



Minutes
Committee of the Whole

April 7, 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, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, C. Raynor, K. Strueby

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 GO Transit Plans in York Region

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Spencer Gibbens, Regional Express Rail (RER) Head Sponsor, Metrolinx and Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement 905 Communications, Metrolinx.

C.2 Transportation Services Capital Infrastructure Status Update

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

C.3 Planning and Economic Development Update

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

C.4 ventureLAB

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Melissa Chee, President and CEO, ventureLAB.

D. Deputations

D.1 Provision of Free Period Products

The deputant was unable to attend at this time.

D.2 UYSS/Master Plan Update

Committee of the Whole received the deputation from Susan Sheard.

D.3 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

Committee of the Whole received the deputation from Irene Ford.

D.4 Water/Wastewater Masterplan Decisions

Committee of the Whole received the deputation from Claire Malcolmson on behalf of Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

E. Transportation Services

E.1 Communications

E.1.1 National Public Works Week May 14 to 21, 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Ann-Marie Carroll, Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services and Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services dated March 18, 2022.

E.1.2 Fare and Service Integration Update - GO Transit Fare Changes March 2022, Including Free Local Transit Travel to and from GO Transit Stations

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Ann-Marie Carroll, Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services dated March 18, 2022.

E.1.3 Ontario's Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Ann-Marie Carroll, Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services dated March 18, 2022.

E.2 Reports

E.2.1 Transportation Services Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 18, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services:

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

E.2.2 2022 Speed Limit Revisions

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 18, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Existing speed limits on Regional roads listed in Attachment 1 of this report be revised as detailed.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the Towns of East Gwillimbury and Georgina, Cities of Richmond Hill and Vaughan and Chief of York Regional Police.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

E.2.3 York Region Transit 2021 System Performance Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 18, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council receive this report for information.

Committee of the Whole recessed at 12:15 p.m. and resumed at 12:49 p.m.

F. Environmental Services

F.1 Communications

F.1.1 Communications related to Item F.2.1 - 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

Committee of the Whole received the communications F.1.1.1 to F.1.1.8 related to the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update.

F.1.1.1 MJ Hanley

F.1.1.2 Joseph Goode

F.1.1.3 Claire Malcolmson on behalf of Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

F.1.1.4 Angela Grella

F.1.1.5 Susan Sheard

F.1.1.6 Tim Greenwood

F.1.1.7 Catherine McNeely

F.1.1.8 Debbie Gordon

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

Committee of the Whole recommends *deferral of consideration of the following recommendations in the report dated March 2, 2022 from the Commissioner of Environmental Services to a Special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 19, 2022:*

1. Council endorse the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update and list of infrastructure projects and programs, exclusive of the Upper York Sewage Solutions project (Attachments 1 and 2).
2. Council approve inclusion of the Upper York Sewage Solution project in the Master Plan Update to meet growth needs in the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket as outlined in Attachment 3.

3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, conservation authorities (Toronto and Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities), the Director of the Central Region Office, 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 Social Service Response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Q4 2021 - Q1 2022 Update and Highlights of Actions Since Spring 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated March 17, 2022.

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Donation of Decommissioned Paramedic Services Ambulances in 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 17, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council approve a change to the York Region Paramedic Services Ambulance Donation - Guidelines to include “other entities in need of donated ambulances for charitable or humanitarian purposes”.
2. Council approve the donation of two decommissioned ambulances to Nunavut communities through Ambulances4NU.

G.2.2 Long-Term Care Transformation: Legislative Changes and Draft National Standards

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 17, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council, in its role as Committee of Management for the Region’s two long-term care homes, endorse staff feedback on draft regulations released under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*, provided in Attachment 1, submitted to the Ministry of Long-Term Care on February 17, 2022.

2. Council, in its role as Committee of Management for a long-term care home, endorse staff feedback on draft national standards for long-term care, provided in Attachment 2, submitted to the Health Standards Organization on March 27, 2022.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities, York Region Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, Minister of Long-Term Care, Minister of Health, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Ontario Health Central Region, Home and Community Care Support Services Central, Ontario Health Teams in York Region, AdvantAge Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

G.2.3 York Region's Response to Provincial Consultation on Housing Services Act, 2011 Regulatory Amendments

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 17, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council endorse Attachment 1 as the Region's response to provincial consultation on areas of regulation development under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

H. Planning and Economic Development

H.1 Communications

H.1.1 City of Markham Resolution - Improving the Transit Oriented Communities Proposals in the Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway Urban Growth Centre (10.0)

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated March 29, 2022.

H.1.2 Ontario More Homes for Everyone Plan - Legislation and Consultation

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner dated April 4, 2022.

H.1.3 Town of Georgina Resolution of December 15, 2021 - General Aviation Aerodrome for the Property at 7818 & 7486 Old Homestead Road

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt *and support of Georgina's position as set out in* the communication from Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk, Town of Georgina dated April 6, 2022.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 ventureLAB 2021 Results

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 24, 2022 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.

H.2.2 Economic Development Action Plan 2020-2023 Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 24, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

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

H.2.3 Growth and Development Review 2021

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 24, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the local municipalities.

H.2.4 2021 Annual Development Activity Summary

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 24, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the local municipalities for information.

H.2.5 Minutes - York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee Meeting - March 23, 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt and referral of comments related to G.1 of the minutes of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee Meeting dated March 23, 2022 to staff.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Canada Infrastructure Bank - Support for Transit Programs

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Kelly Strueby, Acting Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated April 7, 2022.

I.1.2 17150 Yonge Street Achieves LEED Gold Certification

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services dated March 25, 2022.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 2021 Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities and the Building Industry and Land Development Association, York Region Chapter.

I.2.2 Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize the award of new non-standard purchases, extensions, and increases to existing contracts over five years, or where optional renewal terms are not available, as per Attachment 1 and Private Attachment 1 which identify the contracts between the Region and each supplier for the terms described.

2. Council authorize Commissioners and Department Heads, or their designates, to execute the contracts approved in this report, including all applicable renewals.

I.2.3 Contract Awards, including Emergency Purchases, Fast Tracks, and Renewals between October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.4 Development Charge Credit Request - York Downs

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize a development charge (DC) credit of \$6,305,395 for road works to be undertaken and completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Transportation Services by Metropia Minto (Sixteenth) Holdings Inc. & KP Limited Partnership (York Downs Landowners) in the City of Markham.
2. The Regional Treasurer be authorized to fund this development charge credit from the Regional Roads DC Reserve.

I.2.5 Developer Funding for Nobleton Water and Wastewater System Expansion Design

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with Star Westview Inc., Crisdan Holdings Inc., Nobleton 2715 Developments Limited, TG Nobleton GP Inc. and Prebrick System (BT) Corp. (the Nobleton Developer Group) for the design of the expansion of the Nobleton Water Resource Recovery Facility and associated water and wastewater infrastructure.

I.2.6 Hospital Financing Reserve Contribution for 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 30, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.7 Use of Delegated Authority for Representation on Matters before the Ontario Land Tribunal 2021

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Acting Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.8 Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services' Use of Delegated Authority for Land Acquisitions and Dispositions 2021 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated March 25, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council receive this report for information.

J. Notice of Motion

K. Other Business

K.1 Ramadan

Regional Chair Emmerson recognized April 1, 2022 as the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan and wished all York Region residents celebrating this holy month a blessed and happy Ramadan.

K.2 World Health Day and Canadian Public Health Week

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that April 7, 2022 is World Health Day. This year's theme is Our Planet, Our Earth as the organization navigates the world through the COVID-19 pandemic, a climate crisis, and increasing incidence of diseases. Regional Chair Emmerson also recognized the week of April 4-8, 2022 as the first ever Canadian Public Health Week and extended appreciation to public health professionals in York Region for their work to build a healthier tomorrow.

K.3 Earth Day - April 22, 2022

Regional Chair Emmerson noted April 22, 2022 is Earth Day. This year's focus is a call for individuals, businesses and governments to invest in the planet to preserve and protect the health of families in the community. Information regarding York Region's Earth Day activities will be shared on York.ca and social media.

K.4 York Region's New Public Works Department

Regional Chair Emmerson noted the announcement made by the CAO on April 6, 2022 regarding the establishment of a new Public Works Department that will bring expertise from the Region's Transportation Services and Environmental Services departments. The new department will be led by Commissioner Mahoney and builds upon York Region's collaborative framework to provide integrated services that meet current and future needs of York Region's growing communities.

K.5 COVID - 19 Update

Regional Chair Emmerson noted the Province's announcement regarding the expansion of fourth dose vaccinations to individuals aged 60 and older, including First Nation, Inuit and Metis individuals 18 years and older. As public health indicators demonstrate the Province is in the 6th wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and the health care system has been able to handle the current increase in cases.

K.6 Ukrainian Refugees in York Region

Mayor Taylor identified the need for more community information and support available to residents that would like to assist Ukrainian families arriving in York Region due to the conflict in Ukraine. Staff advised that conversations related to this matter are in early stages with other regions and they are working to provide community information sessions on how residents can assist.

K.7 Updates to the May 2022 Council and Committee Calendar

Regional Chair Emmerson noted the following changes to the May 2022 Council and Committee Calendar:

May 12, 2022 - Cancellation of the Housing York Inc. Board of Directors meeting

May 18, 2022 - Rescheduling of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Board of Directors meeting from May 11

May 19, 2022 - Addition of Special Committee of the Whole meetings regarding the Municipal Comprehensive Review and the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

May 19, 2022 - Housing Affordability Task Force meeting will be rescheduled

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole resolved into private session at 2:16 p.m. Committee of the Whole was unable to resume in public session due to a fire alarm which caused the meeting to end. All items in private session from Committee of the Whole April 7, 2022 will be forwarded to the April 28, 2022 Regional Council meeting for consideration.

- L.1 2021 Annual Report - Regional Solicitor's Use of Delegated Authority - Litigation**
- L.2 Supreme Court of Canada - Motion for Intervener Status - Solicitor-Client Privilege**
- L.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval - Security of Property**
- L.4 Private Attachment 2 to Item I.2.2 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval - Security of Property**
- L.5 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.3 - Contract Awards, including Emergency Purchases, Fast Tracks, and Renewals between October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 - Security of Property**
- L.6 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.8 - Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services' Use of Delegated Authority for Land Acquisitions and Dispositions 2021 Annual Report - Acquisition and Disposition of Land**
- L.7 Verbal Discussion relating to an Identifiable Individual – Personal Information**

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:54 p.m.