



Minutes

YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL

Special Meeting

December 22, 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, B. Macgregor, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor

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

C.1 COVID-19 Verbal Update

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council receive the presentation from Dr. Karim Kurji.

Carried

D. Deputations

None

E. Communications

E.1 Joan Parsons - Motion to Request Moving Back into Red Zone

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Joan Parsons dated December 20, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

E.2 Amy Marasco - No More Lockdowns

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Amy Marasco dated December 21, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

E.3 Rachel Knight - Motion to Move York Region Out of Grey Zone

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Rachel Knight dated December 21, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

E.4 Michael R Smith - Motion to Move Back into Red Zone

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Michael R. Smith dated December 21, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

E.5 Barbara Bushe - Motion to Return to Red Zone

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Barbara Bushe dated December 21, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

E.6 Karthik Raj - Open Up York Region

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the communication from Karthik Raj dated December 21, 2020 and the Regional Chair be requested to provide a response on the efforts taken to keep the Region from entering the 'Grey Lockdown' zone.

Carried

F. Other Business

F.1 Return York Region to the Red Control Zone

Regional Councillor Perrelli attempted to move the following motion:

“Whereas many restaurants have a seating capacity that numbers into the hundreds; and

Whereas the accepted COVID-19 safety standard for physical distancing is 2 meters; and

Whereas many restaurants have to maintain large staff complements to open their doors which is cost prohibitive with a seating limit as a result of the Orange - Restrict and Red - Control zone measures; and

Whereas the pictures attached to this motion make it clear that limiting the seating capacity using these parameters are woefully inadequate; and

Whereas restaurants are already subject to all other safety measures and have an excellent record of compliance; and

Whereas a number of restaurants have already closed permanently with many more facing the same fate through no fault of their own;

Therefore be it resolved:

- i. That York Region Council request that, in York Region, the Provincial Government immediately remove the following clause “Maximum number of patrons permitted to be seated indoors is 50” from the Orange - Restrict zone and “Maximum number of patrons permitted to be seated indoors is 10” from the Red - Control zone; and
- ii. That York Region Council request that, in York Region, the Provincial Government immediately remove the following clauses “Establishments must be closed from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m.” “Liquor sold or served only between 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.” and “No consumption of liquor permitted between 12 a.m. to 9 a.m.” from the Yellow- Protect zone; and “Establishments must be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.,” “Liquor sold or served only between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.” and “No consumption of liquor permitted between 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.” from the Orange- Restrict zone and the Red -Control zone.
- iii. That York Region Council request that the Provincial Government return York Region to the Red-Control zone as modified in i) and ii) as of December 23rd at 12:01AM.”

Regional Chair Emmerson ruled that Regional Councillor Perrelli’s motion was substantially similar to the one that was voted on and defeated at the December 17, 2020 Regional Council meeting. Accordingly, a motion to reconsider would need to be approved by a two-thirds majority vote as stipulated in Section 17.16 of the Region’s Procedural Bylaw.

Regional Councillor Perrelli challenged the ruling of the Chair and requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote to uphold the ruling of the Chair on the need for the reconsideration was as follows:

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

Against: Perrelli (1)

Carried

No motion to reconsider came forward, and no further action was taken on Regional Councillor Perrelli's proposed motion.

G. Private Session

None

H. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2020-62 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on December 22, 2020.

Carried

I. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on January 28, 2021.

Regional Chair