



Notice of Meeting Regional Council

A meeting of **York Regional Council** will be held on **March 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.**

In accordance with Bylaw 2018-59, as amended, this meeting will be conducted both **electronically and in person** at the Council Chambers, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, in the Town of Newmarket.

Deputation requests will be accepted by the [Regional Clerk's Office](#) until 12 p.m. on March 22, 2023. Registered deputants will be provided with instructions for joining the meeting.

Christopher Raynor
Regional Clerk

March 16, 2023

#15016366



Agenda
YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL

March 23, 2023

9 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Meeting

Council Chambers

17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

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1. Traffic signals be installed on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School in the City of Markham, subject to the capital and 10-year maintenance costs being fully funded by the owner.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Markham and the Chief of York Regional Police.

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Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

February 23, 2023
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca,
J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, L. Jackson, J. Jones,
J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M. G. Racco,
G. Rosati, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: B. Macgregor, D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk,
E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and made the following remarks:

"We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

B. Disclosures of Interest

B.1 York Regional Police Budget

Mayor Quirk declared an interest in the York Regional Police Services Budget, as her husband is a retired York Regional Police officer and her stepson is a York

Regional Police officer; accordingly, she did not participate in any discussion or voting on this matter.

B.2 Community and Health Services Budget

Regional Councillor Davison declared an interest in the budget items that refer to Public Health on the basis that her sibling is employed by York Region as a Public Health Nurse; accordingly, she did not participate in or vote on this matter.

C. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on January 26, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri

Seconded by Regional Councillor DiPaola

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 26, 2023.

Carried

D. Presentations

D.1 2023 to 2026 Regional Budget

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council receive the presentation from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

Carried

(See Item G.4)

E. Deputations

E.1 Supporting Critical Social Infrastructure through the Community and Health Services Budget

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

That Council receive the following deputations:

E.1.1 Michael Braithwaite on behalf of Blue Door

E.1.2 Bryan Keshen on behalf of Reena

E.1.3 Jeff Schlemmer on behalf of Community Legal Clinic of York Region

E.1.4 Sean Meagher on behalf of Ontario for All

E.1.5 Yvonne Kelly on behalf of Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region

E.1.6 Jane Wedlock, Resident

E.1.7 Clovis Grant on behalf of 360kids

E.1.8 Janis Dawson, Resident

Carried

E.2 Funding for Long Term Care

Moved by Mayor West

Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation by Brenda Talbot, Resident.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Vegh

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council recess at 10:39 a.m.

Carried

Council reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

F. Communications

F.1 Recruitment of Municipal Representatives on Regional Watershed Alliance

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council receive the communication from Joanne Hyde, Clerk and Manager, Policy, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority dated December 6, 2022 and appoint Scott Lister, Program Manager, Source Water Protection, Public Works -

Environmental to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Regional Watershed Alliance.

Carried

F.2 Proclamation Request for World Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council receive the communication from Giovanna Arduini-Arcella, President, Down Syndrome Association of York Region dated February 20, 2023 and proclaim March 21, 2023 as World Down Syndrome Day in York Region.

Carried

F.3 Conservation Authorities – Municipal Allocations of Operating Costs

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council receive the memorandum from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated February 23, 2023.

Carried

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 2, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 2, 2023.

Carried

G.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 9, 2023

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Carried

G.3 Audit Committee Meeting - January 26, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor M. Chan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on January 26, 2023.

Carried

G.4 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan and 2023 to 2026 Regional Budget

Mayor Quirk declared an interest in relation to this matter and did not participate in any discussion or voting regarding the York Regional Police budget.

Regional Councillor Davison declared an interest in relation to this matter and did not participate in any discussion or voting regarding the Community and Health Services budget pertaining to Public Health.

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt those portions of the 2023 operating budget relating to York Regional Police and Community and Health Services, reflecting a tax levy increase of 2.90% as tabled on January 26, 2023, detailed in the 2023 to 2026 Budget Book and summarized in Attachment 2, *and amended by Table 1 of the Supporting Critical Social Infrastructure through the Community and Health Services Budget report dated February 22, 2023.*

Carried

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as amended, in the report dated February 16, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results (see Attachment 1).

2. Council approve the operating and capital budgets as follows:
 - a. The 2023 operating budget, reflecting a tax levy increase of 2.90% as tabled on January 26, 2023, detailed in the 2023 to 2026 Budget Book and summarized in Attachment 2, *and amended by Table 1 of the Supporting Critical Social Infrastructure through the Community and Health Services Budget report dated February 22, 2023, with the exception of those portions of the budget relating to York Regional Police and Community and Health Services, which were previously adopted.*
 - b. A Rapid Transit / Infrastructure Levy equivalent to a 1% tax levy increase as summarized in Attachment 2.
 - c. The 2023 capital expenditures and Capital Spending Authority by project and by program group and associated funding sources detailed in the 2023 to 2026 Budget Book, as summarized in Attachment 3, and the authority to reallocate expenditures between projects within a program group, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.
3. Council endorse the 2024 to 2026 operating outlook tabled on January 26, 2023, including the Rapid Transit / Infrastructure Levy, as detailed in the 2023 to 2026 Budget book and summarized in Attachment 2, *and amended by Table 1 of the Supporting Critical Social Infrastructure through the Community and Health Services Budget report dated February 22, 2023.*
4. Council approve debt authority and reserve items as follows:
 - a. Incremental debt authority of \$367.8 million required for 2023 Capital Spending Authority by project as specified in Column B of Attachment 4.
 - b. Total debt authority for capital projects up to the amounts specified in Column C of Attachment 4 in accordance with the Capital Financing and Debt Policy.
 - c. Approve a contribution of \$195 million to Sinking Fund Reserve for the purpose of meeting the Region's 2023 sinking fund obligations.
 - d. Authorize the funding of capital projects that have been previously approved for debt financing from reserves where there are sufficient funds available and at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

5. Council endorse the reconciliation of the 2023 Budget to the full accrual basis of accounting, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, as summarized in the “Accrual Budget Presentation” chapter of the 2023 to 2026 Budget Book.
6. Council authorize the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer to:
 - a. Make any necessary adjustments within the total approved net Budget to reflect organizational changes and any other reallocation of costs.
 - b. Apply for, accept and adjust the Budget and Capital Spending Authority for any additional Provincial and/or Federal funding provided there is no tax levy impact.

Carried

(See Item G.6)

G.5 Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 Term

Moved by Regional Councillor Vegh

Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated February 16, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Council appoint the following individuals to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term:
 - Beverley Barra-Berger
 - Cheryl Davies
 - Robert DiGiovanni
 - Steve Foglia
 - Lindsey Gold
 - Lilian Hulme-Smith
 - Bryan Keshen
 - Karla Malsi
 - Ahsan Musavi
 - Vito Spatafora
 - Angelo Tocco
 - Scott Wollin

2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, and York Regional Police Services Board for information

Carried

(See Item L.4)

G.6 Supporting Critical Social Infrastructure through the Community and Health Services Budget

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated February 22, 2023 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve that the Pandemic Management Reserve Fund be renamed the Pandemic Management and Recovery Reserve Fund.
2. Council authorize the Regional Solicitor to prepare and/or amend the necessary bylaws.
3. Council approve that \$12,771,799 of the Community and Health Services 2022 operating surplus be contributed to the Pandemic and Recovery Management Reserve Fund.
4. Council approve the following adjustment to the 2023 Community and Health Services operating budget for inclusion into consideration of the Region's 2023 to 2026 Budget:
 - a. Add \$12,771,799 to the 2023 operating budget and the 2024 outlook, equivalent to a one per cent additional tax levy in 2023, to advance critical human services priorities, funded by annual draws from the Pandemic and Recovery Management Reserve Fund as outlined in Table 1.
 - b. Add \$12,771,799 to the 2025-2026 operating outlook to advance critical human services priorities, provisionally funded through annual draws from the Pandemic and Recovery Management Reserve Fund as outlined in Table 1, pending the review of sustainable funding options (per recommendation 6).

5. Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Health Services to transfer amounts from the Pandemic Management and Recovery Reserve Fund equivalent to the 2023 expenditures for the Housing Services priority area to the Social Housing Development Reserve Fund and to draw such amounts from the Social Housing Development Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2023 expenditures for the Housing Services priority area.
6. Council direct the Commissioner, Community and Health Services to report back as part of the 2025 budget process on program outcomes, projected ongoing needs, proposed program design and options for sustainable ongoing funding beyond 2024.
7. Council authorize the Commissioner, Community & Health Services, to adjust funding allocations among the 2023 funding priorities identified in Table 1 as required.
8. Council authorize the Commissioner, Community and Health Services, to execute any necessary funding and other agreements in alignment with the priorities outlined in this report.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: G. Chan, M. Chan, Davison, Del Duca, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Hackson, Ho, Jackson, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Quirk, Racco, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor, Vegh, West (22)

Against: (0)

Absent: (0)

Carried

(See Items G.4 and H.4)

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

H.1 2023-03 - A bylaw to stop up and close a portion of McCowan Road

H.2 2023-06 - Tax Levy Development Reserve Fund

H.3 2023-07 - Rate Support Development Reserve Fund

H.4 2023-10 - Amendment to Pandemic Management Reserve Fund

Carried

I. Motions

None

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Canada's Agriculture Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that February 15, 2023 was Canada's Agricultural Day, celebrated annually to recognize the agriculture and agri-food community. On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended thanks to all agriculture and agri-food workers in York Region and encouraged all residents to continue supporting local food.

K.2 Pink Shirt Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that February 22, 2023 was Pink Shirt Day, or Anti-Bullying Day, which has evolved into a global call to action against bullying and discrimination. In honour of Pink Shirt Day, the clock tower outside York Region's Administrative Centre was illuminated pink to encourage everyone in our communities to stand up to bullying.

K.3 Thanks to Road Workers

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson thanked the dedicated and hard-working roads workers throughout York Region's communities who ensure our roadways are cleared and safe to travel during winter storms.

L. Private Session

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco

Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

That Council resolve into private session at 11:51 a.m. to consider the following:

- L.1 Private Minutes - Council Education Session - January 19 and 20, 2023
- L.2 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 2, 2023
- L.3 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 9, 2023
- L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item G.5 - Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 Term - Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals
- L.5 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited - Litigation and Solicitor-Client

Carried

Council resumed in public session at 12:03 p.m. and reported the following:

L.1 Private Minutes - Council Education Session - January 19 and 20, 2023

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council confirm the private minutes of the Council Education Session held on January 19 and 20, 2023.

Carried

L.2 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 2, 2023

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council adopt the recommendations in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 2, 2023.

Carried

L.3 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 9, 2023

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council adopt the recommendations in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Carried

L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item G.5 - Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 Term - Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council receive the private attachment and appoint the recommended members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term.

Carried

(See Item G.5)

L.5 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited - Litigation and Solicitor-Client

Motion to Waive Notice Requirements

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council waive the notice requirements to reconsider the decision made at the January 26, 2023 Council meeting with respect to Item L.2 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited.

Carried on a 2/3 majority

Motion to Reconsider

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council reconsider the decision made at the January 26, 2023 Council meeting with respect to Item L.2 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: M. Chan, Del Duca, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Hackson, Ho, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Mrakas, Racco, Rosati, Scarpitti, Vegh (15)

Against: G. Chan, Davison, Pellegrini, Quirk, Taylor, West (6)

Absent: Jackson (1)

Carried on a 2/3 majority

Motion to Resolve into Private Session

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council resolve into private session at 12:12 p.m. to reconsider the decision made at the January 26, 2023 Council meeting with respect to Item L.2 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited.

Carried

Council resumed in public session at 12:27 p.m.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council adopt the confidential motion regarding the application for judicial review by Romandale Farms Limited.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: M. Chan, Del Duca, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Hackson, Ho, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Racco, Rosati, Scarpitti, Vegh (14)

Against: G. Chan, Davison, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Quirk, Taylor, West (7)

Absent: Jackson (1)

Carried

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-08 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on February 23, 2023.

Carried

N. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Councillor Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on March 23, 2023.

Regional Chair

Minutes
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
Special Meeting

February 23, 2023
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, R. Bartley (for I. Lovatt), G. Chan, M. Chan,
N. Davison, S. Del Duca, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho,
J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk,
M. G. Racco, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: B. Macgregor, D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk,
E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and made the following remarks:

"We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

A.1 Declaration of Office - Alternate Member of Regional Council – Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Councillor Richard Bartley, who is the alternate regional representative for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, attended this meeting in place of Mayor Lovatt and orally recited his Declaration of Office.

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Presentations

C.1 Working Together to Build More Homes Faster

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor West

That Council receive the presentation by Paul Freeman, Chief Planner and Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

Carried

D. Deputations

None

E. Communications

E.1 Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 - Additional Information

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor West

That Council receive the memorandum dated February 3, 2023 from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

Carried

F. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

F.1 Working Together to Build More Homes Faster

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor West

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as amended, in the report dated February 22, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner:

1. The Province *be commended for taking on the challenge of addressing housing supply by seeking to construct 1.5 million homes (180,000 in York Region) over the next ten years as well as streamlining the planning*

process and, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to:

- a. Provide York Region confirmation that it will be made whole financially to pay for necessary infrastructure and community services to support building more homes faster (in York Region's case between \$497 million to \$1.6 billion over the next ten years *that would otherwise require one-time property tax increases of between 2.3% and 7.3% and one-time water and wastewater rate increases of between 4.9% and 14.3%*).
 - b. *Provide a specific timeline for an exact funding formula for York Region to be made whole.*
 - c. *Enact accountability mechanisms to ensure Development Charge savings are passed along to home purchasers.*
 - d. Reinstate Housing Services as eligible for funding under the Development Charges Act, 1997.
 - e. Define Affordable Housing as outlined in Attachment 1 resulting in greater overall affordability, and consult with municipalities prior to finalizing a definition of Attainable Housing.
2. Members of the Development and Homebuilding Industry (Building Industry and Land Development Association and Ontario Home Builders Association) be invited to the York Region Housing Affordability Task Force to discuss opportunities outlined in this report and Attachment 1, and other opportunities and challenges to building more homes faster.
 3. The Regional Clerk forward this report and appendices/attachments to the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, local Members of Parliament, the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, Minister of Transportation, local Members of Provincial Parliament, local municipalities, the Building Industry and Land Development Association, and Ontario Home Builders Association to consider the solutions and opportunities outlined in this report and Attachment 1 to build homes faster and address affordability.

Carried

G. Private Session

None

H. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-09 to confirm the proceedings of this special meeting of Council held on February 23, 2023.

Carried

I. Adjournment

Moved by Alternate Regional Councillor Bartley

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on March 23, 2023.

Regional Chair

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Katherine Chislett
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

Date: March 15, 2023

Re: Association of Municipalities Ontario's Resolution on Homelessness

The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) has developed an advocacy strategy calling on the Provincial government to take immediate action on ending homelessness. As part of that strategy, AMO is encouraging municipalities pass a council resolution calling for greater Provincial action on homelessness, in advance of the 2023 Provincial Budget. AMO has provided all municipalities with a draft council resolution, which staff have amended to align with York Region's homelessness prevention priorities, attached as Appendix 1.

This memorandum provides further information on AMO's strategy and on the draft resolution.

AMO is actively involved in housing and homelessness advocacy

AMO supports the relationship between Ontario's 444 municipal governments and the Provincial government, providing an opportunity for municipal input and response to Provincial policy. AMO is implementing a broad advocacy strategy to request the Ontario government focus more resources towards ending homelessness, particularly through the next Provincial Budget. Its strategy calls on the Provincial government to:

- Acknowledge homelessness in Ontario as a social, economic and health crisis
- Commit to using a whole of government approach to end homelessness
- Work with AMO, municipalities, Indigenous peoples and non-governmental partners to develop, resource and implement an action plan

AMO has presented its Pre-Budget Submission to the Ontario Government's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

AMO's [Pre-Budget Submission](#) centered on housing and homelessness and recommends the province take immediate action to increase support for homelessness, mental health and addictions solutions, including:

- Increasing Provincial social assistance rates and transforming the social assistance system
- Increasing the supply of deeply affordable housing by supporting a broad range of approaches – acquisitions, conversions, renovations, rent subsidies
- Investing in community-based mental health and addictions services including supportive housing
- Increasing base funding for the Provincial Homelessness Prevention Program to enable municipalities to respond effectively to ongoing urgent needs deepened by the COVID-19 pandemic while governments work to address the root causes of homelessness

AMO is encouraging municipalities to consider passing a council resolution calling for greater provincial government action on housing and homelessness

AMO drafted a homelessness resolution that municipalities across Ontario can adopt in advance of or close to the Provincial Budget. The resolution calls for the Ontario Government to commit to ending homelessness and work with a diverse group of community and municipal partners to develop and implement an action plan. The Ontario budget is to be released on March 23, 2023.

Other municipalities across Ontario are passing motions calling on the Ontario Government to end homelessness in Ontario. As of March 14, 2023, fourteen municipalities and District Social Services Administration Boards have passed AMO's motion, or similar motions: Peel Region, Grey County, City of North Bay, The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board, District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, Niagara Region, City of Timmins, Town of Parry Sound, Bruce County, Town of Newmarket, City of Owen Sound, City of Belleville, and the City of Waterloo. Additional municipalities have signaled their intentions to bring forth similar resolutions in advance of the Provincial Budget.

Federal and Provincial governments have not provided the level of funding required to address the significant community need

York Region's emergency and transitional housing continues to operate at or above capacity. During York Region's 2021 Point-in-Time Count, 329 people were counted as experiencing homelessness of which 102 people were considered to be experiencing chronic homelessness (people who have been homeless for six months or more in the past year).

The Provincial Social Services Relief Fund provided approximately \$48 million to fund critical programs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, greatly benefited people experiencing homelessness in York Region. This funding ended on December 31, 2022.

As of April 1, 2022, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing consolidated three programs (Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home For Good and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program) into the Homelessness Prevention Program with total funding of \$20,871,400 provided for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The Province provided an increase of just under \$1.8 million over the total funding provided for the three programs the previous year. On February 3, 2023, the Ministry provided a planning allocation for Homelessness Prevention

Program for the 2023/2024 fiscal year equal to the previous fiscal year funding amount. While the Ministry has confirmed funding will not decrease in 2023/2024, the actual funding amount has still to be confirmed. Planning allocations for future years have not been provided at this time.

York Region has a historical deficit of community housing to support residents living with low income. Prior to transferring housing responsibility to municipalities, Federal and Provincial governments significantly invested in new supply, building almost 440 new units in York Region each year from the mid-1980s to mid-1990s. Since becoming responsible for housing in 2000, the Region has made substantial investments in community housing, increasing supply by nearly 1,500 units. Although Federal and Provincial governments have introduced programs to help sustain and grow the system, these programs do not provide the level of funding required to address the significant community need. Programs are short-term and time-limited, which impacts the Region's ability to plan strategically over the long-term. In [June 2022](#), Council asked senior levels of government to each provide a third of the funding needed to double the rate of growth for community housing in the Region.

On February 23, 2023, York Region Council approved [\\$12.8 million](#), as part of its 2023 budget, to address critical issues impacting residents related to housing, homelessness, community investments and mental health. Increased Provincial support will help York Region respond quickly and effectively to the homelessness challenge.



Katherine Chislett
Commissioner of Community and Health Services



Bruce Macgregor
Chief Administrative Officer

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Appendix 1 – AMO Resolution on Homelessness

AMO Resolution on Homelessness

Homelessness Resolution

A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that the Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held [Date] adopted the following:

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS in York Region's 2021 Point-in-Time Count, 329 people were counted as experiencing homelessness of which approximately 102 people were experiencing homelessness for six months or more;

WHEREAS York Region's emergency and transitional housing and seasonal shelters are consistently operating at, or near, full capacity;

WHEREAS York Region's homelessness prevention programs continue to see increasing demand from people, including families at-risk of homelessness;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of historic underinvestment by the Provincial and Federal governments;

WHEREAS the Province's Social Services Relief Fund which provided funding for significant homelessness supports ended December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS – the planning allocation for Homelessness Prevention Program funding from the Province shows no increase for the 2023/2024 fiscal year;

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York has been the primary funder of new community housing supply;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, and integrated social service and health solutions;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York continues to invest in its homelessness prevention response and construction of new community housing, and requires additional ongoing

investments in social assistance, the provincial Homelessness Prevention Program, and capital funding to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an integrated action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; Minister of Long-Term Care; Minister of Education and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

March 9, 2023
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca,
J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, L. Jackson, J. Jones,
J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M. G. Racco,
F. Scarpitti, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor,
E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and made the following remarks:

"We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Presentations

C.1 Greater Toronto Airports Authority Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Michelle Samson-Doel, Board Member, Karen Mazurkewich - Vice President Stakeholder Relations and Communications and Doug Allingham - Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Airports Authority.

D. Deputations

None

E. Public Works - Transportation Services

E.1 Communications

E.1.1 Request for Traffic Control Signals - McCowan Road and Street B / Driveway to Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated January 25, 2023, and referral to staff for a report back to the March 23, 2023 Council meeting.

E.2 Reports

E.2.1 Bicycle Lane Designations - City of Markham and Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Lane Designation Bylaw 2020-53 be amended to designate bicycle lanes in the City of Markham and Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville, as detailed in Table 1.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the City of Markham, Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville and Chief of York Regional Police.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

E.2.2 Rescind Temporary Delegation of Authority for Amendments to Traffic Bylaws and Amend Parking Bylaw (City of Markham)

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council rescind the temporary delegation of authority provided to the Commissioner of Public Works under Bylaw 2020-19 to amend traffic bylaws, where required, in response to unique traffic operations and safety concerns arising during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Parking Bylaw 2017-37 be amended to permanently designate the parking prohibition on Kennedy Road in the City of Markham, as detailed in Table 1 of this report.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities and Chief of York Regional Police.

F. Public Works - Environmental Services

F.1 Communications

None

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 York Durham Sewage System Primary System Engineering Services Partnership Contract

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to:
 1. Negotiate and execute a direct purchase Engineering Services Partnership Contract with Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc. for engineering services related to the York Durham Sewage System Primary System at an estimated value not to exceed \$50 million over a 10-year term, with an option to renew for one additional 10-year term, as outlined in this report.
 2. Negotiate and execute a direct purchase of project planning and monitoring services for York Durham Sewage System Primary System projects from Revay & Associates Limited for an estimated value not to exceed \$2 million over a 10-year term.

F.2.2 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council receive this report for information.

G. Community and Health Services

G.1 Communications

None

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and York Region's Response

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

That Council:

1. Approve continued operation of temporary accommodation and wrap-around services for those arriving in York Region under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel who need assistance until June 30, 2023, after which Regional staff will initiate closure of the site unless otherwise directed by Council.
2. Authorize the Regional Chairman to communicate to the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reiterating the need for funding to offset municipal costs.
3. Direct staff to report back to Council when federal or provincial funding offset is confirmed, or by June 30, 2023 (whichever is earlier), to confirm next steps for York Region's response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.
4. Circulate this report to York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament.

H. Planning and Economic Development

H.1 Communications

H.1.1 Housing Supply Update: December 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated February 23, 2023 from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 York Region 2022 Vacant Employment Land Inventory

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the following recommendation in the report dated February 16, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities.

H.2.2 2022 York Region Employment and Industry Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to local chambers of commerce, boards of trade, the Workforce Planning Board, Toronto Global and local municipalities.

H.2.3 2022 Annual Development Activity Summary

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 16, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local municipalities.

H.2.4 Minutes - York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee - February 15, 2023

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the minutes of the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee dated February 15, 2023.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Interim Transfer of Part III Provincial Offences Act Charges

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated March 1, 2023 from Dan Kuzmyk, Regional Solicitor and General Counsel.

I.1.2 City of Richmond Hill Resolution - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the correspondence from Stephen Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, City of Richmond Hill dated February 15, 2023.

I.1.3 Council and Committee Reports Format Changes

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated March 2, 2023 from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 Emergency Management Program Annual Compliance Review and Bylaw Revision

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Council receive this report as confirmation York Region has completed all necessary program elements to achieve compliance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04*.
2. The Regional Solicitor update the current Emergency Management program bylaw to adopt changes to the Emergency Plan and Annexes.
3. The Regional Clerk forward the program bylaw and Emergency Plan to Emergency Management Ontario.

I.2.2 Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize the award of new non-standard procurements, extensions, and increases, as per Attachment 1 and Private Attachment 1.
2. Council authorize Commissioners and Department Heads, or their designates, to execute the contracts and amendments approved in this report.

I.2.3 Approvals Authorized Under Delegated Authority during 2022 Council Recess

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.4 Compensation for Expropriation - 16th Avenue from Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to the owners of lands in the City of Richmond Hill and the City of Markham, as set out in Appendix 1, which were acquired in accordance with the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).

I.2.5 Expropriation of Land - Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Appendix 1, required for the Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project in the City of Vaughan.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the “Notice”) and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as necessary, at an inquiry (Hearing of Necessity) held under the *Act*.
4. Council, as approving authority, approve the expropriation of the lands provided there is no Hearing of Necessity requested and not withdrawn in accordance with the *Act*. Council approval is deemed to be given effective 31 days following the publication of the Notice and when a Hearing of Necessity is not requested in accordance with the *Act*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services is authorized to register a plan of expropriation and execute and serve any notices required under the *Act*.
6. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

I.2.6 Expropriation of Land - Stouffville Road from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404 - City of Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Appendix 1, required for the Stouffville Road widening and reconstruction project from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404, in the City of Richmond Hill.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the "Notice") and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the "Act").
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as necessary, at an inquiry (Hearing of Necessity) held under the *Act*.
4. Council, as approving authority, approve the expropriation of the lands provided there is no Hearing of Necessity requested and not withdrawn in accordance with the *Act*. Council approval is deemed to be given effective 31 days following the publication of the Notice and when a Hearing of Necessity is not requested in accordance with the *Act*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services is authorized to register a plan of expropriation and execute and serve any notices required under the *Act*.
6. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

I.2.7 Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 11305 Yonge Street - City of Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the settlement of all claims pursuant to the Expropriations Act with the fee simple owner of 11305 Yonge

Street, related to the construction of the vivaNext bus rapid transit corridor on Yonge Street in the City of Richmond Hill.

2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Minutes of Settlement for the expropriation and all necessary documentation to complete the transaction.

J. Notice of Motion

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Membership Change on Human Services Planning Board

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that Jennifer Sarna, Superintendent of Education is the new representative for the York Catholic District School Board on the Human Services Planning Board.

K.2 Membership Changes on Newcomer Inclusion Table

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the following membership changes on the Newcomer Inclusion Table:

- York Regional Police – Inspector Kolin Alexander
- York Region Arts Council – Monica del Rio Pain, Director of Programming & Operations
- Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association – Nancy Leung, Director of Marketing, Communications, Administration & Volunteer Development
- COSTI Immigrant Services – Samina Sami, CEO
- Michael Li and Homa Souratian are two York Region residents who will join the Newcomer Inclusion Table as newcomer lived-experience representatives.

K.3 Developmental Disabilities Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced March as Developmental Disabilities Month, which aims to educate the public about the needs of this group and end the stigma around issues of disability.

K.4 Nutrition Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced March as Nutrition Month, which provides the opportunity to acknowledge the role Public Health plays in promoting healthy eating, good nutrition and access to healthy food.

K.5 Red Cross Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that it is Red Cross Month, which offers the opportunity to acknowledge York Region's long-standing partnership with the Canadian Red Cross and its commitment to provide immediate and short-term services to residents impacted by an emergency or disaster.

K.6 Employee Appreciation Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 3, 2023 was Employee Appreciation Day, providing an opportunity to recognize the professionalism and valued contributions of staff.

K.7 Hindu Holi

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 7, 2023 marked the celebration of Hindu Holi, which celebrates the arrival of spring.

K.8 International Women's Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 8, 2023 was International Women's Day, which celebrates outstanding social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, girls and gender diverse people. This year's theme, Embrace Equity, invites us to think about how to actively support equity within our own sphere of influence.

K.9 International Day to Combat Islamophobia

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 15, 2023 is International Day to Combat Islamophobia. Declared as an international observance in 2021 by the United Nations, this day acknowledges the widespread rise in intolerance, prejudice and violence against members of numerous religious communities, including those of the Muslim faith.

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole did not resolve into Private Session.

L.1 Greening Strategy – Environmental Land Protection and Preservation - Acquisition of Land on McCowan Road - Town of East Gwillimbury - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the confidential recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Public Works. The recommendations to become public once the acquisition of lands has been finalized.

L.2 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.3 - Approval Authorized Under Delegated Authority During 2022 Council Recess - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.4 - Compensation for Expropriation - 16th Avenue from Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.5 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.7 - Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 11305 Yonge Street - City of Richmond Hill - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

The Regional Municipality of York

Regional Council
Transportation Services
March 23, 2023

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works

Request for Traffic Signals on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School City of Markham

1. Recommendations

1. Traffic signals be installed on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School in the City of Markham, subject to the capital and 10-year maintenance costs being fully funded by the owner.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Markham and the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. Summary

This report responds to a resolution received from the City of Markham requesting installation of unwarranted traffic signals on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School (School), subject to being fully funded by Stateview Homes (Nao Towns) Inc. (Owner).

Key Points:

- Markham is requesting unwarranted traffic signals on McCowan Road at Street B and the driveway at the School in consideration of operational need and area context
- Owner is pursuing construction of a new intersection, creating an opportunity to advance traffic signals before the new school year in September 2023
- Staff recommend accelerating traffic signal installation to improve school zone safety
- Council has previously approved traffic signals that do not satisfy the Region's Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy criteria conditional on costs being fully funded by the requesting party or property owner

3. Background

June 2015, Council adopted the updated Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy

The Region's Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy (Policy) is consistent with Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) traffic signal warrant criteria and directly references Ontario Traffic Manual Book 12 – Traffic Signals. This publication provides a consistent approach across the province to determine appropriate installation of traffic signals.

MTO has retained an independent consultant to review Ontario Traffic Manual Book 12 – Traffic Signals, which may result in an update to provincial traffic and pedestrian signal criteria. This review is expected to be completed in late 2023. In parallel, staff are reviewing the broader context of the Policy to advance traffic and pedestrian signals. Once these reviews are completed, staff will provide an update to Council on the Policy.

Markham is requesting approval of unwarranted traffic signals on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School

In February 2023, the Regional Clerk received a [resolution](#) from the City of Markham requesting installation of unwarranted traffic signals on McCowan Road at Street B, which will connect to the driveway at the School, at the expense of the Owner.

Past installations of traffic signals not satisfying Policy criteria have been fully funded by the requesting party

Traffic signals not meeting Policy criteria are considered unwarranted. When requested, Council's practice has been to approve installation of unwarranted signals on Regional roads, conditional on costs being fully funded (installation, operating and maintenance) from the requesting party. All costs have been non-refundable regardless of when Policy criteria is satisfied.

4. Analysis

Owner is pursuing construction of a new intersection creating an opportunity to advance traffic signals before the new school year in September 2023

A 2018 settlement hearing at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, required the Owner to relocate Street B access to McCowan Road to align with the driveway to the School. A new 96 townhome residential development is being constructed at the northwest corner of 14th Avenue and McCowan Road. The proposed development is expected to generate 42 new vehicular two-way trips during the morning rush hour and 48 new vehicular two-way trips during the evening rush hour. The Owner requires approval for the unwarranted traffic signal to expedite construction of the signalized intersection prior to the school year commencing in September 2023. A location map showing the proposed development site and the requested traffic signal is included in Appendix 1.

New intersection does not currently satisfy the Region's Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy criteria

Traffic signals at the proposed access to McCowan Road do not currently warrant signalization. A traffic impact study prepared by the Owner's consultant indicates signalizing the intersection will provide a good service level. Traffic signals could safely operate at this intersection without creating operational concerns.

Staff recommend accelerating traffic signal installation to improve school zone safety

A green signal indication would rest on McCowan Road and only change to red when a vehicle or pedestrian is detected at the intersection. Installation of traffic signals will significantly reduce side street delays during rush hours with minimal added delay to traffic on the main road. Accelerating traffic signal installation will help provide safe traffic control while providing a direct cycling and pedestrian connection to the east side of McCowan Road and access to the School.

5. Financial

The cost to install traffic signals at a typical intersection is about \$250,000, subject to final design. Annual operating costs are about \$7,800. Should the unwarranted signals be approved, as per Council-approved policy, the requesting party would be responsible to fully fund the installation (\$250,000) and a one-time, 10-year operating and maintenance fee (\$78,000). All costs for traffic signals not satisfying Policy criteria are fully funded by the requesting party and are non-refundable.

6. Local Impact

Traffic and pedestrian signals balance alternating rights-of-way between all road users and facilitate access to local communities and private properties. Markham endorses the proposed unwarranted traffic signal.

Based on a traffic impact study prepared by the Owner's consultant, the proposed traffic signal would operate safely at the intersection and would not create operational concerns.

7. Conclusion


Markham is requesting traffic signals on McCowan Road at Street B and Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School to provide a direct and controlled cycling and pedestrian connection to the east side of McCowan Road and access to the School.

The requested traffic signal does not currently satisfy the Region's Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy. Staff recommend accelerating traffic signal installation to improve school zone

safety and have no operational concerns, subject to being fully funded by Stateview Homes (Nao Towns) Inc., the Owner.

For more information on this report, please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Recommended by:

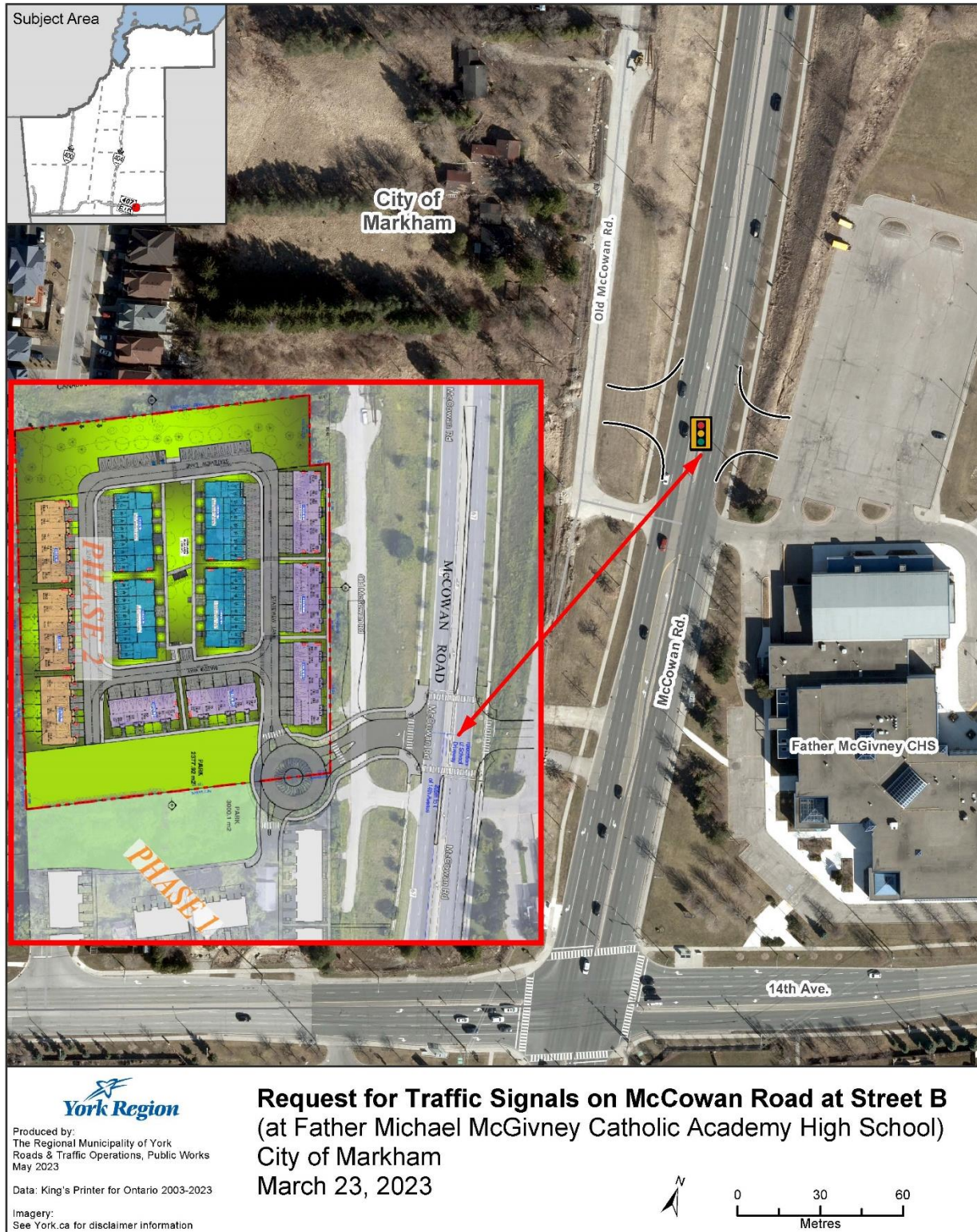
Per: 
Erin Mahoney, M. Eng.
Commissioner of Public Works

Approved for Submission:


Bruce Macgregor
Chief Administrative Officer

March 13, 2023
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Appendix 1 – Location Map



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-11

A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2020-53 being a bylaw to designate lanes on Regional roads for the exclusive use of certain classes of vehicles

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby enacts as follows:

1. Schedule C to Bylaw No. 2020-53 is hereby amended by deleting the following:

COLUMN 1 (Highway)	COLUMN 2 (Portion of highway)	COLUMN 3 (Limits)	COLUMN 4 (Times)
Town of Newmarket			
Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)	Northbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From the north limit of Timothy Street to the south limit of Srigley Street	24 hours, 7 days a week
Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)	Southbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From the north limit of Srigley Street to the north limit of Timothy Street	24 hours, 7 days a week

2. Schedule C to Bylaw No. 2020-53 is hereby amended by adding the following:

COLUMN 1 (Highway)	COLUMN 2 (Portion of highway)	COLUMN 3 (Limits)	COLUMN 4 (Times)
City of Markham			
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) City of Markham and Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville	Northbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From 143 metres north of the north limit of Donald Cousens Parkway to 74 metres south of the south limit of Hoover Park Drive	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week

COLUMN 1 (Highway)	COLUMN 2 (Portion of highway)	COLUMN 3 (Limits)	COLUMN 4 (Times)
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) City of Markham and Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville	Southbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From 34 metres south of the south limit of Hoover Park Drive to 126 metres north of the north limit of Donald Cousens Parkway	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week
Town of Newmarket			
Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)	Northbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From the north limit of Lydia Street to to the south limit of Srigley Street	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week
Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)	Southbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From the north limit of Srigley Street to the north limit of Lydia Street	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville			
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville and City of Markham	Northbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From 143 metres north of the north limit of Donald Cousens Parkway to 74 metres south of the south limit of Hoover Park Drive	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville and City of Markham	Southbound curbside lane or boulevard as marked	From 34 metres south of the south limit of Hoover Park Drive to 126 metres north of the north limit of Donald Cousens Parkway	Effective May 1, 2023 24 hours, 7 days a week

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

*Authorized by Item E.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023, adopted by
Regional Council at its meeting on March 23, 2023*

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-12

A bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 2020-19,
being a bylaw to delegate to the Commissioner of Transportation Services
the power to temporarily amend traffic bylaws

WHEREAS Bylaw No. 2020-19 was enacted on April 30, 2020 in response to traffic operations and safety concerns arising from the declaration of emergency by the Province of Ontario due to the outbreak of a communicable disease, namely COVID-19 coronavirus disease (the “Pandemic”);

AND WHEREAS Bylaw No. 2020-19 delegates authority to the Commissioner of Public Works (formerly the Commissioner of Transportation Services) to amend bylaws respecting the regulation of traffic on Regional roads;

AND WHEREAS the traffic operations and safety concerns arising from the Pandemic have ceased and it is appropriate to repeal the bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 2020-19, being a bylaw to delegate to the Commissioner of Transportation Services the power to temporarily amend traffic bylaws, is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

Authorized by Item E.2.2 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023, adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on March 23, 2023

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-13

A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2017-37 being a bylaw to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional roads

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 2017-37 is hereby amended by adding the following to Schedule “E”.

TABLE 1 - PARKING PROHIBITED			
COLUMN 1 (Highway)	COLUMN 2 (Side)	COLUMN 3 (Limits)	COLUMN 4 (Times/Days)
Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3)	east	From the north limit of 19th Avenue to 485 metres north of the north limit of 19th Avenue	any time

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

Authorized by Item E.2.2 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023, adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on March 23, 2023

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-14

A bylaw to adopt an Emergency Management Program

WHEREAS the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, RSO 1990, c E.9 (the “Act”), provides that Regional Council shall develop and implement an emergency management program;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides that Regional Council shall formulate an emergency plan governing the provision of necessary services during an emergency and the procedures under and the manner in which employees and other persons will respond to the emergency, and that Regional Council shall by bylaw adopt the emergency plan;

AND WHEREAS Section 11 of O Reg 380/04, made under the Act, provides that every municipality shall have an emergency management program committee and sets out the composition and obligations of the committee and its members;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the emergency management program committee is to oversee the development and implementation of the emergency management program;

AND WHEREAS on March 23, 2023 by adoption of Item I.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023, Regional Council adopted the emergency management program;

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby enacts as follows:

1. That The Regional Municipality of York Emergency Management Program as set out in Item I.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023 is hereby adopted.
2. That The Regional Municipality of York Emergency Plan and Annexes, attached as Schedule A to this bylaw, are hereby adopted.

3. That the Emergency Management Program Committee ("EMPC") includes the persons holding the following positions at the Region, or their designates:
 1. Regional Chairperson;
 2. Chief Administrative Officer;
 3. Executive Director, Strategies and Initiatives;
 4. Community Emergency Management Coordinator;
 5. Regional Solicitor and General Counsel;
 6. Commissioner, Community and Health Services;
 7. Medical Officer of Health;
 8. Commissioner, Public Works;
 9. Commissioner, Corporate Services;
 10. Commissioner, Finance;
 11. Senior Executive Officer, People, Equity and Culture;
 12. Director, Corporate Communications;
 13. Regional Fire Co-ordinator;
 14. Chief of Police; and
 15. Chief, Paramedic Services.
4. That the Executive Director, Strategies and Initiatives is hereby appointed as chair of the EMPC.
5. That the EMPC shall hold a minimum of two (2) meetings per calendar year.
6. That the EMPC shall advise Council on the development and implementation of the Region's Emergency Management Program.
7. That the EMPC shall review the Region's Emergency Management Program annually.
8. That Schedule A attached forms part of this bylaw.
9. That Bylaw No. 2020-01 is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

*Authorized by Item I.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of March 9, 2023, adopted by
Regional Council at its meeting on March 23, 2023*

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-15

A bylaw to establish charges for the uniform water service rate

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York enacts as follows:

1. For the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 inclusive, the Uniform Water Service Rate for The Regional Municipality of York (the "Region") shall be \$1.3623 per cubic metre of water supplied.
2. Each area municipality or part thereof shall pay to the Region for water service supplied to that area municipality or part thereof an amount calculated at the rate of \$1.3623 for each cubic metre of water supplied.
3. An account shall be submitted by the Regional Treasurer to each of the area municipalities for water service supplied for each of the periods ending April 30, June 30, August 31, October 31, December 31, 2023 and February 29 and April 30, 2024, and each such account shall be payable to the Region at its office in the Town of Newmarket within fifteen (15) days after the date on which the account was submitted.
4. In the event of default of payment of any account submitted pursuant to this bylaw, interest shall be payable on the account in default at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum for each month or fraction thereof while such default continues.

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

Authorized by Item F.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of September 9, 2021, adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on September 23, 2021

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-16

A bylaw to establish charges for the uniform wastewater service rate

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York enacts as follows:

1. For the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 inclusive, each area municipality shall pay to the Region for wastewater services supplied to the area municipality an amount calculated at the rate of \$1.9183 per cubic metre of water flows, except for:
 - a. the community of Kleinburg, for which flow volumes are discounted by seven point two per cent (7.2%);
 - b. the City of Vaughan (excluding the community of Kleinburg), for which flow volumes are discounted by zero point four per cent (0.4%)
 - c. the City of Markham, for which flow volumes are discounted by zero point seven per cent (0.7%);
 - d. the community of Mount Albert, for which flow volumes are discounted by three point seven per cent (3.7%);
 - e. the community of Holland Landing, for which flow volumes are discounted by twenty-nine point five per cent (29.5%);
 - f. the communities of Sharon and Queensville, for which flow volumes are discounted by twenty-nine point two per cent (29.2%);
 - g. the communities of Ballantrae and Ansnorveldt and the Bales Drive Industrial Area for which flow volumes are discounted by one hundred per cent (100%); and
 - h. the communities of Nobleton, King City and Schomberg, for which flow volumes are based on actual wastewater flows.
2. An account based on the rate set out in section 1 of this bylaw shall be submitted by the Regional Treasurer to each of the area municipalities for wastewater processed for the periods ending April 30, June 30, August 31, October 31, December 31, 2023 and February 29 and April 30, 2024, and each such account shall be payable to the Region at its office in the Town of Newmarket within fifteen (15) days after the date on which the account was submitted.

3. In the event of default of payment of any account submitted pursuant to this bylaw, interest shall be payable on the account in default at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum for each month or fraction thereof while such default continues.

ENACTED AND PASSED on March 23, 2023.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

Authorized by Item F.2.1 of the Committee of the Whole of September 9, 2021, adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on September 23, 2021

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NO. 2023-17

A Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of
Council at its Meeting held on March 23, 2023

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The action of Council in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its meeting of March 23, 2023, is, except where the prior approval of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. The Regional Chair and the proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to Council's action or to obtain approvals where required, and, except where otherwise provided, the Regional Chair, or another Member of Regional Council designated by the Regional Chair, and the Regional Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the Regional Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal of the Municipality to all of these documents.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 23rd day of March, 2023

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair

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