



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

February 28, 2019
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, D. Barrow, M. Bevilacqua, J. DiPaola, 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

Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, J. Hulton, P. Jankowski, K. Kurji,
B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor, M.F. Turner

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and made the following remarks:

"I would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that York Region extends over lands originally used and occupied by Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of York Region, I would like to thank First Nations and the Métis for sharing this land.

I would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

B. Disclosures of Interest

2019 Budget - York Regional Police

Mayor Quirk declared an interest in the 2019 York Regional Police (YRP) Budget. This declaration of interest is because Mayor Quirk's husband is a retired YRP officer and works part-time for YRP, and her stepson is an officer with YRP. Mayor Quirk did not take part in any of the discussion of or vote on this matter.

(See Items F.3 and G.3)

C. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on January 31, 2019

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 31, 2019.

Carried

D. Presentations

D.1 2019 to 2022 Regional Budget

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council receive the presentation by Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer and refer it to consideration of Item G.3.

Carried

E. Deputations

None

F. Communications

F.1 King Township Appointment of Bill Cober as Alternate Member of Regional Council

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the communication from Kathryn Moyle, Township Clerk, Township of King dated December 11, 2018.

Carried

F.2 Town of Richmond Hill Appointment of Greg Beros as Alternate Member of Regional Council

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council receive the communication from Stephen Huycke, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond Hill dated February 27, 2019.

Carried

F.3 York Regional Police 2019 and Outlook Years Police Operating Budget Update

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council receive the communication from Mafalda Avellino, Executive Director, York Regional Police Services Board dated February 27, 2019 and refer it to Item G.3.

Carried

(See Item B.)

F.4 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan and 2019 to 2022 Regional Budget

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council receive the communication from Signe Leisk, Cassels Brock & Blackwell on behalf of Sixteenth Land Holdings Inc. dated February 27, 2019 and refer it to Item G.3.

Carried

F.5 Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council receive the communication from Meaghan McDermid, Davies Howe LLP on behalf of Rice Group dated February 27, 2019 and refer it to Item G.4.

Carried

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 14, 2019

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2019.

Carried

G.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 21, 2019

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 21, 2019.

Carried

G.3 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan and 2019 to 2022 Regional Budget

Council considered the report dated February 21, 2019 from the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer and additional proposed wording from the presentation referred to in Item D.1.

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in this report as they pertain to the York Regional Police budget, as revised by the resolution of the York Regional Police Services Board dated February 27, 2019 (refer to Item F.3).

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Barrow, Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Grossi, Hackson, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Perrelli, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor (17)

Against: Hamilton (1)

Absent: Ferri, Vegh (2)

Carried

Mayor Quirk did not take part in the discussion of or vote on this item as she declared a conflict of interest with regard to York Regional Police.

(See Items B and F.3.)

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

That Council refer consideration of the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan and 2019 to 2022 Regional Budget to the March 21, 2019 Council meeting.

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Hamilton, Li, Mrakas (3)

Against: Barrow, Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Grossi, Hackson, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Pellegrini, Perrelli, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor (16)

Absent: Ferri, Vegh (2)

Defeated

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council adopt recommendation 2(a)(i) as follows:

2. Council approve the operating and capital budgets as follows:

a) The 2019 operating budget tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as amended:

i. To reduce the tax levy increase to 2.96%

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Barrow, Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Grossi, Hackson, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Perrelli, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor (17)

Against: Hamilton, Li (2)

Absent: Ferri, Vegh (2)

Carried

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Barrow

That Council adopt recommendation 2(a)(ii) as follows:

2. Council approve the operating and capital budgets as follows:

a) The 2019 operating budget tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as amended:

ii. *With a further 1% increase for roads acceleration, for a total 2019 tax levy increase of 3.96%*

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Barrow, Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Emmerson, Grossi, Hackson, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Pellegrini, Perrelli, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti, (16)

Against: Hamilton, Mrakas, Taylor (3)

Absent: Ferri, Vegh (2)

Carried

Council recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. with all members in attendance except for: M. Bevilacqua, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, R. Grossi, C. Perrelli and T. Vegh.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That recommendation 3 be amended to delete "*including the 1% annual contribution for roads acceleration reserve.*"

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Li, Mrakas, Taylor (3)

Against: Barrow, Emmerson, Hackson, Hamilton, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Pellegrini, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti (12)

Absent: Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Ferri, Grossi, Perrelli, Vegh (6)

Defeated

Moved by Mayor Barrow
Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt recommendations 2 to 7 as follows:

2. Council approve the operating and capital budgets as follows:
 - a) The 2019 operating budget tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as amended:
 - i. To reduce the tax levy increase to 2.96%
 - ii. With a further 1% increase for roads acceleration, for a total 2019 tax levy increase of 3.96%
 - b) The 2019 capital expenditures and Capital Spending Authority by program group detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as summarized in Attachment 3, and the authority to reallocate funding between projects in a program group as detailed in this report.
 - c) The 2019 capital expenditures and Capital Spending Authority by project detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book tabled on January 31, 2019.
3. Council endorse the 2020 to 2022 operating outlook tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as summarized in Attachment 2, and amend the tax levy requirements to result in an annual tax levy increase of 2.96% from 2020 to 2022, including the 1% annual contribution for Roads Capital Acceleration Reserve.
4. Council approve debt authority and reserve items as follows:
 - a) Incremental debt authority of \$207.65 million required for 2019 Capital Spending Authority by project as specified in Column (B) of Attachment 4.
 - b) Total debt authority for capital projects up to the amounts specified in Column (C) of Attachment 4 in accordance with the Capital Financing and Debt Policy.
 - c) Approve a contribution of \$133.3 million to the Sinking Fund Reserve for the purpose of meeting the Region's 2019 sinking fund obligations.
 - d) Authorize the funding of capital projects that have been previously approved for debt financing from reserves where there are sufficient funds available and, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer, it is prudent to do so.

5. Council endorse the reconciliation of the 2019 Budget to the full accrual basis of accounting, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, as summarized in the Budget book and amended to reflect the changes to the operating budget noted in Recommendations 2(a) and 3.
6. Council authorize the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer to:
 - a) Make any necessary adjustments within the total approved budget to reflect organizational changes and any other reallocation of costs.
 - b) Accept and adjust the budget for new provincial and/or federal funding provided there is no tax levy impact.
 - c) Apply for new provincial and/or federal funding provided there is no tax levy impact and capital funding is for projects within the ten-year capital plan.
7. The final budget book be updated to reflect the changes noted in Recommendations 2(a), 3 and 5.

A recorded vote on the adoption of the motion was:

For: Barrow, Emmerson, Hackson, Hamilton, Heath, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Pellegrini, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti (12)

Against: Li, Mrakas, Taylor (3)

Absent: Bevilacqua, DiPaola, Ferri, Grossi, Perrelli, Vegh (6)

Carried

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt recommendation 1 as follows:

1. Council approve the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan (Attachment 1).

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt the following additional recommendations specific to the Roads Capital Acceleration Reserve:

1. Council approve the creation of the Roads Capital Acceleration Reserve to advance priority growth-related capital projects.
2. The reserve be funded by a 1% tax levy contribution in 2019, and future tax levy contributions of up to 1% per year between 2020-2022, conditional on the overall tax levy increase not exceeding 2.96% in any given year, and the transfer of \$82.7 million from the Debt Reduction Reserve in 2022.

Carried

G.4 Comments on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as amended, in the report dated February 8, 2019 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner:

1. Council endorse this report and Attachments 1 and 2 as the Region's submission to the Province in response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) postings: Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (ERO # 013-4504), Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones (ERO # 013-4506), Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters – Growth Plans) (ERO # 013-4505) and Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments) (ERO 013-4507) *with the following amendment:*
 - a) *Council requests that the Province reduce the intensification target for York Region from 60% to 50%.*
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report and attachments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Clerks of the local municipalities and the Clerks of the other upper and single-tier municipalities in the GTHA.
3. *The Province be made aware that additional comments regarding provincially significant employment zones may be forthcoming.*

Carried

G.5 Council Code of Conduct

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council refer the draft Council Code of Conduct to the March 21, 2019 Council meeting.

Carried

G.6 Terms of Reference for a Governance Task Force

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council adopt the following recommendation in the report dated February 28, 2019 from the Regional Chair and CEO:

1. Council approve the attached draft terms of reference for a Governance Task Force.

Carried

G.7 Appointments to Boards and Advisory Committees for the 2019-2022 Term

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated February 15, 2019 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council appoint the following individuals to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term:
 - Cheryl Davies
 - Astley Dennis
 - Laurie Fortnum
 - Lindsey Gold
 - Kirsten Hill
 - David Hingsburger
 - Barry Martin
 - Sandy Palombo
 - Joann Simmons
 - Vito Spatafora

- Angelo Tocco
 - Scott Wollin
2. Council appoint Regional Councillor Hamilton as Chair of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term.
 3. Council appoint the following individuals to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2019 to 2022 term:
 - Rebecca Shields, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association
 - Kim Baker, CEO, Central Local Health Integration Network
 - David Stolte, Vice President, Strategy and Redevelopment, Mackenzie Health
 - Cecil Roach, Coordinating Superintendent of Education, Indigenous Education and Equity, York Region District School Board
 - Mary Battista, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership, York Catholic District School Board
 - Rhonda L. Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University
 - Pedro Barata, Senior Vice President, Community Impact and Strategy, United Way Greater Toronto
 - Medhat Mahdy, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Toronto
 - Christina Bisanz, CEO, Community & Home Assistance to Seniors
 - Colleen Zakoor, Executive Director, Community Living Central York
 - Liora Sobel, Executive Director, Women's Centre of York Region
 - Christin Cullen, Executive Director, John Howard Society of York Region
 - Clovis Grant, CEO, 360°kids
 - Dean Rokos, Executive Director, York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families
 - Chunilall (Robin) Doobay, York Regional Police Services Board
 - Darryl Gray, Director of Education and Training, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
 - Chief Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police, York Regional Police
 - Al Wilson, Executive Director, Workforce Planning Board of York Region
 - Tracy Macgregor Walter, President and CEO, Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce representative
 - Michael Braithwaite, CEO, Blue Door Shelters (effective March 18, 2019)

4. Council appoint Regional Councillor Heath and Rebecca Shields as Co-Chairs of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2019 to 2022 term.
5. Council appoint the following individuals to the Community Partnership Council for the 2019 to 2022 term:
 - Patricia Cousins, CEO, Social Enterprise Canada
 - Deanne Kukulewich, Director, Immigrant Services and Community Programs, Catholic Community Services of York
 - Ally Lui, Program Director, Centre for Immigrant and Community Services of Ontario
 - Janet Hallett, Director Education Services, COSTI Immigrant Services
 - Nella Iasci, Executive Director, Job Skills
 - Karen McNeil, Senior Director Language Services, Centre for Education & Training
 - Darryl Gray, Director Education and Training, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
 - Kim Coulter, President & CEO, JVS Toronto
 - Noor Din, CEO, Human Endeavour
 - Debroy Chan, Director, Immigrant Inclusion Strategies, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council
 - Al Wilson, Executive Director, Workforce Planning Board of York Region
 - Samantha Wainberg, Executive Director, York Region Arts Council
 - Arslan Mahmood, Director, International Services, Seneca College - International Student Services
 - Monica Anne Brennan, Manager Internationally Educated Professionals, York University - Bridging Program for IEPs
 - Ricky Veerappan, Superintendent - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Bureau, York Regional Police
 - Rebecca Shields, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region Branch
 - Natalie Iuzzolino, Health Promoter, Vaughan Community Health Centre
 - Ab Falconi, Director of Education, York Catholic District School Board
 - Cecil Roach, Coordinating Superintendent of Education, Indigenous Education and Equity, York Region District School Board
 - Karine Barrass, Community Liaison Officer for York Simcoe Orangeville and Durham Region, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

- Rubaiyat Karim, Manager Community Investments, United Way Greater Toronto
 - Ian Nyman, General Manager Employment, YMCA of Greater Toronto
 - Alka Kumar, Citizen Member with Lived Experience
 - Farhad Pourimohammad, Citizen Member with Lived Experience
6. Council appoint Patricia Cousins as Co-Chair of the Community Partnership Council for the 2019 to 2022 term.
 7. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Human Services Planning Board of York Region, Community Partnership Council, and York Regional Police Services Board for information.

Carried

(See Item K.1.)

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

- H.1 Bylaw 2019-07 - Amendment to University Campus Reserve Fund
- H.2 Bylaw 2019-08 - Cannabis Contingency Reserve Fund
- H.3 Bylaw 2019-09 - Waste Management Stabilization Reserve Fund
- H.4 Bylaw 2019-10 - Rapid Transit Reserve Fund

Carried

I. Motions

None

J. Other Business

J.1 Governance Task Force Meeting - March 21, 2019

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the first meeting of the Governance Task Force will be on March 21, 2019 following the Regional Council meeting.

J.2 Council Education Session - April 25, 2019

Regional Chair Emmerson announced there will be a Council Education Session on April 25, 2019 for the purpose of educating members on funding non-tax levy options for the Roads Capital Acceleration Reserve.

J.3 YorkNet Board Meeting - March 6, 2019 Date to be Rescheduled

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the meeting of the YTN Telecom Network Inc. Board of Directors scheduled to be held on March 6, 2019 will be rescheduled. The date is to be determined and a notice will follow.

K. Private Session

Council resolved into private session at 2:01 p.m. At 2:23 p.m. Council resumed in public session and reported the following:

Carried

K.1 Private Attachments to Item G.7 - Appointments to Boards and Advisory Committees for the 2019-2022 Term - Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council receive the private attachments and appoint the recommended Chairs and members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee of York Region, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council.

Carried

(See Item G.7.)

K.2 Matter Relating to Personal Information about an Identifiable Individual

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council receive the confidential discussion.

Carried

L. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Regional Councillor Heath

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2019-11 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on February 28, 2019.

Carried

M. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on March 21, 2019.

Regional Chair