

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

February 10, 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, C. Raynor, K. Strueby, M.F. Turner

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 Rate Structures for the 2022 Development Charges Bylaw

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Kelly Strueby, Acting Commissioner of Finance.

D. Deputations

None

E. Transportation Services

E.1 Communications

None

E.2 Reports

E.2.1 York Region Transit 2022-2023 Fare Freeze - Holding 2019 Rates

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated January 13, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services recommending that:

1. Council approve a continued freeze on York Region Transit fares in 2022, maintaining 2019 rates.

F. Environmental Services

F.1 Communications

F.1.1 Amendment to Management Plan for the York Regional Forest - Managing Dogs in the York Regional Forest

Committee of the Whole received the communication from Angela Farr, resident dated February 7, 2022.

F.1.2 Managing Dogs in York Region Forests

Committee of the Whole received the communication from Shirley Madden, resident dated February 9, 2022.

F.1.3 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Standard for Sewers Servicing New Development

Committee of the Whole received the communication from Paula J. Tenuta, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Advocacy, BILD dated February 10, 2022.

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 Amendment to Management Plan for the York Regional Forest - Managing Dogs in the York Regional Forest

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 12, 2022 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services:

1. Council approve the amendment to “It’s in our Nature: Management Plan for the York Regional Forest 2019 - 2038” to require dogs be on-leash at all times, unless in otherwise designated area(s).
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities and local Conservation Authorities for information.

F.2.2 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Standard for Sewers Servicing New Development

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 5, 2022 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services:

1. Council approve implementation of the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Standard for Sewers Servicing New Development.
2. Council request that each of the nine local municipalities adopt the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Standard for Sewer Servicing New Development by December 31, 2024.
3. Council require local municipalities to include conditions of approval for development applications to ensure full implementation of the new standard by December 31, 2024.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, Building Industry and Land Development Association, Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

G. Community and Health Services

G.1 Communications

G.1.1 Update on Public Health Emergency Response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Dr. Barry Pakes, Medical Officer of Health dated February 10, 2022.

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Advocacy to the Minister of Health for Increased Funding to Support the Dedicated Offload Nurse Program at York Region's Hospitals

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 4, 2022 from the Commissioner of Health Services:

1. The Regional Chair write to the Minister of Health requesting increased funding for the Dedicated Offload Nurse Program to support all four emergency departments in York Region.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to the Chief Executive Officers of York Region's hospitals: Southlake Regional Health Centre, Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Oak Valley Health Markham site.

H. Planning and Economic Development

H.1 Communications

None

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Minutes - York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee - January 26, 2022

Committee of the Whole received the minutes of the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee Meeting dated January 26, 2022.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Financial Impacts of COVID-19 – December 31, 2021 Year-to-Date

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Kelly Strueby, Acting Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated February 10, 2022.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 Rate Structures for the 2022 Development Charges Bylaw

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the report dated February 1, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance recommending that:

1. *Council endorses in principle a uniform Region-wide development charge rate structure to recover the growth-related costs in the 2022 York Region Development Charges Bylaw and Background Study, with the exception of those wastewater services in the Village of Nobleton, currently recovered under Bylaw 2021-34.*
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities and the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) – York Chapter.

I.2.2 Compensation for Expropriation - 17615 and 18263 Yonge Street - Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated January 21, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to the owners of lands in the Town of Newmarket and the Town of East Gwillimbury, as set out in Attachment 1, which were acquired in accordance with the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).

I.2.3 Expropriation of Land - 17615 Yonge Street - Town of Newmarket

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 21, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services recommending that:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Attachment 1, for the widening and reconstruction of Yonge Street, in the Town of Newmarket.
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*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services be 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 authorizes the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

I.2.4 Proposed Heritage Designation of the Administrative Centre 17250 Yonge Street, Town of Newmarket

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the reported dated January 21, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. *Council supports the designation by the Town of Newmarket of 17250 Yonge Street (Administrative Centre), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act based on the building's design, physical and contextual value, which includes but is not limited to:*

- *The Administrative Centre displaying a high degree of artistic value with its striking scale and curvilinear massing including the nature of the horizontal waving bands of stone and glass;*
- *The Administrative Centre demonstrating and reflecting the work and ideas of prominent postmodern Indigenous Canadian architect Douglas Cardinal with its curvilinear massing and organic forms; and,*
- *The Administrative Centre being physically and visually linked to the topography of the land on which it is built. Architect Douglas Cardinal specifically designed the structure to harmonize with the natural features of the landscape.*

2. The Regional Clerk circulate a copy of this report to the Town of Newmarket.

J. Notice of Motion

J.1 Review of Regional Winter Maintenance - Roles and Responsibilities

Committee of the Whole determined the following motion from Regional Councillor Jackson, notice of which was received on February 10, 2022, will be considered at the March 3, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting:

WHEREAS, the Regional Municipality of York and the City of Vaughan provides service excellence in its winter maintenance operations; and,

WHEREAS, sidewalk obstructions, blockages, and ice buildups are not unique to significant snow accumulations and are a regular occurrence during road clearing operations, and that this has been an ongoing issue throughout the region for the past 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Municipality of York received a significant winter event on January 17, 2022 emphasizing current gaps in providing optimized winter maintenance services; and,

WHEREAS, the Region's response to snow accumulation can include multiple rounds of snowplow clearing from the roadway, including a benching operation to remove snow from the curb line; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of road clearing operations, bridge deck and monolithic sidewalks will often have accumulation inhibiting the ability for pedestrians to safely pass; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of road clearing operations, snow placement causes ice buildup on sidewalks, as well as obstructions and blockages on egresses leading to inability to pedestrians to safety pass and sightline concerns; and,

WHEREAS, regional road sidewalks require a disproportionate amount of time to clear creating delays in clearing residential neighbourhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Region has undertaken snow clearing operations on-boulevard bicycle lanes adjacent to regional roads; and,

WHEREAS, it is important and useful to improve the effectiveness of the City's and Region's operations, as part of our quest for continuous improvement in providing a demonstrated consistency of services to our residents, businesses, and emergency care centres.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a review be undertaken regarding York Region assuming all winter maintenance including snow clearing on sidewalks adjacent to regional roads, with staff reporting back to the June 16, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, including:

- a. Implementation plan, for delivery effective January 1, 2023;
- b. Required service delivery policies and procedures; and,
- c. The anticipated financial impact to the Region.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk be directed to circulate this motion to all York Region municipalities for their review and consideration.

K. Other Business

K.1 National Flag Day - February 15, 2022

Regional Chair Emmerson noted National Flag Day February 15, 2022. Flag Day celebrates the first time Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised on Parliament Hill in 1965 and is an opportunity to recognize our heritage and celebrate the outstanding achievements of many great Canadians.

K.2 Family Day - February 21, 2022

Regional Chair Emmerson noted Family Day February 21, 2022. Family Day is about spending time together, feeling gratitude for the bonds of family and a celebration of people who love and support each other.

K.3 COVID - 19 Update

Regional Chair Emmerson provided a COVID-19 update as the Province of Ontario gradually lifts restrictions. York Region has experienced gradual improvements across all public health indicators and continued vaccination efforts are ongoing to promote the health and safety of our residents.

Dr. Pakes, Medical Officer of Health, will be attending Regional Council February 24, 2022 to provide a COVID-19 update as further restrictions are lifted.

K.4 Rescheduling - York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

Regional Chair Emmerson advised that the York Region Rapid Transit Board meetings will be moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays. The March 9, 2022 Board meeting will be rescheduled to March 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The rescheduling of the balance of the Board meetings to follow.

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole resolved into private session at 10:46 a.m. At 11:15 a.m. Committee of the Whole resumed in public session and reported the following:

L.1 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.1. - Rate Structures for the 2022 Development Charges Bylaw - Solicitor-Client Privilege and Potential Litigation

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

L.2 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2. - Compensation for Expropriation - 17615 and 18263 Yonge Street - Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole received the private attachment.

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:25 a.m.