



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

June 25, 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, K. Kurji, D. Kuzmyk, S. Love, 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 9:24 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 May 28, 2020

Moved by Mayor Quirk

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on May 28, 2020.

Carried

C.2 Special Council Meeting held on June 11, 2020

Moved by Mayor Quirk

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on June 11, 2020.

Carried

C.3 Special Council Education Session held on June 18, 2020

Moved by Mayor Quirk

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Special Council Education Session held on June 18, 2020.

Carried

D. Presentations

D.1 Corporate Update #2 – York Region Response to COVID-19

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the presentation by Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried

E. Deputations in Writing

None

F. Communications

F.1 Housing Supply Update

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council receive the memorandum from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner dated June 23, 2020.

Carried

F.2 Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council receive the memorandum from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner dated June 23, 2020.

Carried

F.3 Participating in Local Community Improvement Plans as a Means to Deliver COVID-19 Small Business Support

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

That Council receive the memorandum from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner dated June 23, 2020.

(See Item G.1)

Carried

F.4 The Regional Municipality of York receives 15 International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Awards

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the memorandum from Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated June 25, 2020.

Carried

F.5 Thermal Temperature Screening at Regional Facilities

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council refer the memorandum from Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer dated June 25, 2020 back to staff for further review.

Carried

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - June 11, 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 June 11, 2020, except for Item H.2.6 with an amendment to Recommendation 1 and Item J.1, as noted below.

H.2.6 COVID-19 Small Business Support

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council authorize the repurposing of \$500,000 from the Innovation Investment Reserve Fund to *provide* COVID-19 support to local small businesses through *either a local Community Improvement Plan (CIP) based on the criteria of the (CIP) or the expansion of the Starter Company Plus program managed by the four Small Business Enterprise Centres across the Region on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.*

J.1 Thermal Temperature Detection and Data Retention for York Region

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council refer this matter to staff for further review.

Carried

G.2 Audit Committee - June 10, 2020

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020.

Carried

G.3 Conmar Developments Inc. and Fenlands Vaughan Inc. – Development Charge Deferral Request - City of Vaughan

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council adopt the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the report dated June 15, 2020 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council *support* the request from the City of Vaughan to negotiate a deferral of Regional development charges for the development located at 11110 Jane Street owned by Conmar Developments Inc. & Fenlands Vaughan Inc. (“the Applicant”) on similar terms to those agreed to by the City of Vaughan.
2. The Chief Administrative Office and Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute a Development Charge Deferral Agreement with the Applicant in a form satisfactory to the Deputy Regional Solicitor.

Carried

G.4 York Region Transit Protection of Transit Riders and Staff During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated June 22, 2020 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council endorse the purchase of 100,000 non-medical, individually wrapped, disposable face masks at a cost of \$59,000, excluding HST, to be distributed to customers not having their own mask when entering the York Region Transit system; July 2, 2020.
2. Council approve Transit Bylaw amendments to include a mandatory requirement for individuals to wear a non-medical face mask or covering while on transit vehicles or property, effective July 2, 2020.

Carried

G.5 Human Resourcing Requirements for the Public Health COVID-19 Response

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated June 22, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner, Community and Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health to increase the staffing complement in Public Health by eight permanent full time staff.
2. Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Medical Officer of Health to increase staffing complement with temporary full time staff, as required, to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Li

Seconded by Regional Councillor Perrelli

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

H.1 2020-36 - Construction of the West Vaughan Sewage Servicing Project

To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the construction of the West Vaughan Sewage Servicing Project, City of Vaughan

H.2 2020-37 - Close a Portion of Bathurst Street

A bylaw to stop up and close a portion of Bathurst Street (YR 38), Township of King

H.3 2020-38 - Establish a Public Highway – Dufferin Street

A bylaw to establish a public highway

H.4 2020-39 - Amendment to Transit Bylaw

A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2017-7 being a bylaw to regulate the use of public transit vehicles and facilities in The Regional Municipality of York

Carried

I. Motions

None

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Regional Council Resolution - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Big Cities Mayors' Caucus Expansion

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the role of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is to unite local governments of all sizes; shape the national agenda; provide unique tools; build local capacity; defend municipality interests and connect local leaders.

WHEREAS, FCM has a Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC) that brings together representatives from 22 of Canada's biggest cities, offering a forum for policy development on a range of issues affecting Canada's largest centres.

WHEREAS, York Region's two largest municipalities, the City of Markham (pop. 349,007) and City of Vaughan (pop. 331,573) are within the population ranges of the current 22 BCMC members, which range from the smallest municipality: St. John's (pop. 212,433) to the largest: City of Toronto (pop. 2,965,713).

WHEREAS, York Region communities rank among the most diverse in Canada, with 49% of the population self-identifying as belonging to a visible minority, in contrast to Ontario's 29% and Canada's 22%, respectively.

WHEREAS, as of December 2019, York Region, with an estimated population of 1.2 million residents, 52,000 business establishments (employers), and 640,000 jobs is among Canada's largest and fastest growing municipal jurisdictions without representation on FCM's BCMC.

WHEREAS, citizens' needs can be more inclusively reflected in federal policies and programs through better representation of the Canadian population and York Region's mosaic of cultures, stories, and voices can provide BCMC membership greater diversity and representation.

THEREFORE be it resolved that:

1. York Region Council seek to have representation from the City of Markham and the City of Vaughan on the Big Cities Mayors' Caucus (BCMC).
2. This resolution be forwarded to the FCM Board of Directors, in addition to the 22 current BCMC members seeking approval of a BCMC expansion to include representation from York Region.

Carried

K.2 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.

K.3 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Update

Regional Councillor Grossi provided an update on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario virtual meeting in August, advising that attendance must be confirmed by June 30, 2020 for the portion which includes dialogue with provincial ministers.

K.4 Human Services Planning Board Appointments

Regional Chair Emmerson appointed Chief Jim MacSween, Chief of York Regional Police and Jennifer Fang, member of the York Regional Police Services Board to the Human Services Planning Board.

K.5 Special Council Meeting - July 9, 2020 - Consideration of Mandatory Requirement to Wear Masks

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That staff report back to a Special Council meeting on July 9, 2020 with information relating to the Region requiring the wearing of face coverings or masks in indoor spaces and also in outdoor spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Carried

K.6 Special Council Meeting - July 30, 2020

Regional Chair Emmerson scheduled a Special Council meeting on July 30, 2020 at 9 a.m. to consider matters including consultation on provincial Growth Plan amendments.

K.7 Committee of the Whole Meeting Rescheduled in September

Regional Chair Emmerson rescheduled the Committee of the Whole meeting from September 3 to September 10, 2020.

K.8 Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Regional Chair Emmerson announced Saturday, June 27, 2020 is Canadian Multiculturalism Day, which invites Canadians to collectively celebrate their individual identities and ancestry and to stand together in support of diversity and equality.

L. Private Session

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council resolve into private session at 12:33 p.m.

Carried

At 12:43 p.m. Council resumed in public session and reported the following:

L.1 Disposition of Matters Under the Purchasing Bylaw 2019 Annual Report - Litigation and Solicitor-Client Privilege

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council adopt the confidential recommendation in the private report from the Deputy Solicitor dated May 1, 2020.

Carried

L.2 Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension Update - Potential Litigation and Solicitor-Client Privilege

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council adopt the confidential recommendation in the private report from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Deputy Solicitor dated June 18, 2020.

Carried

L.3 Verbal Update - York Region Transit Service Contract with Transdev Services (Canada) Inc. - Labour Relations

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council receive the private verbal update from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

Carried

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2020-40 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on June 25, 2020.

Carried

N. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on September 24, 2020

Regional Chair