

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

December 3, 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, G. Rosati, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh

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

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Presentations

None

D. Deputations

D.1 Pedestrian Crossing Installations: Mt. Albert

The deputant withdrew their request.

E. Transportation Services

E.1 Communications

E.1.1 City of Markham Resolution - Steeles Avenue East Widening Update - Markham Road to Ninth Line (Ward 7)

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated November 2, 2020 be received and referred to staff.

E.1.2 City of Markham Resolution - Whistle Cessation on Stouffville GO Line - Three Rural Crossing (Ward 5)

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated November 13, 2020 be received and referred to staff.

E.1.3 Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution - Pedestrian Crossing Installations: Yonge Street at Holland Landing Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Fernando Lamanna, Municipal Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury dated November 2, 2020 be received and referred to staff.

E.2 Reports

E.2.1 Highway 48 Transfer Request - 19th Avenue to Bethesda Sideroad - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and City of Markham

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 18, 2020 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. The Region defer consideration of a jurisdictional change for Highway 48 between 19th Avenue and Bethesda Sideroad at this time, pending completion of various planning and transportation studies in the area and further discussion with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

2. Staff facilitate discussions with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to address development access issues and reflect the evolution of Highway 48 between 19th Avenue and Bethesda Sideroad from a rural highway to an urban street.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the City of Markham, and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

E.2.2 Transit and Corporate Fleet Electrification Plans

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council approve the Corporate Fleet Electrification Plan, including transition of all sedans and sport utility vehicles to electric vehicles by 2030, subject to Council approval of the capital budget each year.
2. Council approve the Transit Bus Fleet Electrification Plan, including transition of the Region's bus fleet to clean electric bus technology by the Region's target of 2051, based on Scenario 1 outlined in this report. Electric bus purchases to be subject to Council approval of the capital budget each year.
3. *Council recognize Scenario 2 as a stretch goal subject to GHG/electric vehicle funding from the federal or provincial government.*
4. Council authorize staff to continue to work with the Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium and other appropriate agencies to identify funding opportunities and submit appropriate applications to offset the increased capital costs of electric buses, as these application opportunities arise.
5. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing York Region to reinforce the need for financial assistance for municipalities to offset the costs of increased capital requirements to electrify the transit bus fleet to meet Council's zero GHG emissions by 2051 objectives.

F. Environmental Services

F.1 Communications

F.1.1 Staff Comments on Proposed Amendments to Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from the Commissioner of Environmental Services dated October 30, 2020 be received.

F.1.2 City of Vaughan Resolution - Nashville (Barons) Developments Inc. 19T-17V008 Allocation of Servicing Capacity

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan dated October 20, 2020 be received.

F.1.3 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Resolution - Summary of 2020 TRCA Policy Consultation Submissions on Recent Provincial Policy Initiatives

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy dated October 20, 2020 be received.

F.1.4 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Resolution - Summary of Recent Updates to TRCA Flood Plain Mapping Program

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy dated October 20, 2020 be received.

F.1.5 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Resolution - Update on Municipal Memorandums of Understanding and Service Level Agreements

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy dated October 20, 2020 be received.

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 Engineering Services for Groundwater Treatment System Preliminary Design

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 12, 2020 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services:

1. Council approve award of the contract for engineering services for Groundwater Treatment System Preliminary Design to CH2M HILL Canada Limited, pursuant to Request for Proposal P-20-144 at a total cost of \$2,683,280.00, excluding HST, and authorize execution of the contract on behalf of York Region.
2. The Commissioner of Environmental Services be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Region.

G. Community and Health Services

G.1 Communications

G.1.1 Social Services Relief Fund Phase Two

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated November 12, 2020 be received.

G.1.2 Update on Public Health Emergency Response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health dated December 1, 2020 be received.

G.1.3 Recommendations for the End of Community Housing Mortgages

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Tim Ross on behalf of Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada dated December 2, 2020 be received.

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Recommendations for the End of Community Housing Mortgages

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the report dated November 12, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council endorse the Service Manager End of Mortgage Position Paper (Attachment 1).
2. *Council endorse in principle that the mortgage savings outlined in this report remain in the housing and homelessness sector and that Council also endorse in principle the approach outlined in Table 2 that ensures that up to 40% of the mortgage savings will be allocated for the capital repairs of all effected housing providers.*
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

G.2.2 Social Services Relief Fund - Phase Two - Authority for Capital Agreements

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to award direct purchase contracts to expedite the rapid construction of Social Services Relief Fund Phase Two funded projects, at a total cost not to exceed funding amounts.
2. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute all necessary documents required under the program.
3. Council approve the development of modular home units on the Housing York Inc. property located at 20898 Dalton Road in the Town of Georgina (Attachment 1).

G.2.3 Rapid Housing Initiative - Upcoming Funding Application

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated November 19, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council receive this report for information.

G.2.4 Public Health Benefits of Complete Communities

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 19, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health:

1. The findings of this report be considered as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review to support the Region's Official Plan policy direction to create complete communities.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the nine local municipalities to support ongoing municipal planning for complete communities.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, York Region Members of Parliament, York Region Members of Provincial Parliament, York Region District School Board, the York Region Catholic School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

G.2.5 Minutes - York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee - November 25, 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends the Minutes of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated November 25, 2020 be received.

H. Planning and Economic Development

H.1 Communications

None

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Regional Official Plan Update - Policy Directions Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. Council endorse the policy directions summarized in this report and further described in Attachment 1 to support development of draft policies that will be presented to Council as part of the Regional Official Plan Update through the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

2. The Regional Clerk forward this report and attachments to the Clerks of the local municipalities, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

None

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 Contract Awards including Renewals, Approvals, and Emergency Purchases - July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated November 5, 2020 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.2 Acquisition of Land - 11421 Weston Road - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve the acquisition of the interest in land set out in Private Attachment 1 (Table 1) for a Transportation works yard in the City of Vaughan.
2. Council approve additional 2021 interim appropriation and funding for Transportation Services associated with this purchase as outlined in Private Attachment 1 (Table 2)
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the agreement of purchase and sale and all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

I.2.3 Compensation for Expropriation - Northeast Vaughan Water Servicing Project - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to the owners of the lands in the City of Vaughan, as set out in Attachment 1, which were acquired in accordance with the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).

I.2.4 Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 524 Davis Drive - Town of Newmarket

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated November 20, 2020 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the settlement of all claims pursuant to the *Expropriations Act* related to the property municipally known as 524 Davis Drive, as described in Attachment 1, for the construction of the bus rapid transit corridor on Davis Drive in the Town of Newmarket.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Minutes of Settlement and all necessary documentation to complete the transaction in accordance with the Minutes of Settlement.

J. Notice of Motion

None

K. Other Business

K.1 COVID-19 Update

Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region Medical Officer of Health provided an update on the status of COVID-19 and responded to questions from Members of Committee of the Whole.

K.2 World AIDS Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted December 1 was World AIDS Day and the start of Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week in Canada.

K.3 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Regional Chair Emmerson noted December 6 is National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The day is recognized in remembrance of the 14 women at Ecole Poly-technique Montreal to honour the lives lost and reaffirm our commitment to fight violence and discrimination against women.

K.4 Police Services Board Appointment

Regional Chair Emmerson indicated Norma McCullough will be appointed as a citizen member to the York Region Police Services Board effective January 1, 2021.

K.5 December 10, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Regional Chair Emmerson noted the upcoming Special Council Meeting being held on December 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will consider financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2021-2022 budget, establishment of a pandemic management reserve fund and confirmation of the 2021 water and wastewater user rates.

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole resolved into private session at 11:16 a.m. At 11:18 a.m. Committee of the Whole resumed in public session and reported the following:

L.1 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.1 - Contract Awards including Renewals, Approvals and Emergency Purchases - July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

L.2 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2 - Acquisition of Land - 11421 Weston Road - City of Vaughan - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

L.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.3 - Compensation for Expropriation - Northeast Vaughan Water Servicing Project - City of Vaughan - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.4 - Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 524 Davis Drive - Town of Newmarket - Litigation

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:28 a.m.