



## Minutes

### Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2023  
Electronic and In-Person Meeting  
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, C. Raynor

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#### A. Call to Order

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

"We acknowledge 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."

#### B. Disclosures of Interest

None

#### C. Presentations

None

#### D. Deputations

## **D.1 Funding to Community-Based Sexual Assault Centres**

Committee of the Whole received the deputation by Shannon Seeraj and Ogho Ikhalo and recommends support of the following motion from the Women's Support Network of York Region:

WHEREAS Women's Support Network of York Region has provided support and advocacy for survivors of recent or historical sexual violence, and prevention education in York Region since 1992; and,

WHEREAS the number of survivors needing access to crisis counselling and long-term counselling programs has increased since 1992; and,

WHEREAS ongoing underfunding of Women's Support Network of York Region has reduced the number of resources available to provide these services due to highly specialized skill requirements that are unmatched by low wages and benefits relative to other mental health funded positions; and,

WHEREAS the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increased people in the community requiring the services of Women's Support Network of York Region; and,

WHEREAS sexual violence disproportionately impacts our community's most vulnerable members including women and girls, trans, and non-binary people, people with disabilities, and people who identify as Black, First Nations, Metis, Indigenous, racialized, and/or 2SLGBTQIA+1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT increased and sustainable provincial funding for Women's Support Network of York Region funding and other community-based sexual assault centres be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies.

## **E. Public Works - Transportation Services**

### **E.1 Communications**

#### **E.1.1 Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy Update**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Public Works dated December 9, 2022.

## **E.2 Reports**

### **E.2.1 Request for Pedestrian Crossover - Mount Albert Road near Countryman Road - Town of East Gwillimbury**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 9, 2022 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. A pedestrian crossover be installed on Mount Albert Road near Countryman Road in the Town of East Gwillimbury.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerk of the Town of East Gwillimbury and York Regional Police.

### **E.2.2 Request for Traffic Signals - 15th Sideroad at Township Wide Recreation Centre - Township of King**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 16, 2022 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Traffic signals be installed on 15th Sideroad at the entrance to the future Township Wide Recreation Centre in the Township of King, subject to being fully funded by the Township of King.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Township of King and York Regional Police.

## **F. Public Works - Environmental Services**

### **F.1 Communications**

None

### **F.2 Reports**

#### **F.2.1 Award of Contract for Long-Term York Region Organic Waste Transportation and Processing Services**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 22, 2022 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council approve the contract award for organic waste transportation and processing services to The Convertus Group, pursuant to Request for Proposal P-20-276, for the total estimated

contract value of \$490 million excluding HST, for the term of the contract.

2. The Region enter into an agreement with The Convertus Group to deliver services described in Request for Proposal P-20-276, including:
  - a. Construction and commissioning of a privately-owned source separated organic waste processing facility prior to March 1, 2027
  - b. Transportation and processing up to 140,000 tonnes per year of York Region’s source separated organic waste for a 20-year period commencing on March 1, 2027, with a total contract price not to exceed \$490 million excluding HST
3. The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Region.

**G. Community and Health Services**

**G.1 Communications**

None

**G.2 Reports**

**G.2.1 Rapid Housing Initiative 3 Authority for Agreements and Proposed Projects**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 10, 2023 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Health Services to submit applications under the Federal Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rapid Housing Initiative to support the following proposed affordable rental housing developments:
  - a. Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Housing Development, 5676 Main Street, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
  - b. Men’s Emergency and Transitional Housing Development, 14452 Yonge Street, Town of Aurora

- c. Box Grove Community Housing Development, 7085 14th Avenue, City of Markham
2. Council authorize the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer to adjust the Budget and Capital Spending Authority for secured Rapid Housing Initiative funding provided there is no tax levy impact.
3. Subject to approval of the Region’s Rapid Housing Initiative application for Box Grove Community Housing Development, Council approve the 2023 capital expenditure and Capital Spending Authority increase for up to \$36 million, including associated funding sources, as detailed in Attachment 2.
4. Council authorize use of non-standard procurement processes as permitted under the Procurement Bylaw to award construction contracts and purchases related to Rapid Housing Initiative projects approved for funding to enable delivery of approved projects within short timelines.
5. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute all necessary documents that may be required for participation in and delivery of the program on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Health Services and on legal terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.
6. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be directed to report back on projects approved by CMHC in 2023.
7. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to York Region Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, and local municipalities to expedite the required approvals to complete all projects funded under the Rapid Housing Initiative within program timelines.

## **H. Finance and Administration**

### **H.1 Communications**

#### **H.1.1 York Region Participation in the Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund Program and Submission of Third-Party Report**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum from Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer dated January 12, 2023.

**H.1.2 Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Greenbelt Amendments and Revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and O. Reg. 154/03**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the letter from The Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated December 16, 2022.

**H.1.2.1 Bill 23**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the communication from Judy Lam dated January 11, 2023.

**H.1.2.2 Response to Item H.1.2 - Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the communication from Claire Malcolmson, Executive Director, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition dated January 11, 2023.

**H.1.3 Letter from Metrolinx regarding York Region Engagement in Yonge North Subway Extension Project (YNSE)**

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt and referral to staff of the communication from Dwayne Geddes, Head Sponsor, Subways, Metrolinx dated December 7, 2022.

**H.2 Reports**

**H.2.1 York North Subway Extension Update**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 23, 2022 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Council confirm a direction to establish, through further agreement(s) with the Province of Ontario:
  - a. a clearly defined scope for the Yonge North Subway Extension project and
  - b. an associated cap to the capital contribution for the municipal share, currently estimated at \$1.12 billion.

## **H.2.2 Review of York Region's Corporations**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 3, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Council endorse mandate reviews and governance assessments of York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) and Housing York Inc. (HYI).

## **H.2.3 2023 Interim Tax Levy**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 1, 2022 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve the 2023 interim tax levy of \$636,497,467 which would be payable by local municipalities to the Region in two equal installments, the first of which will be due on or before April 28, 2023, and the second due on or before June 30, 2023, as shown in Attachment 1.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

## **H.2.4 Disposition of Land - 4516 14th Avenue - City of Markham**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated December 16, 2022 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the disposition of land that has been deemed surplus to Regional requirements in the City of Markham, as described in Attachment 1.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to accept and execute the agreement of purchase and sale within the limits set out in the private attachment and all necessary documents to complete the transaction, in accordance with the Region's Sale and Other Disposition of Regional Lands Policy.
3. Staff report back to Council with the final sale price.

## **H.2.5 Funding Agreement with Sutton Developer Group in the Town of Georgina**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated January 9, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Sutton Developer Group to advance the funding needed to complete the design work for an expansion of the Sutton Water Resource Recovery Facility.

## **I. Notice of Motion**

### **I.1 2030 Commonwealth Games Intent to Bid**

Regional Councillor Jones gave notice of his intention to bring forward the following motion to the January 26, 2023 Council meeting:

"That Council signal its intent to bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games by the end of January 2023; and,

That staff be directed to engage consultants to update the Region's 2014 Commonwealth Games bid and submit it for consideration for the 2030 Games by February 28, 2023."

## **J. Other Business**

### **J.1 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters**

Regional Chair Emmerson recognized the second anniversary of the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters and the third anniversary of the downing of Ukraine International Airlines flight 752. On behalf of Regional Council and York Region residents, Regional Chair Emmerson extended condolences to the family and friends of those affected by these tragedies.

### **J.2 IIHF World Junior Championships**

Regional Chair Emmerson congratulated all members of the Canadian 2023 World Junior Men's hockey team, including Township of King resident Adam Fantilli, on an outstanding tournament.

### **J.3 Special Awareness Dates - January**

Regional Chair Emmerson recognized January as Alzheimer's Awareness Month and Tamil Heritage Month.



**J.4 Upcoming Meetings and Workshop**

Regional Chair Emmerson extended a reminder that the Regional Council Education Session will be held on January 19-20, 2023 at the Kingsbridge Centre beginning at 8 a.m.

Regional Chair Emmerson further noted that the Regional Budget meetings will be held on February 2, 2023 and February 9, 2023.

**J.5 Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee Alternate Appointments**

Regional Chair Emmerson confirmed the following alternate representative appointments for the Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee:

- Jordan Coates from the York Region Federation of Agriculture
- Morgan Sage from the York Region Food Network

**J.6 Planning and Economic Development - Committee of the Whole**

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that Regional Councillor DiPaola and Mayor Scarpitti will Chair and Vice Chair for Planning and Economic Development at Committee of the Whole meetings.

**K. Private Session**

Committee of the Whole resolved into private session at 9:27 a.m. At 10:32 a.m. Committee of the Whole resumed in public session and reported the following:

**K.1 Private Presentation for Item F.2.1 - Award of Contract for Long Term York Region Organic Waste Transportation and Processing Services - Trade Secret and Negotiations**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the private recommendation.

**K.2 Private Attachments 1-3 to Item F.2.1 - Award of Contract for Long Term York Region Organic Waste Transportation and Processing Services - Trade Secret and Negotiations**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the private recommendation.

**K.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item H.2.4 - Disposition of Land, 4516 14th Avenue, City of Markham - Disposition of Land**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the private recommendation.

**K.4 Private Attachments 1-2 to Item G.2.1 - Rapid Housing Initiative 3 Authority for Agreements and Proposed Projects - Information Supplied in Confidence**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the private recommendation.

**K.5 Private Memorandum - Long-Term Care Collective Bargaining Update - Labour Relations**

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the private recommendation.

**L. Adjournment**

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 10:35 a.m.