



Minutes
YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL
Special Meeting

February 4, 2021
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, K. Kurji, D. Kuzmyk,
B. Macgregor, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor, M.F. Turner

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. Presentations

C.1 COVID-19 Update

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

D. Deputations

D.1 Provincial COVID-19 Lockdown

D.1.1 Ariana Scarcello

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Ariana Scarcello.

Carried

D.1.2 Dayna Gerrard

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Dayna Gerrard.

Carried

D.1.3 Robert Amado

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Robert Amado.

Carried

D.1.4 Joan Parsons

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Joan Parsons.

Carried

D.1.5 Gudrun Welder

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Gudrun Welder.

Carried

D.1.6 Tara Hillis

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from Tara Hillis.

Carried

D.1.7 David Matos

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council receive the deputation from David Matos.

Carried

E. Communications

E.1 Provincial COVID-19 Lockdown

E.1.1 Yuri Perel

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Yuri Perel dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.2 Simone Bixby

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Simone Bixby dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.3 Marlene Orlans

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Marlene Orlans dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.4 Cynthia Campbell

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Cynthia Campbell dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.5 Mary Catanzaro

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Mary Catanzaro dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.6 Penny Houston

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Penny Houston dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.7 Dennis Mak

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Dennis Mak dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.8 Michael Prichert

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Michael Prichert dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.9 Ilya Gilin

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Ilya Gilin dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.10 Amy Marasco

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Amy Marasco dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.11 Ronald Wortel

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Ronald Wortel dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.12 Massimo Leo

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Massimo Leo dated February 1, 2021.

Carried

E.1.13 Laurie Allen

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Laurie Allen dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.14 Leslie Grice

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Leslie Grice dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.15 Kim Kanellos

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Kim Kanellos dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.16 Erika Allen

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Erika Allen dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.17 Jeff Shatford

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Jeff Shatford dated February 2, 2021.

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E.1.18 Bradley Crompton

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Bradley Crompton dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.19 Alison Phan

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Alison Phan dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.20 Theresa Gagnon

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Theresa Gagnon dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.21 Jeannie Gouthro

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Jeannie Gouthro dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.22 Bruce Marshall

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Bruce Marshall dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.23 Irit Isra

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Irit Isra dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.24 Irma LeBlanc

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Irma LeBlanc dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.25 Sonia Bucciarelli

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Sonia Bucciarelli dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.26 Vicki Karpiak

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Vicki Karpiak dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.27 Vivian Wulle

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Vivian Wulle dated February 2, 2021.

Carried

E.1.28 David Weingarten

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from David Weingarten dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.29 Michael Smith

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Michael Smith dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.30 Debbe Smith

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Debbe Smith dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.31 Jaana Lehtola

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Jaana Lehtola dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.32 Rachel Knight

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Rachel Knight dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.33 Heather Underwood

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Heather Underwood dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.34 Ann Fleury

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Ann Fleury dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

E.1.35 Maya Zeltser

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the correspondence from Maya Zeltser dated February 3, 2021.

Carried

F. Motions

F.1 Do Not Extend York Region Grey Lockdown Period

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

Whereas protecting Public Health is our job; and

Whereas closing down businesses, negatively impacting people's livelihood which contributes to a wide-range of health issues, the extent of which will not be fully known for many years to come, is not; and

Whereas our own Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kurji, has told us that businesses are not a material source of spread and that a lockdown wouldn't make much of a difference; and

Whereas Dr. Kurji's exact words were, "What we are not seeing are any outbreaks traced to retail establishments. We are not seeing any outbreaks traced to restaurants, or gyms and we haven't been seeing outbreaks from places of worship in York Region either"; and

Whereas the accepted COVID-19 safety protocols of physical distancing, wearing a mask, washing your hands and contact tracing, are already targeted for heavy enforcement by the Region; and

Whereas many businesses have already closed permanently; and

Whereas many more businesses are facing the same fate through no fault of their own; and

Whereas the Ontario government issued a declaration of emergency, effective January 12, 2021, under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). On Monday, January 25th the government extended this Order for an additional 14 days. It is now set to expire on February 9, 2021, unless extended further;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That York Region Council request the Premier to not extend the Grey – Lockdown/Stay at Home Order past the current February 9th end date in York Region.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Barrow, Grossi, Hamilton, Jackson, Jones, Mrakas, Perrelli (7)

Against: Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Hackson, Heath, Li, Lovatt, Pellegrini, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor, Vegh (14)

Defeated

F.2 COVID-19 Business Re-Openings

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That based on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, Regional Council consider holding a meeting between seven to 14 days from now to put a position forward to the Province of Ontario regarding re-openings.

Carried

G. Other Business

G.1 Passing of York Regional Police Detective Constable Meghan Crook

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the passing of York Regional Police Detective Constable Meghan Crook, who served with the Guns and Gangs Unit and also the Special Victims Unit – Human Trafficking Section.

Chief Jim MacSween praised Detective Constable Crook's dedication and commitment and shared how moved the members of York Regional Police were by the organizations and municipalities who lowered their flags in her honour.

On behalf of York Regional Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Detective Constable Meghan Crook.

G.2 Passing of John Doner

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the passing of John Doner, a well known member of the farming community in Gormley.

G.3 Black History Month

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that as part of Black History Month, a presentation will be given by the Vaughan African Canadian Association at the February 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

G.4 2021 Toque Campaign

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that February marks the start of Canada's annual toque campaign, 'Raising the Roof' in support of homelessness and homelessness prevention, and encouraged everyone to visit raisingtheroof.org for details.

H. Private Session

None

I. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2021-04 to confirm the proceedings of this special meeting of Council held on February 4, 2021.

Carried

J. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on February 25, 2021.

Regional Chair