



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

January 27, 2022
Electronic Meeting

Members: W. Emmerson, 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, D. West

Staff: D. Basso, A-M. Carroll, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk,
B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, Dr. B. Pakes, C. Raynor, K. Strueby,
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. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on December 16, 2021

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 16, 2021.

Carried

C.2 Council Special Meeting held on January 13, 2022

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council special meeting held on January 13, 2022.

Carried

D. Presentations

None

E. Deputations

None

F. Communications

F.1 Commemorating Older Adult Occasions

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the communication from Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan dated November 29, 2021 and recognize October 1, 2022 as National Seniors Day and United Nations International Day of Older Persons.

Carried

**F.2 City of Markham Resolution - Provincial Bridge Station
Transit Oriented Community Proposal**

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council receive the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated January 26, 2022 and refer it to staff.

Carried

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 13, 2022

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 13, 2022.

Carried

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

H.1 2022-02 - Aurora Road/Wellington Street (Y.R. 15) Speed Limit

A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2021-45 being a bylaw to prescribe maximum rates of speed on Aurora Road/Wellington Street (Y.R. 15)

H.2 2022-03 - 2022 Interim Tax Levy

To levy against the lower-tier municipalities on an interim basis the sums of monies required during the year 2022 for the purposes of The Regional Municipality of York

**H.3 2022-04 - Leslie Street and Vandorf Sideroad Intersection Improvements –
Land Acquisition**

To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the intersection improvement at Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) and Vandorf Sideroad, Town of Aurora

Carried

I. Motions

None

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Declaration of Office - Mayor David West

At the beginning of the meeting, David West orally recited his signed Declaration of Office and took his seat as a member of the Council of the Regional Municipality of York, in the capacity of Mayor of the City of Richmond Hill.

Regional Chair Emmerson thanked Regional Councillor DiPaola for his service to Regional Council as Acting Mayor of Richmond Hill.

Regional Chair Emmerson also thanked Councillor Chan for his service to Regional Council as Acting Regional Councillor representing the City of Richmond Hill.

K.2 COVID-19 Update

Dr. Barry Pakes, Medical Officer of Health provided an update on COVID-19 and responded to questions from Members of Council.

K.3 Special Shareholder Meeting - York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that a special shareholder meeting of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation would be scheduled to confirm an additional seat on the Board, allowing the appointment of Mayor West.

K.4 Housing Affordability Task Force Membership

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the appointment of Mayor David West to the Housing Affordability Task Force in place of former Acting Mayor Joe DiPaola.

K.5 Regional Council Special Meeting - Yonge North Subway Extension Alignment

Regional Chair Emmerson reminded Council Members of the Regional Council Special Meeting on February 3, 2022 beginning at 9 a.m. regarding the Yonge North Subway Extension alignment.

K.6 Forbes Annual List of Canada's Top Employers

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that The Regional Municipality of York has once again been named on the Forbes list of Canada's Best Employers. York Region was recognized as the highest-ranking government employer in Canada and fourth overall among 300 organizations.

K.7 Lincoln Alexander Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that January 21, 2022 was Lincoln Alexander Day. As Canada's first Black Member of Parliament, Cabinet Minister and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Lincoln Alexander had a long and distinguished career in public service.

K.8 Black History Month

Regional Chair Emmerson recognized February as Black History Month and encouraged everyone to learn more about black history and the many contributions of black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of various communities.

K.9 Bell Let's Talk Day

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that January 26th was Bell Let's Talk Day - a day to engage staff and York Region communities in meaningful conversations about mental health.

K.10 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which serves as a driver to building inclusive and welcoming communities around the world and an opportunity to remember the victims, survivors and heroes of the holocaust.

L. Private Session

None

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Regional Councillor Grossi

Seconded by Regional Councillor DiPaola

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2022-05 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on January 27, 2022.

Carried

N. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on February 24, 2022.

Regional Chair