



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

January 26, 2023
Electronic Meeting

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: B. Macgregor, D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, C. Goodeve, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, S. Love

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

Mayor Quirk declared an interest in Item D.1 - Proposed 2023 to 2026 Regional Budget regarding the York Regional Police Budget as her husband is a York Regional Police officer and her stepson is a York Regional Police officer; accordingly, she did not participate in any discussion or voting on this matter.

C. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on December 15, 2022

Moved by Mayor Hackson

Seconded by Mayor West

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 15, 2022.

Carried

D. Presentations

D.1 Proposed 2023 to 2026 Regional Budget

Mayor Quirk declared an interest in relation to this matter and did not participate in any discussion or voting regarding the York Regional Police budget.

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council receive the presentation by Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

Carried

E. Deputations

E.1 Housing/Service Hub for Sex Traffic Survivors

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

That Council receive the deputation from Carol Wildgoose and refer to staff the following request:

The Project Team is requesting that York Region staff review the Business Plan, work with the Project Team to identify a site and funding sources, and report back to Council on the preferred approach to address the critical gaps identified in the Plan.

Carried

E.2 2022 Vaughan Condominium Mass Shooting

Moved by Mayor Del Duca

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council receive the deputation from Dr. Jack Rozdilsky.

Carried

F. Communications

F.1 Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council receive the communication from Lisa Johnson and Oliver Dawson dated January 12, 2023.

Carried

F.2 2030 Commonwealth Games

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor M. Chan

That Council receive the memorandum from Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer dated January 18, 2023.

Carried

(See Item I.1)

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 12, 2023

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor West

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 12, 2023.

Carried

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

H.1 2023-01 - 2023 Interim Tax Levy

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

That Council approve and enact Bylaw 2023-01 - 2023 Interim Tax Levy.

Carried

H.2 2023-02 - A bylaw to establish a public highway - Highway 50

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

That Council approve and enact Bylaw 2023-02 - A bylaw to establish a public highway - Highway 50.

Carried

H.3 2023-03 - A bylaw to stop up and close a portion of McCowan Road

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

That Council defer consideration of Bylaw 2023-03 - A bylaw to stop up and close a portion of McCowan Road, to the Council meeting scheduled on February 23, 2023.

Carried

H.4 2023-05 - Appointment of Acting Regional Chair

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

That Council approve and enact Bylaw No. 2023-05 - Appointment of Acting Regional Chair.

Carried

I. Motions

I.1 2030 Commonwealth Games Intent to Bid

Regional Councillor Jones withdrew his intent to bring forward the following motion:

1. That Council signal its intent to bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games by the end of January 2023.
2. 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.

(See Item F.2)

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Lunar New Year

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that January 22 marked the beginning of the Lunar New Year. The Lunar New Year is one of the most important and celebrated holidays for the Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian communities. It is a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead with hope and optimism.

On behalf of Regional Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended best wishes to all those celebrating the Year of the Rabbit.

K.2 Bell Let's Talk Day

Regional Chair Emmerson remarked that January 25 was Bell Let's Talk Day. Each year York Region, along with organizations across the country, uses Bell Let's Talk Day as an opportunity to engage staff and the community in meaningful conversations about mental health.

By using this day to raise awareness, it helps to end the stigma around mental health, and continue to move the conversation forward to ensure mental health remains a key priority.

K.3 National Non-smoking Week

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that January 17 to 23 was National Non-Smoking Week. This annual event aims to educate on the dangers of smoking, help people quit and assist in the goal of a smoke-free Canada.

Through education and support, York Region Public Health provides cost-free smoking cessation programs and resources. Residents looking to quit can access these services at york.ca/substanceuse.

K.4 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Each year this day serves as a driver to building inclusive and welcoming communities around the world. It provides an opportunity to remember the victims, survivors and heroes of the holocaust, and to envision a future free of antisemitism.

K.5 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that January 29 is the National Day of Remembrance for the Quebec City Mosque Attack. This day honours the victims and survivors of the 2017 act of terrorism that killed six people and injured five others in Quebec City. It provides an opportunity to envision a future free of Islamophobia.

K.6 IIHF Women's World Championships

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended congratulations to all members of Canada's Under 18 Women's World Hockey team and their recent gold-medal performance.

Among the many talented young players is Town of East Gwillimbury resident Abby Lunney, who was born in the Town of Newmarket. On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended congratulations to Abby on this tremendous accomplishment and sent best wishes for continued success in her hockey career.

K.7 Forbes Top Employer

Regional Chair Emmerson announced The Regional Municipality of York has once again been named on Forbes list of Canada's Best Employers for 2023. This award exemplifies York Region's unwavering commitment to attract and develop talented individuals who support the needs of our communities.

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson thanked Regional staff for their continued commitment to our residents and communities.

K.8 Thanks to Road Workers

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson thanked the dedicated and hard-working roads workers throughout York Region's communities who ensure our roadways are cleared and safe to travel during winter storms.

K.9 Mary-Frances Turner Retirement

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the upcoming retirement of Mary-Frances Turner, President of York Region Rapid Transit Corporation.

For more than 20 years, Mary-Frances has been a driving force behind the implementation and continued development of rapid transit in York Region. Her career, primarily spent within the public sector, has spanned four decades.

Regional Chair Emmerson and members of Council extended appreciation to Mary-Frances for her dedication and commitment to York Region communities and gave best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

L. Private Session

Council did not resolve into private session.

L.1 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 12, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council adopt the recommendations in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 12, 2023.

Carried

L.2 Application for Judicial Review by Romandale Farms Limited - Litigation and Solicitor-Client

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council adopt the confidential recommendation in the private report from the Regional Solicitor dated January 25, 2023.

Carried

L.3 Long-Term Care Collective Bargaining Update – Additional Information - Labour Relations

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the private memorandum from the Senior Executive Officer, People Equity and Culture dated January 25, 2023, with Attachment 2 to be made available to the public.

Carried

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-04 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on January 26, 2023.

Carried

N. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

That Council adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on February 23, 2023.

Regional Chair