



Minutes
YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL
Special Meeting

June 17, 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, A.M. Carroll, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, Dr. K. Kurji,
D. Kuzmyk, J. Li, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, 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 Verbal Update

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council receive the verbal update from Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health and the Pandemic Forecasting presentation by Shannon Meadows, Epidemiologist and Linda Kaleis, Data Scientist.

Carried

C.2 Mackenzie Health Update

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the presentation by Altaf Stationwala, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mackenzie Health.

Carried

C.3 Metrolinx - Yonge North Subway Extension Update

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council receive the presentation by Phil Verster, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx.

Carried

D. Deputations

None

E. Communications

E.1 City of Markham Resolution - The Alignment of the Yonge North Subway Extension

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council receive the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated June 14, 2021.

Carried

F. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

F.1 Committee of the Whole - June 10, 2021 - Step One of Reopening Plan - Personal Services Businesses

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has vaccinated over 71% of residents age 12+ with their first dose and over 10% with their second dose; and

WHEREAS over 73% of York Region residents age 12+ have received their first vaccination; and,

WHEREAS COVID-19 cases in York Region have dropped to under 25.5 per 100,000; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is entering Step One of the Reopening Plan on June 11, 2021, ahead of schedule due to strong provincial vaccination numbers, reduced ICU cases and reduced COVID-19 infections; and,

WHEREAS personal service businesses such as hair salons, nail salons and tattoo shops have implemented strict COVID-19 safety precautions as part of the Province's previous re-opening plan to ensure the safety of their staff and customers; and,

WHEREAS personal service businesses have most recently been closed since April 3, 2021 and owners and staff have suffered greatly throughout the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the closure of personal service businesses has led to illegal underground activity and confirmed COVID-19 cases linked to these activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that York Regional Council request that the Province consider allowing personal services businesses and gyms to a maximum of 10 people or as deemed appropriate to re-open as of 12:01 am on Friday, June 18, 2021 as part of Step One with strict limited capacities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be brought forward for ratification at the special Regional Council meeting being held on June 17, 2021; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Dr. Dave Williams, Chief Medical Officer and all York Region MPPs and municipalities.

Carried

G. Other Business

G.1 Support Local YR Campaign

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the launch of the Shop Local YR Challenge and encouraged residents to support local businesses and their employees by purchasing goods or services from a business in your neighbourhood.

G.2 Father's Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted June 20 is Father's Day and extended warmest wishes to all dads and thanked them for the role they play in building a strong, safe and caring York Region.

H. Private Session

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Chan

That Council resolve into Private Session at 12:11 p.m. to consider Item H.1 and an additional private item concerning a matter involving an identifiable individual brought forward by Mayor Scarpitti.

Carried

Council resumed in Public Session at 12:29 p.m. and reported the following:

H.1 Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health - Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council adopt the confidential recommendations in the private report from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health dated June 3, 2021.

Carried

I. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Bevilacqua

Seconded by Regional Councillor Perrelli

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2021-40 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on June 17, 2021.

Carried

J. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on June 24, 2021.

Regional Chair