



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

February 22, 2024
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, J. DiPaola,
M. Ferri, A. Ho, L. Jackson, B. Johns, 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, E. Mahoney,
L. Mirabella, L. McDowell, C. Raynor

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 January 25, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 25, 2024.

Carried

E. Presentations

None

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

G.1 City of Markham Comments to Province on Potential Revocation or Amendments to Certain Ministers Zoning Orders

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

Council receive the correspondence from Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham dated January 31, 2024.

Carried

G.2 Launch of Ontario's One Fare Program

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

Council receive the correspondence from Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Transportation Ontario dated February 5, 2024.

Carried

G.3 Improving First Responder Communications through Ontario's Building Code

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

Council receive the correspondence from Anitra Basant Sisavang, Executive Director, York Regional Police Services Board (YRPSB) dated February 16, 2024

and adopt the YRPSB resolution regarding improving first responder communication through Ontario's Building Code, as follows:

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board (Board) is acutely aware and highly concerned by the challenges experienced by York Regional Police caused by the unreliability of in-building communications when attending locations in response to an emergency call

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that the unreliability of in-building communication for first responders is a safety risk and could be improved through Ontario's Building Code

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has been undertaking the process of developing the next edition of the Ontario Building Code

WHEREAS the Board has responded to the Ministry's Regulatory Proposal 23-MMAH020, respecting the Ontario Building Code review, with a submission proposing amendments that would improve the reliability of in-building communication for first responders

WHEREAS the Board's submission, made on December 18, 2023 proposes to improve inbuilding communications through the inclusion of criteria to support improved Emergency Communications within Part 3 of Ontario Regulation 332/12 of the Ontario Building Code

WHEREAS the inclusion of this proposed criteria on Emergency Communication would not only increase the reliability of in-building communications, but also improve first responder and community safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prioritize improving in-building communication for first responders as part of the Ontario Building Code Review.
2. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing support the inclusion of amendments, that would improve in-building communications for first responders, in the next edition of Ontario's Building Code.
3. This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Solicitor General, the Regional Municipality of York, York Region Paramedic Services, all York Region Municipalities and their respective Fire Chiefs and Chief Building Officials, the Building Industry and Land Development Association, Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Public Sector Broadband Network Innovation Alliance for their support.

Carried

G.4 2024 to 2027 York Region Economic Development Action Plan

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

Council receive the correspondence from Avinash Persaud, VP, Hardware Catalyst Initiative, VentureLAB dated February 20, 2024.

Carried

G.5 Letter of Support for York Region's Funding Request from Interim Housing Assistance Program for Asylum Seekers

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

Council receive the correspondence from the York Region Liberal Caucus, dated February 20, 2024.

Carried

G.6 Letter of Support for York Region's Request to Address Critical Housing Priorities

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

Council receive the correspondence from the York Region Liberal Caucus, dated February 20, 2024.

Carried

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 8, 2024

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor West

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 8, 2024.

Carried

H.2 Audit Committee Meeting - January 25, 2024

Moved by Mayor Quirk
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on January 25, 2024.

Carried

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

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

Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

I.1 2024-07 - Establish a public highway - Leslie Street

A bylaw to establish a public highway – Leslie Street (Y.R. 12), City of Richmond Hill

I.2 2024-08 - Establish a public highway - Highway 7

A bylaw to establish a public highway – Highway 7 (Y.R. 7), City of Vaughan

I.3 2024-09 - Stop up and close a portion of Lloydtown Aurora Road

A bylaw to stop up and close a portion of Lloydtown Aurora Road (Y.R. 16), Township of King

Carried

J. Motions

J.1 Chinese Heritage Month

Regional Councillor Li brought forward a motion to proclaim February as Chinese Heritage Month in York Region.

Motion to waive timing of notice for a motion

Moved by Regional Councillor Li
Seconded by Regional Councillor Racco

Council consider the motion brought forward at today's meeting regarding Chinese Heritage Month.

Carried on a 2/3 majority

Moved by Regional Councillor Li
Seconded by Regional Councillor Racco

Council adopt the following motion:

WHEREAS the Chinese Canadian community has played a significant role in shaping the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the Region of York

WHEREAS February coincides with Lunar New Year and various historical and cultural events significant to the Chinese Canadian community

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. York Region officially proclaim the month of February every year as Chinese Heritage Month. Chinese Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate and educate future generations about the significant contributions Chinese Canadians have made to social, economic, political and cultural fabric across York Region and Canada.

Carried

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 Bill 162, The Get it Done Act

Regional Chair Emmerson referred to the Government of Ontario's introduction of Bill 162, The Get It Done Act earlier this week and noted that staff are currently reviewing the tabled legislation to identify impact to York Region.

L.2 Observances and Days of Significance

Regional Chair noted special awareness days and observances:

- **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day** – February 22, 2024 - Raises awareness to combat human trafficking in Canada. York Region Police, Victims Services York Region, Ontario Provincial Police, Central York Fire Services and York Region will be hosting two community events this year and more information is forthcoming.
- **Pink Shirt Day** - February 28, 2024 - Raises awareness to take action against bullying and discrimination and recognize the responsibility to ensure schools, workplaces, communities, and online outlets remain safe places for everyone.

L.3 York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Board Meeting - March 14, 2024

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Board meeting on March 14, 2024 has been cancelled.

L.4 Appointment to Royal Agriculture Winter Fair Association Board of Governors

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the appointment of Mayor Pellegrini to the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair Association Board of Governors for 2024.

M. Private Session

Council did not resolve into private session.

M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - January 25, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Council confirm the private minutes of the Council meeting held on January 25, 2024.

Carried

M.2 Private Minutes - Audit Committee - January 25, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Council adopt the confidential recommendations in the private minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on January 25, 2024.

Carried

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council enact Bylaw No. 2024-2010 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on February 22, 2024.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Moved by Alternate Regional Councillor Johns
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

Council adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on March 21, 2024.

Regional Chair