



Minutes

Committee of the Whole

March 9, 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, F. Scarpitti, T. Vegh, D. West

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

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

C.1 Greater Toronto Airports Authority Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Michelle Samson-Doel, Board Member, Karen Mazurkewich - Vice President Stakeholder Relations and Communications and Doug Allingham - Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Airports Authority.

D. Deputations

None

E. Public Works - Transportation Services

E.1 Communications

E.1.1 Request for Traffic Control Signals - McCowan Road and Street B / Driveway to Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy High School

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the communication from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated January 25, 2023, and referral to staff for a report back to the March 23, 2023 Council meeting.

E.2 Reports

E.2.1 Bicycle Lane Designations - City of Markham and Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Lane Designation Bylaw 2020-53 be amended to designate bicycle lanes in the City of Markham and Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville, as detailed in Table 1.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the City of Markham, Towns of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville and Chief of York Regional Police.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

E.2.2 Rescind Temporary Delegation of Authority for Amendments to Traffic Bylaws and Amend Parking Bylaw (City of Markham)

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council rescind the temporary delegation of authority provided to the Commissioner of Public Works under Bylaw 2020-19 to amend traffic bylaws, where required, in response to unique traffic operations and safety concerns arising during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Parking Bylaw 2017-37 be amended to permanently designate the parking prohibition on Kennedy Road in the City of Markham, as detailed in Table 1 of this report.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities and Chief of York Regional Police.

F. Public Works - Environmental Services

F.1 Communications

None

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 York Durham Sewage System Primary System Engineering Services Partnership Contract

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to:
 1. Negotiate and execute a direct purchase Engineering Services Partnership Contract with Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc. for engineering services related to the York Durham Sewage System Primary System at an estimated value not to exceed \$50 million over a 10-year term, with an option to renew for one additional 10-year term, as outlined in this report.
 2. Negotiate and execute a direct purchase of project planning and monitoring services for York Durham Sewage System Primary System projects from Revay & Associates Limited for an estimated value not to exceed \$2 million over a 10-year term.

F.2.2 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Council receive this report for information.

G. Community and Health Services

G.1 Communications

None

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and York Region's Response

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

That Council:

1. Approve continued operation of temporary accommodation and wrap-around services for those arriving in York Region under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel who need assistance until June 30, 2023, after which Regional staff will initiate closure of the site unless otherwise directed by Council.
2. Authorize the Regional Chairman to communicate to the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reiterating the need for funding to offset municipal costs.
3. Direct staff to report back to Council when federal or provincial funding offset is confirmed, or by June 30, 2023 (whichever is earlier), to confirm next steps for York Region's response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.
4. Circulate this report to York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament.

H. Planning and Economic Development

H.1 Communications

H.1.1 Housing Supply Update: December 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated February 23, 2023 from Paul Freeman, Chief Planner.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 York Region 2022 Vacant Employment Land Inventory

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the following recommendation in the report dated February 16, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

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

H.2.2 2022 York Region Employment and Industry Report

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Planner:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to local chambers of commerce, boards of trade, the Workforce Planning Board, Toronto Global and local municipalities.

H.2.3 2022 Annual Development Activity Summary

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 16, 2023 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 local municipalities.

H.2.4 Minutes - York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee - February 15, 2023

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the minutes of the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee dated February 15, 2023.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Interim Transfer of Part III Provincial Offences Act Charges

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated March 1, 2023 from Dan Kuzmyk, Regional Solicitor and General Counsel.

I.1.2 City of Richmond Hill Resolution - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the correspondence from Stephen Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, City of Richmond Hill dated February 15, 2023.

I.1.3 Council and Committee Reports Format Changes

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated March 2, 2023 from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 Emergency Management Program Annual Compliance Review and Bylaw Revision

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Council receive this report as confirmation York Region has completed all necessary program elements to achieve compliance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04*.
2. The Regional Solicitor update the current Emergency Management program bylaw to adopt changes to the Emergency Plan and Annexes.
3. The Regional Clerk forward the program bylaw and Emergency Plan to Emergency Management Ontario.

I.2.2 Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize the award of new non-standard procurements, extensions, and increases, as per Attachment 1 and Private Attachment 1.
2. Council authorize Commissioners and Department Heads, or their designates, to execute the contracts and amendments approved in this report.

I.2.3 Approvals Authorized Under Delegated Authority during 2022 Council Recess

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 23, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

I.2.4 Compensation for Expropriation - 16th Avenue from Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to the owners of lands in the City of Richmond Hill and the City of Markham, as set out in Appendix 1, which were acquired in accordance with the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).

I.2.5 Expropriation of Land - Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Appendix 1, required for the Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project in the City of Vaughan.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the “Notice”) and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the “Act”).
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as necessary, at an inquiry (Hearing of Necessity) held under the *Act*.
4. Council, as approving authority, approve the expropriation of the lands provided there is no Hearing of Necessity requested and not withdrawn in accordance with the *Act*. Council approval is deemed to be given effective 31 days following the publication of the Notice and when a Hearing of Necessity is not requested in accordance with the *Act*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services is authorized to register a plan of expropriation and execute and serve any notices required under the *Act*.
6. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

I.2.6 Expropriation of Land - Stouffville Road from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404 - City of Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve an application for approval to expropriate the lands set out in Appendix 1, required for the Stouffville Road widening and reconstruction project from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404, in the City of Richmond Hill.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the "Notice") and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the "Act").
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as necessary, at an inquiry (Hearing of Necessity) held under the *Act*.
4. Council, as approving authority, approve the expropriation of the lands provided there is no Hearing of Necessity requested and not withdrawn in accordance with the *Act*. Council approval is deemed to be given effective 31 days following the publication of the Notice and when a Hearing of Necessity is not requested in accordance with the *Act*.
5. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, the Commissioner of Corporate Services is authorized to register a plan of expropriation and execute and serve any notices required under the *Act*.
6. Where approval to expropriate the land is given, Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaw to give effect to these recommendations.

I.2.7 Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 11305 Yonge Street - City of Richmond Hill

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council authorize the settlement of all claims pursuant to the Expropriations Act with the fee simple owner of 11305 Yonge

Street, related to the construction of the vivaNext bus rapid transit corridor on Yonge Street in the City of Richmond Hill.

2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Minutes of Settlement for the expropriation and all necessary documentation to complete the transaction.

J. Notice of Motion

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Membership Change on Human Services Planning Board

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that Jennifer Sarna, Superintendent of Education is the new representative for the York Catholic District School Board on the Human Services Planning Board.

K.2 Membership Changes on Newcomer Inclusion Table

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the following membership changes on the Newcomer Inclusion Table:

- York Regional Police – Inspector Kolin Alexander
- York Region Arts Council – Monica del Rio Pain, Director of Programming & Operations
- Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association – Nancy Leung, Director of Marketing, Communications, Administration & Volunteer Development
- COSTI Immigrant Services – Samina Sami, CEO
- Michael Li and Homa Souratian are two York Region residents who will join the Newcomer Inclusion Table as newcomer lived-experience representatives.

K.3 Developmental Disabilities Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced March as Developmental Disabilities Month, which aims to educate the public about the needs of this group and end the stigma around issues of disability.

K.4 Nutrition Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced March as Nutrition Month, which provides the opportunity to acknowledge the role Public Health plays in promoting healthy eating, good nutrition and access to healthy food.

K.5 Red Cross Month

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that it is Red Cross Month, which offers the opportunity to acknowledge York Region's long-standing partnership with the Canadian Red Cross and its commitment to provide immediate and short-term services to residents impacted by an emergency or disaster.

K.6 Employee Appreciation Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 3, 2023 was Employee Appreciation Day, providing an opportunity to recognize the professionalism and valued contributions of staff.

K.7 Hindu Holi

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 7, 2023 marked the celebration of Hindu Holi, which celebrates the arrival of spring.

K.8 International Women's Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 8, 2023 was International Women's Day, which celebrates outstanding social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, girls and gender diverse people. This year's theme, Embrace Equity, invites us to think about how to actively support equity within our own sphere of influence.

K.9 International Day to Combat Islamophobia

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that March 15, 2023 is International Day to Combat Islamophobia. Declared as an international observance in 2021 by the United Nations, this day acknowledges the widespread rise in intolerance, prejudice and violence against members of numerous religious communities, including those of the Muslim faith.

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole did not resolve into Private Session.

L.1 Greening Strategy – Environmental Land Protection and Preservation - Acquisition of Land on McCowan Road - Town of East Gwillimbury - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the confidential recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Public Works. The recommendations to become public once the acquisition of lands has been finalized.

L.2 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.3 - Approval Authorized Under Delegated Authority During 2022 Council Recess - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.4 - Compensation for Expropriation - 16th Avenue from Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue - City of Richmond Hill and City of Markham - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

L.5 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.7 - Expropriation Settlement - Viva Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - 11305 Yonge Street - City of Richmond Hill - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment.
Attachment remains private.

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:41 a.m.