

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

April 8, 2021
Electronic Meeting

Members: W. Emmerson, M. Bevilacqua, G. Chan, 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,
D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, 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. Statutory Public Meeting

Pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997, York Region Committee of the Whole held a public meeting to receive input on a proposed Area-Specific Development Charges Bylaw that will, if passed, permit the Region to continue to impose wastewater development charges against all lands in the village of Nobleton, Township of King. No members of the public came forward to address the Committee on this matter.

C.1 Presentation: Nobleton Area-Specific Bylaw

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Andrew Grunda, Watson and Associates Economics, Ltd.

D. Presentations

D.1 York Region's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Zahra Kassam and Katarina Garpenfeldt, Vaccine Operations Chiefs.

D.2 ventureLAB 2020 Results

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Melissa Chee, President and Chief Executive Officer, ventureLAB.

D.3 Transportation Services Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Salim Alibhai, Director, Capital Planning and Delivery, Transportation Services.

D.4 2020 Drinking Water Systems and Integrated Management System

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Beth Weir, Director, Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring, Environmental Services.

D.5 Planning and Economic Development Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Paul Bottomley, Manager, Policy, Research and Forecasting, Planning and Economic Development.

Committee of the Whole recessed at 12:34 p.m. and resumed at 1:15 p.m.

E. Deputations

None

F. Transportation Services

F.1 Communications

F.1.1 National Public Works Week May 16 to 22, 2021

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Paul Jankowski, Commissioner of Transportation Services dated March 17, 2021 be received and May 16 to 22, 2021 be recognized as National Public Works Week.

F.1.2 York Region Transit/Toronto Transit Commission Fare Policy and Fare Collection Technology Review

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Paul Jankowski, Commissioner of Transportation Services dated March 19, 2021 be received.

F.1.3 Rainbow Crosswalk Letter of Concern

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Joel P., Resident, dated November 7, 2020 be received and referred to staff.

F.1.4 Township of King Resolution - GTA West Highway and Transmission Corridor

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Kathryn Moyle, Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk, Township of King, dated March 31, 2021 be received.

F.1.5 Town of Aurora Resolution - Highway 413

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, dated April 1, 2021 be received.

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 Transportation Services Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 23, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities.

F.2.2 York Region Transit 2020 System Performance Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council receive this report for information.

F.2.3 2021 Speed Limit Revisions

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Existing speed limits on Regional roads listed in Table 1 of this report be revised as detailed.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville, Cities of Markham and Vaughan and Chief of York Regional Police.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

F.2.4 Traffic Bylaw Amendment to Support High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Designation

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Lane Designation Bylaw No. 2020-53 be amended to designate high-occupancy vehicle lanes on Major Mackenzie Drive West (Y.R. 25) between Barons Street and Highway 27 (Y.R. 27).
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and Chief of York Regional Police.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.

F.2.5 Pedestrian Crossover Policy Regional Roads

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council approve the Pedestrian Crossover Policy (Attachment 1) for use on Regional roads.
2. Council authorize the enactment of a bylaw to apply pedestrian crossovers on Regional roads at those locations listed in Table 1.
3. In response to the Town of East Gwillimbury Council resolution, a pedestrian crossover be installed on Yonge Street at Holland Landing Community Centre as it satisfies the proposed policy.
4. In response to the Town of East Gwillimbury Council resolution, a pedestrian crossover not be installed on Mount Albert Road near Countryman Road as it does not satisfy the proposed policy.
5. Council delegate authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to implement pedestrian crossovers under the Region's jurisdiction that satisfy the proposed policy and the Regional Clerk be authorized to amend the pedestrian crossover bylaw schedule accordingly.
6. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.
7. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, York Regional Police, York Region Public Health and York Region school boards.

F.2.6 Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services for Bathurst Street - Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive - Cities of Vaughan and Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council approve an amendment to the agreement between the Region and Parsons Corporation for improvements to Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) from Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) to Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25), in the Cities of Richmond Hill and Vaughan, to increase the contract price within the Capital Spending Authority for this project, from \$3,582,235 to \$4,982,235, excluding HST, to update the design and prepare the contract for construction.

F.2.7 Agreement with Canadian National Railway for Rail Grade Separation - Rutherford Road at the MacMillan Rail Yard - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council authorize entering into an agreement with Canadian National Railway for the construction and long-term maintenance of the road-rail grade separation (bridge) on Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) at the MacMillan Rail Yard, west of Rotational Drive, in the City of Vaughan, in accordance with the principles outlined in Attachment 1.

G. Environmental Services

G.1 Communications

G.1.1 2020 Research and Innovation Update

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services dated March 19, 2021 be received.

G.1.2 Area Weed Inspector Appointments

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services dated March 19, 2021 be received.

G.1.3 Communications referred from March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole

G.1.3.1 Town of East Gwillimbury Holland Landing Lagoons Update

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services dated February 19, 2021 be received.

G.1.3.2 Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-Year Review Consultation - Regional Staff Comments

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services and Paul Freeman, Chief Planner, dated February 19, 2021 be received.

G.1.3.3 Town of Georgina Resolution - 10 Year Review of Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator, Town of Georgina, dated February 26, 2021 be received.

G.1.4 Durham Region Resolution - Regional Comments on Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-Year Review

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Durham Region, dated March 26, 2021 be received.

G.1.5 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Resolution - York Region Upper York Sewerage Solution Plan

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Kristina Soolepp, Council Coordinator, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, dated February 18, 2021 be received.

G.1.6 City of Pickering Resolution - Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS) Environmental Assessment

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering, dated March 1, 2021 be received.

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 2020 Drinking Water Systems Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, City of Toronto, Regional Municipality of Peel, and the Ontario Chief Drinking Water Inspector (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks).

G.2.2 2020 Integrated Management System Update Report for Water, Wastewater and Waste Management

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 19, 2021 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities and the Ontario Chief Drinking Water Inspector (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) for information.

H. Community and Health Services

H.1 Communications

H.1.1 Social Service Response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic - Q1 2021 Update

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, dated March 19, 2021 be received.

H.1.2 Update on Ontario's Vision for Social Assistance Transformation

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, dated March 19, 2021 be received.

H.1.3 Letter of Thanks - Encouraging Affordable Housing

Committee of the Whole recommends the communication from Addiction Services for York Region, Blue Door, Canadian Mental Health Association, Inn From the Cold, Loft, The Salvation Army, Yellow Brick House, 360 Kids, and Sandgate, dated March 16, 2021 be received.

H.1.4 Update on Public Health Emergency Response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health, dated April 6, 2021 be received.

H.2 Reports

None

I. Planning and Economic Development

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 York Region's Comments on the Province's Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt, Environmental Registry Posting #019-3136

Committee of the Whole recommends the memorandum from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner and Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services, dated March 26, 2021 be received and referred to the April 22, 2021 Council meeting to allow time for additional information to be provided related to items 1 and 2 on Attachment 2 as well as work that could be advanced by local municipalities.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 ventureLAB 2020 Results

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, ventureLAB and the local municipalities.

I.2.2 Growth and Development Review 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Growth and Development Review 2020 be circulated by the Regional Clerk to the local municipalities for information.

I.2.3 2020 Annual Development Activity Summary

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.4 2020 Regional Centres and Corridors Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and York Region Members of Federal and Provincial Parliament as an example of the Region's continued commitment to transit-oriented development within Regional Centres and Corridors.
2. Council continue to seek further Federal and Provincial funding and assistance to provide critical infrastructure for the Yonge North Subway Extension and completion of the Viva Rapid Transit network, required to support levels of growth and intensification within Regional Centres and Corridors to implement Provincial Growth Plan forecasts.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities for information.

J. Finance and Administration

J.1 Communications

None

J.2 Reports

J.2.1 Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Loan for the Town of Georgina

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 24, 2021 from the Commissioner of Finance, subject to receipt of the necessary supporting documents from the Town of Georgina:

1. Council approve a request by the Town of Georgina for interim/long-term financing in an amount not to exceed \$10,572,000 to fund municipal infrastructure for a term not to exceed those identified in Table 1 of this report.
2. Council approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation for all or part of the above financing, on behalf of the Town of Georgina.
3. The Regional Chair and Regional Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary documents, subject to review by Legal Services.

J.2.2 Contract Awards, Including Renewals, Approvals, and Emergencies Purchases - October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 24, 2021 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

J.2.3 Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 24, 2021 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize the award of the direct purchases, contract extensions and increases of contracts between the Region and each of the vendors listed in Attachment 1 and Private Attachment 1 for the terms described in the attachments.
2. Council authorize the delegation of the execution of the direct purchases, contract extensions and increases, in relation to the provision of goods and services and product standardizations, to all Commissioners/Department Heads and their designates, provided that the agreement amounts are within their delegated signing authority limits.

J.2.4 2021 Property Tax Rates

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 25, 2021 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Regional property tax rates for 2021 be established for property classes as outlined in the report.
2. Local municipalities pay the final two instalments of their 2021 Regional property tax levy on or before September 30, 2021 and December 15, 2021.
3. Notional tax rate calculation adjustment be adopted.
4. Council approve a bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.
5. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

J.2.5 Use of Delegated Authority for Representation on Matters Before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2021 from the Regional Solicitor and the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

J.2.6 Acquisition of Land - Mid-Block Crossing of Highway 404 Between 16th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive - City of Markham

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the acquisition of the lands pursuant to section 30 of the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”) required for the widening and construction of the Mid-Block Crossing at 16th Avenue in the City of Markham, as set out in Attachment 1.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

J.2.7 Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services' Use of Delegated Authority for Land Acquisitions and Dispositions - 2020 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council receive this report for information.

J.2.8 Compensation for Expropriation - Mid-Block Crossing of Highway 404 North of 16th Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to the owners of land in the City of Richmond Hill and the City of Markham.

J.2.9 Expropriation of Land - 19th Avenue from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street - City of Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Attachment 1, required for 19th Avenue Road Widening from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street in the City of Richmond Hill.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the "Notice") and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the "*Act*").
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as Necessary, at an inquiry (Hearing of Necessity) held under the *Act*.
4. Council, as approving authority, approve the expropriation of the lands provided there is no Hearing of Necessity requested and not withdrawn in accordance with the *Act*. Council approval is deemed to be given effective 31 days following the publication of the Notice and when a Hearing of Necessity is not requested in accordance with the *Act*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services is authorized to register a plan of expropriation and execute and serve any notices required under the *Act*.

6. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

K. Notice of Motion

None

L. Other Business

L.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.

L.2 Holocaust Remembrance Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that April 7 is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

L.3 Ramadan

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that April 13 is the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

L.4 Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) 2020 Awards

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that York Region received five awards from the Ontario Public Works Association. Regional Chair Emmerson congratulated Transportation Services and Environmental Services staff for winning awards in the categories of Public Works Projects of the Year, Management Innovation and Leader of the Year.

L.5 April 15, 2021 Regional Council Special Meeting

Regional Chair Emmerson indicated that a Special Meeting of Regional Council will be held on April 15, 2021 with notice and an agenda to follow.

M. Private Session

Committee of the Whole did not resolve into private session.

M.1 2020 Annual Report - Regional Solicitor's Use of Delegated Authority - Litigation

Committee of the Whole forwarded the private report to Council's private session on April 22, 2021.

M.2 Disposition of Land - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Lands - Northwest Corner of Steeles Avenue and Ninth Line - City of Markham - Disposition of Land

Committee of the Whole forwarded the private report to Council's private session on April 22, 2021.

M.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item J.2.2 - Contract Awards, Including Renewals, Approvals and Emergencies Purchases - October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item J.2.3 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M.5 Private Attachment 1 to Item J.2.6 - Acquisition of Land - Mid-Block Crossing of Highway 404 Between 16th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive - City of Markham - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M.6 Private Attachment 1 to Item J.2.7 - Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services' Use of Delegated Authority for Land Acquisitions and Dispositions - 2020 Annual Report - Acquisition and Disposition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M.7 Private Attachment 1 to Item J.2.8 - Compensation for Expropriation - Mid-Block Crossing of Highway 404 North of 16th Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

N. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:22 p.m.