



## Minutes

### The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

November 19, 2020  
Electronic Meeting

Members: W. Emmerson, D. Barrow, M. Bevilacqua, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri,  
R. Grossi, V. Hackson, D. Hamilton, J. Heath, L. Jackson,  
J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, C. Perrelli,  
M. Quirk, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh

Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, P. Jankowski, K. Kurji,  
D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor,  
M.F. Turner

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#### A. Call to Order

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

“We acknowledge the land we are meeting on today is the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit.

These lands are now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples.

We also acknowledge that York Region falls under Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties with several Mississauga and Chippewas First Nations.”

#### B. Disclosures of Interest

None

**C. Minutes of Council**

**C.1 Council Meeting held on October 22, 2020**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor DiPaola  
**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 22, 2020.

**Carried**

**C.2 Special Council Meeting held on November 2, 2020**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor DiPaola  
**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on November 2, 2020.

**Carried**

**D. Presentations**

**D.1 Mackenzie Health Update**

**Moved by** Mayor Bevilacqua  
**Seconded by** Mayor Barrow

That Council receive the presentation by Altaf Stationwala, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mackenzie Health.

**Carried**

**D.2 Toronto Global Update**

**Moved by** Mayor Lovatt  
**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Li

That Council receive the presentation by Stephen Lund, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Global.

**Carried**

**E. Deputations**

**E.1 Character Community**

**Moved by** Mayor Barrow

**Seconded by** Mayor Hackson

That Council receive the deputation by Susanne Cappuccitti, Executive Director, Character Community York Region;

That Council approve \$100,000 to Character Community representing the Region's annual funding contribution, subject to 2021 budget deliberations; and

That the Chairman write a letter to the York Region school boards requesting an increase in their funding contribution to Character Community.

**Carried**

**E.2 Salvation Army 2020 Kettle Campaign**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Grossi

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the deputation by Nancy Harrison and Brian Bishop on behalf of Salvation Army Central York Region.

**Carried**

Council recessed at 12:18 p.m. and resumed at 1:03 p.m.

**F. Communications**

**F.1 Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Pilot Program**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Heath

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council receive the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated November 13, 2020.

**Carried**

**F.2 Financial Impacts of COVID-19**

**Moved by** Mayor Barrow

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the memorandum from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated November 18, 2020.

**Carried**

**F.3 November 5th Committee of the Whole - Item I.2.6, Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program: Funding Application AMENDED RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved by** Mayor Quirk

**Seconded by** Mayor Pellegrini

That Council receive the memorandum from Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services dated November 18, 2020 and Item G.1 (Committee of the Whole Item I.2.6) be amended accordingly.

**Carried**

**F.4 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Resolution - Bill 229**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded by** Mayor Hackson

That Council receive the correspondence from Mike Walters, Chief Administrative Officer, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated November 13, 2020 and adopt the following:

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; Page 4 of 5

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*;

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise;

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

WHEREAS municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected;

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act* set out in Bill 229;

THAT the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns;

THAT the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority municipal budget processes;

THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships;

AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

**Carried**

**F.5 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Resolution - Bill 229**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the correspondence from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy, Toronto Region Conservation Authority dated November 17, 2020 and endorse the resolution contained within.

**Carried**

**G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports**

**G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - November 5, 2020**

**Moved by** Mayor Barrow

**Seconded by** Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 5, 2020, except for Item I.2.6 as noted below.

**Carried**

**Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program: Funding Application**

**Moved by** Mayor Quirk

**Seconded by** Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt the following recommendation in the report, *as amended*, dated October 23, 2020 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Regional Council endorse YorkNet's funding application(s) to:
  - a. The Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure, under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program outlined in Attachment 1
  - b. *The Federal Government, under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) as outlined in the Universal Broadband Fund: Funding Application memo.*

2. A funding plan for Yorknet's share of the project costs to be developed and reviewed through the Region's 2021 Budget process.
3. This report *and related memo* be circulated to the local municipalities and Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing York Region.

**Carried**

## **H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws**

**Moved by** Mayor Scarpitti

**Seconded by** Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

**Carried**

### **H.1 2020-53 Lane Designation Bylaw**

A bylaw to designate lanes on Regional roads for the exclusive use of certain classes of vehicles.

### **H.2 2020-55 Establish a Public Highway - Jane Street**

A bylaw to establish a public highway.

### **H.3 2020-56 Transfer of Peter Street Watermain to City of Markham**

A bylaw to transfer a watermain to The Corporation of the City of Markham and to amend Bylaw No. W-2-70-21.

## **I. Motions**

None

## **J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider**

None

## **K. Other Business**

### **K.1 Week of Thanks**

Regional Chair Emmerson recognized November 16 to November 22 as the Week of Thanks in York Region and acknowledged the dedication of public health, paramedics and long-term care workers and thanked them for their support in keeping our communities healthy and safe.

## **K.2 Paramedics Memorial Bell**

Regional Chair Emmerson noted the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Bell arrived at York Region Paramedic Services Headquarters on November 17. The bell honours paramedics who lost their lives in the line of duty and recognizes paramedics, dispatchers and others who have lost their battles with post-traumatic stress disorder. Chris Spearen, Chief of Paramedic Services delivered further remarks.

## **K.3 COVID-19 Update**

Regional Chair Emmerson and Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health provided updates to Members of Council on the COVID-19 situation and latest statistics.

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Heath

**Seconded by** Mayor Mrakas

That Council support the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health sending a letter to the Province of Ontario advocating that The Regional Municipality of York not be put into lockdown zone and maintain the current Control-Red zone with a commitment to increase enforcement activities.

**Carried**

**Moved by** Mayor Taylor

**Seconded by** Mayor Scarpitti

That Council support:

1. Increased enforcement
2. A communication strategy that provides information related to enforcement and charges laid
3. The further limiting or closing of banquet halls
4. Further enforcement/limits in relation to large format retail; and

That staff be directed to bring back options and recommendations in relation to this direction within one weeks' time.

**Carried**

**Moved by** Mayor Taylor  
**Seconded by** Mayor Scarpitti

That Council schedule a Special Regional Council meeting on November 26, 2020 at 9 a.m. to consider information related to the above resolution.

**Carried**

**L. Private Session**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Jones  
**Seconded by** Mayor Lovatt

That Council resolve into private session at 1:42 p.m.

**Carried**

At 3:17 p.m. Council resumed in public session and reported the following:

**L.1 Redevelopment Opportunity for Newmarket Health Centre and Housing York Inc.'s Armitage Gardens in the Town of Newmarket - Acquisition or Disposition of Land**

**Moved by** Mayor Bevilacqua  
**Seconded by** Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the confidential recommendation in the private report from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated October 16, 2020.

**Carried**

**L.2 Second Concession Pumping Station - Potential Litigation**

**Moved by** Mayor Bevilacqua  
**Seconded by** Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the confidential recommendations in the private report from the Deputy Regional Solicitor dated October 22, 2020.

**Carried**

**L.3 CUPE 905 Negotiations Mandate - Labour Relations**

Council provided confidential direction to staff.

**M. Confirmatory Bylaw**

**Moved by** Mayor Pellegrini

**Seconded by** Mayor Quirk

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2020-57 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on November 19, 2020.

**Carried**

**N. Adjournment**

The Council meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on December 17, 2020.

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Regional Chair