



## Inaugural Minutes

### The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

November 17, 2022  
Council Chambers  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, L. Jackson, J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M.G. Racco, G. Rosati, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, Dr. B. Pakes, C. Raynor

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#### **A. Council Procession**

Pipe Major Grant Rutherford of York Regional Police led the procession into the Council Chambers.

#### **B. National Anthem**

All those present in Council Chambers stood for the singing of the National Anthem and God Save the King.

#### **C. Filing of Clerk's Certificates and Members' Declarations of Office**

Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk advised that statutory requirements have been completed, including the filing of Certificates of Election by the Clerk of each of the nine local municipalities, and the signing of the Declaration of Office by each Member of Council.

#### **D. Call to Order**

Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and made the following remarks:

“I would like to begin today’s meeting by acknowledging that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty

territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous peoples and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.”

The Regional Clerk advised Council that it is his responsibility under the *Municipal Act, 2001* to be the Presiding Officer until Council appoints the Regional Chair. He then introduced the elected members of Council for the term 2022 to 2026.

#### **E. Members' Public Recitation of Declarations of Office**

The Regional Clerk led the elected Members of Council in a recitation of their Declarations of Office.

#### **F. Appointment of Regional Chair**

The Regional Clerk advised that the first item of business is the appointment of the Regional Chair. He indicated that under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Council will appoint a Regional Chair for the four-year term. The Regional Chair can be a Member of Council or any other eligible person nominated and seconded by two Members of Council, subject to statutory requirements.

The Regional Clerk then provided a brief overview of the process to be followed for the appointment of the Regional Chair.

##### Nominations

The Regional Clerk declared nominations to be open for the Office of Regional Chair. He advised that three completed Nomination Forms had been received for two candidates: one for Wayne Emmerson and two for Regional Councillor Joe Li. He clarified with Regional Councillor Li that the most recent form submitted was the valid one, then discarded the Nomination Form previously provided.

The first Nomination Form indicated that Mayor Pellegrini wished to nominate Wayne Emmerson for the position of Regional Chair, seconded by Mayor Lovatt, which they each confirmed. Mr. Emmerson consented to the nomination and confirmed his eligibility.

The second Nomination Form indicated that Regional Councillor Jones wished to nominate Regional Councillor Joe Li for the position of Regional Chair, seconded by Regional Councillor Ho, which they each confirmed. Regional Councillor Li consented to the nomination and confirmed his eligibility.

The Regional Clerk asked on three separate occasions if there were any further nominations for the Office of Regional Chair. No further nominations were received.

**Moved by** Mayor Scarpitti

**Seconded by** Mayor Pellegrini

That nominations for the Office of Regional Chair be closed.

**Carried**

Remarks of Movers, Seconders and Nominees

Mayor Pellegrini and Mayor Lovatt addressed Council in support of Wayne Emmerson. Wayne Emmerson addressed Council in support of his nomination.

Regional Councillor Jones and Regional Councillor Ho addressed Council in support of Regional Councillor Li. Regional Councillor Li addressed Council in support of his nomination.

Public or Private Vote for Regional Chair

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Jones

**Seconded by** Mayor Taylor

That all votes for the election of the Regional Chair be public.

**Carried**

Appointment of Regional Chair

The Regional Clerk called upon Members of Council in random order to state the name of the Nominee they are voting for the position of Regional Chair.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For Wayne Emmerson: DiPaola, Del Duca, Pellegrini, Lovatt, Hackson, West, Jackson, Rosati, Taylor, Ferri, Quirk, Vegh, Mrakas, Davison (14)

For Joe Li: G. Chan, Scarpitti, Jones, Racco, M. Chan, Ho, Li (7)

The Regional Clerk announced that Wayne Emmerson obtained the majority vote of Council for the appointment of Regional Chair.

**Moved by** Mayor Taylor  
**Seconded by** Mayor Mrakas

That Council confirm the results of the vote and declare Wayne Emmerson appointed as Regional Chair for the 2022 to 2026 term of Council.

**Carried**

**F.1 Memorandum regarding Bill 39, The Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022**

Council took no action in relation to the memorandum from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk dated November 16, 2022 regarding Bill 39, *The Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*.

**F.2 Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Bill 39, The Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022**

Council took no action in relation to the copy of a letter from The Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated November 16, 2022 regarding Bill 39, *The Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*.

**G. Swearing In Ceremony**

Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, administered the required Declaration of Office to Wayne Emmerson. The Regional Clerk placed the Chain of Office on Regional Chair Emmerson and then Regional Chair Emmerson assumed the chair.

**H. Regional Chair's Address and Introductions**

In his inaugural address to Council, Regional Chair Emmerson congratulated Members of Council on their election and indicated that he is honoured to once again be entrusted with the responsibility of the Office of Regional Chair.

Regional Chair Emmerson introduced special guests in attendance, including:

Former Members of Council

Former City of Richmond Hill Mayor Al Duffy  
Former City of Markham Councillor Jack Heath  
Former Town of Aurora Mayor Tim Jones  
Former Town of Georgina Mayor John Rogers

York Regional Police

Chief Jim MacSween  
Deputy Chief Alvaro Almeida  
Deputy Chief Paulo Da Silva  
Deputy Chief of Operations Robertson Rouse

Deputy Chief Cecile Hammond  
Former Chief Eric Jolliffe

Fire Services

Chief Ron Jenkins (Georgina Fire and Emergency Services)  
Chief Ian Laing (Central York Fire Services)  
Chief Bill Snowball (Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services)

York Region Paramedic Services

Chief Chris Spearen  
Deputy Chief Iain Park  
Deputy Chief Jeremey Watts  
Deputy Chief Natalie Kedzierski

Regional Chair Emmerson provided an overview of opportunities and challenges for Council over the next four years, including housing affordability, broadband connectivity, economic development, transportation and growth.

Regional Chair Emmerson thanked all York Region staff for their hard work, dedication and high level of support to Council. He also thanked Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk and Lina Bigioni, Chief of Staff for preparing this inaugural meeting.

**I. Introductions from Members of Regional Council**

Each Member of Council introduced their guests and made a few remarks regarding the opportunities and challenges facing the Region in the coming term.

**J. Chief Administrative Officer's Remarks**

Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, congratulated Regional Chair Emmerson on his appointment and Members of Council on their election. He indicated that York Regional staff are looking forward to continuing their work serving Council and the residents of York Region under this Council's leadership.

Mr. Macgregor introduced the following members of the Region's Senior Management Team:

Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services  
Dr. Barry Pakes, Medical Officer of Health  
Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Public Works  
Paul Freeman, Chief Planner  
Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer  
Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Dan Kuzmyk, Regional Solicitor  
David Rennie, Executive Director, Strategy and Initiatives  
Sharon Kennedy, Senior Executive Officer, People Equity and Culture

Mr. Macgregor also recognized in attendance:

Mary-Frances Turner, President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation  
Lisa Gonsalves, General Manager, Paramedic and Seniors Services  
Rick Leary, CEO, Toronto Transit Commission  
Local municipal CAOs  
Special guests introduced by Regional Chair Emmerson

Mr. Macgregor thanked all those mentioned for their community focus and collaboration that most recently helped us through the pandemic and continues through our shared commitment to building and maintaining strong, caring and safe communities.

**K. Confirmatory Bylaw**

**Moved by** Mayor Pellegrini  
**Seconded by** Mayor Lovatt

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2022-53 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on November 17, 2022.

**Carried**

**L. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Mayor Del Duca  
**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Davison

That the Council meeting adjourn at 3:53 p.m.

**Carried**

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Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on December 15, 2022.

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Regional Chair