



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

October 26, 2023
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

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

Staff: D. Basso, P. Freeman, L. Gonsalves, D. Kuzmyk, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor, D. Szeptycki

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 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

None

D. Minutes of Council

D.1 Council Meeting held on September 28, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Vegh
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 28, 2023.

Carried

D.2 Special Meeting of Council held on October 5, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Vegh
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

Council confirm the Minutes of the special meeting of Council held on October 5, 2023.

Carried

E. Presentations

E.1 Greater Toronto Airports Authority Update

Moved by Regional Councillor Li
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the presentation by Doug Allingham, Chair, Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board, Tracy Li, GTAA Board Member and Karen Mazurkewich, Vice President, Stakeholder Relations and Communications, GTAA.

Carried

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

G.1 2023 Regional Governance Review Update

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Mayor Hackson

Council receive the memorandum from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk dated October 25, 2023.

Carried

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - October 12, 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 October 12, 2023.

Carried

H.2 Bill 131, Transportation for the Future Act, 2023 – Recommendations

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Alternate Regional Councillor Bartley

Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated October 24, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that:

1. The Province be requested to clarify:
 - a. How future GO Transit stations will be funded if a municipality does not use the new Station Contribution Fee and if this represents a shift in responsibility for funding GO Transit stations, from the Province to municipalities.
 - b. There is no ability for developers to 'opt out' of participation, once a municipality is prescribed, and the background study process is undertaken.
 - c. That the new Station Contribution Fee may be levied either on a municipal-wide or area-specific basis.
 - d. The type of offsets that municipalities levying the new fee will be required to provide developers; whether the quantum of those offsets must be commensurate/equal to additional costs associated with the new fee; and in a two-tier jurisdiction where the upper-tier municipality levies the fee if a local municipal offset would satisfy this requirement.
2. The Province include York Region in its consultation regarding the regulations supporting the new Station Contribution Fee.

3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Transportation, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the local municipalities.

Carried

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

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

Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

- I.1 2023-47 Bathurst Street - Widening and Reconstruction

Carried

J. Motions

None

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 Alternate Member from Whitchurch-Stouffville

Regional Chair Emmerson welcomed Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Ward 5 Councillor Richard Bartley to Regional Council. Councillor Bartley serves as Whitchurch-Stouffville's alternate member for Regional Council and joined the meeting in Mayor Lovatt's absence.

L.2 United Nations Day

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that October 24, 2023 marked United Nations Day and the 75th anniversary of the United Nation's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Through York Region's Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, York Region, York Regional Police and York University all work in partnership with the United Nations to promote and build inclusive communities throughout York Region and around the world.

L.3 Special Council Meeting on Housing and Homelessness - November 23, 2023

Regional Chair Emmerson reminded Council there will be a special meeting of Regional Council following the regular Council meeting on November 23, 2023. This meeting will focus on the issue of housing and homelessness in York Region and will help inform the development of York Region's Homelessness Services System Plan.

L.4 Potential Special Council Meeting on Provincial Changes to York Region's Official Plan - November 16, 2023

Regional Chair Emmerson asked Members of Council to hold November 16, 2023 for a potential special meeting of Council to review the recently-announced winding back of Provincial changes to York Region's Official Plan.

M. Private Session

Council did not resolve into private session.

M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - September 28, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Ho
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

Council confirm the private minutes of the Council meeting held on September 28, 2023.

Carried

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti
Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-48 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on October 26, 2023.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

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

Regional Chair