



Minutes

YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL

Special Meeting

July 9, 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, F. Karachiwalla, K. Kurji, D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor, D. Szeptycki, M.F. Turner, E. Wilson

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Presentations

C.1 Public Health Considerations of Mandating the Use of Face Coverings as a Measure to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council receive the presentation by Dr. Fareen Karachiwalla.

Carried

D. Deputations in Writing

Moved by Regional Councillor Li

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the following Deputations in Writing:

D.1 C. Barbalinardo

D.2 B. Monaco

D.3 C. Shelston

D.4 D. Rossi

D.5 L. Allen

D.6 E. Holdsworth

D.7 W. Ophelders

D.8 E. Pepe

D.9 E. Lo

D.10 M. Konje

D.11 E. Klein

D.12 M. Iammatteo

D.13 J. Parsons

D.14 M. Fung

D.15 G. Lebov

D.16 S. Cooke

D.17 M. Moriarty

D.18 E. Tan

D.19 K. Moriarty

D.20 J. Deutsch

D.21 A. Brenham

- D.22 L. Lombardi**
- D.23 L. Puzzolanti**
- D.24 S. Goldman**
- D.25 D. Freeman**
- D.26 R. Ha**
- D.27 E. Yu**
- D.28 P. Craig**
- D.29 R. Vallee**
- D.30 M. Mackenzie**
- D.31 D. Forsyth**
- D.32 T. La Rosa**
- D.33 M. Reid**
- D.34 R. Di Tella-Salib**
- D.35 J. McKinnon**
- D.36 K. Bannister**
- D.37 S. Watson**
- D.38 J. Jones**
- D.39 L. and J. Sanders**
- D.40 A. Harrison**
- D.41 O. Sedore**
- D.42 A. Prosser**
- D.43 E. and M. Brown**
- D.44 E. Ellison**
- D.45 J. McIntyre-Smith**
- D.46 S. Steinman**

D.47 S. Centofanti

D.48 M. Zizakovic

D.49 E. Meltzer

D.50 M., W., and C. Hunte

D.51 S. Mackenzie

D.52 R. Kruger

D.53 J. Tonkin

D.54 P. Widjaja

D.55 J. Izchaki

D.56 B. Moore

D.57 B. Reynolds

D.58 K. Armstrong, C. Marrin, A. McFadyen, C. Villeneuve-Avis, N. Meltzer, C. Perrault, C. Smith, T. Gagnon

D.59 N. Valaei

D.60 E. Hui

D.61 A. Hollander

D.62 C. Quinn

D.63 T. Medeiros

D.64 M. Weening

D.65 Penny P.

D.66 J. Lebrun

D.67 J. Weening

D.68 M. Di Paolo

D.69 D. Albert

D.70 R. Shirkey

D.71 J. Kwan

D.72 K. Pirzada

D.73 A. Tan

D.74 D. and L. Toffoli

D.75 A. Carvalho

D.76 R. Knight

D.77 J. Chappell

D.78 E. Arruda

D.79 L. Hodgson

D.80 M. Smith

D.81 M. Zilz

D.82 A. Chappell

D.83 E. Burch

D.84 J. Goulet

D.85 S. Alphonso

D.86 M. Lane

D.87 A. Tucci

D.88 J. Anderson

D.89 A. Pinto

D.90 A. Hammer

D.91 A. Ha

D.92 E. Murillo

Carried

E. Communications

E.1 Members Motion of Councillor Liu regarding Mandatory Face Coverings at All Municipal Buildings and Inside Commercial Establishments

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council receive the communication from Stephen Huycke, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, City of Richmond Hill dated June 30, 2020.

Carried

F. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

F.1 Public Health Considerations of Mandating the Use of Face Coverings as a Measure to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

1. Regional Council endorse the Medical Officer of Health issuing an instruction, consistent with the approach taken by other Public Health Units, effective July 17, 2020 until November 30, 2020, that requires operators of the following enclosed public spaces:
 - (a) premises or any portion thereof which are used as a place of business for the sale or offering for sale of goods or services, and includes a mall or similar structure which contains multiple places of business;
 - (b) churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship;
 - (c) community centres including indoor recreational facilities;
 - (d) libraries, art galleries, museums, aquariums, zoos and other similar facilities;
 - (e) community service agencies providing services to the public;
 - (f) banquet halls, convention centres, arenas, stadiums, and other event spaces;
 - (g) premises utilized as an open house, presentation centre, or other facility for real estate purposes;

- (h) common areas of hotels, motels and other short-term rentals, such as lobbies, elevators, meeting rooms or other common use facilities; and
- (i) concert venues, theatres, cinemas, casinos, and other entertainment facilities

to display York Region-approved signage and to have a policy in place that prohibits persons from entering premises of the establishment if the person is not wearing a non-medical face covering, subject to appropriate exemptions, including children under 5 years' old.

2. That the instruction shall further specify that best efforts shall be made by operators of enclosed public spaces in good faith, to only allow entry to persons wearing a non-medical face covering and that education rather than enforcement shall be the principal objective of the instruction.
3. That the Medical Officer of Health provide an update regarding the implementation of the instructions at the July 30, 2020 Special Council meeting.

A recorded vote on the motion was:

For: Barrow, Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Grossi, Hackson, Hamilton, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Perrelli, Quirk, Scarpitti, Taylor, Vegh (20)

Against: 0

Absent: Rosati (1)

Carried Unanimously

Council recessed from 12:05 p.m. to 12:47 p.m.

G. Private Session

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council resolve into private session at 1:31 p.m. to consider the following:

G.1 Legal Considerations Related to Mandatory Face Coverings in York Region as a Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Potential Litigation and Solicitor-Client Privilege

Carried

At 3:02 p.m. Council resumed in public session.

H. Motion

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That in accordance with section 19.10 of the Procedure Bylaw, Council permit an additional item to be brought forward by Mayor Mrakas.

Carried by 2/3 majority vote

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

Whereas, the Town of Aurora has jurisdiction of Yonge Street immediately south and immediately north of the Wellington Street intersection, and York Region has jurisdiction of the intersection including all pedestrian crosswalk and traffic signals; and,

Whereas, Regional and Town staff have been coordinating the design for intersection operational improvements consisting of additional intersection turning lanes and lane and signal reconfigurations, currently planned for construction start in mid-late 2021; and,

Whereas, over the last number of years “Rainbow Pedestrian Crosswalks” have been successfully implemented in urban areas on public roads in numerous Canadian jurisdictions;

Therefore Be It Resolved that a “Rainbow Pedestrian Crosswalk”, designed to meet industry pedestrian crosswalk standards, be installed in coordination with York Region staff, on the south leg of the Yonge Street/Wellington Street intersection, on a pilot basis until such time as the construction of the planned intersection improvements is undertaken ;and

That full costs of installation and maintenance to be borne by the Town of Aurora.

Carried

I. Other Business

I.1 Ontario Government Announcements for Economic Recovery

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that the Ontario government announced a proposed Made-in-Ontario Plan for Growth, Renewal and Economic Recovery and the newly passed Building Transit Faster Act to continue support for the physical and economic health and well-being of all Ontarians.

I.2 Canadian Fiscal Snapshot

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau shared the 2020 Fiscal Snapshot which indicates that the federal government's deficit is expected to hit \$343 billion dollars this year, largely attributed to pandemic response and support.

J. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Mayor Barrow

That Council enact Bylaw 2020-41 to confirm the proceedings of Council at this special meeting.

Carried

K. Adjournment

The Council special meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Regional Clerk

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

Regional Chair