SRCM.26.03 - 2024-2027 Strategic Plan - 2025 Annual Report - (CW Item 11.5)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRCM.26.03 regarding 2024-2027 Strategic Plan - 2025 Annual Report, be received;

b) That the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan - 2025 Annual Report, attached as Appendix 1 to staff report SRCM.26.03, be posted on the City’s website for public information.

Carried

**15.1.6 SRCFS.26.004 - Committee Appointment Policy (Citizen Members) - (CW Item 11.6)**

Moved by: Councillor Cui  
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRCFS.26.004 regarding Committee Appointment Policy (Citizen Members), be received;

b) That the “Appointment Policy - Advisory Committees, Taks Forces, Steering Committees” (Attachment “A” to staff report SRCFS.26.004) be repealed and replaced with the new “Committee Appointment Policy (Citizen Members)” attached as Attachment “B” to staff report SRCFS.26.004.

Carried

**16. Other Business**

There were no other business items.

**17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**18. By-laws**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz  
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 8-26 - A By-Law to Assign Names to Certain Private Roads

By-law 17-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 93-25, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 18-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 190-87, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

Carried

**19. Closed Session**

There were no closed session items.

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

**20.1 By-law 23-26**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That By-law 23-26, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

**21. Adjournment**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

---

David West, Mayor

---

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk