



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

September 28, 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, 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, D. Kuzmyk, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, Dr. B. Pakes, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Regional Chair Emmerson 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.

C. Disclosures of Interest

Mayor Scarpitti declared a conflict of interest on Item H.1 (Committee of the Whole Items J.1.2 - Contract Awards from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and M.3 - Private Attachment 1 to Item J.1.2), as his brother is an employee of Compugen. Mayor Scarpitti did not participate in the discussion or vote on these items.

D. Minutes of Council

D.1 Council Meeting held on June 29, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on June 29, 2023.

Carried

E. Presentations

None

F. Deputations

F.1 WITHDRAWN - Judicial Review of the Province's Decision to Allow Development on Former Greenbelt Lands in King

This deputation was withdrawn by the requestor.

F.2 Support for Asylum Seekers in York Region

F.2.1 Dr. Martin Kofi Danso on behalf of Miracle Arena Shelter

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Council receive the deputation by Dr. Martin Kofi Danso on behalf of Miracle Arena Shelter.

Carried

F.2.2 Minister Isaac Opong on behalf of Miracle Arena Shelter

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

Council receive the deputation by Minister Isaac Opong on behalf of Miracle Arena Shelter.

Carried

F.2.3 Shernett Martin on behalf of ANCHOR Canada

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Regional Councillor Racco

Council receive the deputation from Shernett Martin on behalf of ANCHOR Canada.

Carried

G. Communications

G.1 Proposal to Return Lands in Ajax to the Greenbelt

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the communication from The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated September 6, 2023.

Carried

G.2 Request for Standing Committee to Review Regional Governments

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the communication from The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated September 13, 2023.

Carried

(See Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Item J.2.1)

G.3 Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan - Letter of Objection

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the communication from Jason Park, Kagan Shastri DeMelo Winer Park LLP on behalf of COLLECDEV (8868 Yonge) GP Inc. dated September 13, 2023.

Carried

(See Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Item I.2.1)

G.4 2023 Development Charges Shortfall Resulting from Recent Provincial Changes to the Development Charges Act, 1997 - As of June 30, 2023

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the memorandum from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated September 25, 2023.

Carried

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 14, 2023

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor West

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 14, 2023, except for Items J.1.2 and J.2.3.

Carried

Item J.1.2 - Contract Awards from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

(Mayor Scarpitti declared an interest in this item and did not participate in any discussion or voting on this matter.)

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 14, 2023 - Item J.1.2 - Contract Awards from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Carried

J.2.3 - Disposition of Land - Main Street and Ninth Line - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Moved by Mayor Lovatt
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

Council defer the report dated September 5, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services to allow more time for York Region staff and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff to discuss possible options for moving forward.

Carried

H.2 Support for Asylum Seekers in York Region

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated September 25, 2023 of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council authorize funding of up to \$4.3 million within the approved Community and Health Services budget for the Region's assistance with interim accommodations and wrap-around supports to asylum seekers in York Region until March 31, 2024 as described in this report.
2. Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Health Services to execute agreements, as required, to facilitate these supports.
3. The Regional Chair send a letter to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing informing them of these supports and requesting Federal and Provincial funding to fully offset municipal costs.
4. Council request the Federal Government to fund and implement a regional response in municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area and beyond that will provide coordination for asylum seekers to access adequate shelter and support.

A recorded vote on this item was as follows:

For: G. Chan, M. Chan, Davison, Del Duca, Emmerson, Ferri, Ho, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Quirk, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor, West (17)

Against: DiPaola, Vegh (2)

Absent: Hackson, Li, Racco (3)

Carried

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri

Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

- I.1 2023-43 Establish a Public Highway
- I.2 2023-45 Appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer

Carried

J. Motions

J.1 Review of Council and Committee of the Whole Hybrid Meetings

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council adopt the following motion:

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2022, York Region Council approved the amendment of Procedure Bylaw 2018-59 to facilitate the implementation of the “blended hybrid” approach for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

WHEREAS, “blended hybrid” Council Meetings, where participants choose to attend either in-person or electronically, began on May 26, 2022.

WHEREAS, an April 28, 2022 Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Clerk acknowledged that the “blended hybrid” presents logistical and resourcing challenges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. York Region Council direct staff to review the “blended hybrid” Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting policy, benchmark other regional and local municipal models, suggest potential changes and bring a report back to Council before the end of 2023.

Carried

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 2024 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

Council approve the 2024 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar.

Carried

L.2 Observances and Days of Significance

Regional Chair Emmerson noted special awareness days and observances throughout the last week of September:

- September 24 to 25 - **Yom Kippur** – Observes a day of atonement for York Region's Jewish residents.
- September 25 - **Franco-Ontarian Day** - Celebrates the culture and contributions of Ontario's Francophone community.
- September 27 - **World Tourism Day** - Fosters awareness of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.
- September 30 - **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** - Honours survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. York Region will observe the day by flying the Every Child Matters flag at half-mast in honour of survivors and lives lost.

L.3 Durham York Energy Centre Tour

Regional Chair Emmerson reminded Council Members that a site tour of the Durham York Energy Centre will be held in early October as an opportunity for Members to learn more about the Region's ongoing efforts in sustainable waste management.

L.4 Farewell to Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer

Regional Chair Emmerson extended sincere thanks and appreciation to Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Macgregor, whose last day in office is September 29, 2023.

For 16 years Mr. Macgregor has served Council with skilled leadership and a vision to build a better York Region for all. His guidance and expertise have been instrumental in shaping York Region's communities and he has left an indelible mark on the organization.

On behalf of Council and York Region residents, Regional Chair Emmerson thanked Mr. Macgregor for his commitment to building a strong, caring, safe York Region. He extended sincerest appreciation for all that Mr. Macgregor has done at York Region, and best wishes for his continued success with the Toronto Transit Commission.

Mr. Macgregor thanked Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Council for the privilege of serving York Region.

M. Private Session

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

Council resolve into private session at 10:45 a.m. to consider the following items:

M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - June 29, 2023

M.2 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 14, 2023

M.3 Appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer - Personal information about an identifiable individual

Carried

Council resumed in public session at 10:58 a.m.

M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - June 29, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Racco

Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council confirm the private minutes of the Council meeting held on June 29, 2023.

Carried

M.2 Private Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 14, 2023

(Mayor Scarpitti declared an interest in this item and did not participate in any discussion or voting on this matter.)

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri

Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council adopt the recommendations in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 14, 2023.

Carried

M.3 Appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer - Personal information about an identifiable individual

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

Council appoint Erin Mahoney as Chief Administrative Officer effective September 29, 2023.

A recorded vote on this item was as follows:

For: G. Chan, M. Chan, Davison, Del Duca, DiPaola, Emmerson, Ferri, Ho, Jackson, Jones, Li, Lovatt, Mrakas, Pellegrini, Quirk, Racco, Rosati, Scarpitti, Taylor, West, Vegh (21)

Against: (0)

Absent: Hackson (1)

Carried

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-44 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on September 28, 2023.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

Council adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on October 26, 2023.

Regional Chair