



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

March 21, 2019
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, D. Barrow, G. Beros, R. Grossi, V. Hackson,
D. Hamilton, J. Heath, L. Jackson, J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt,
T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, C. Perrelli, M. Quirk, G. Rosati,
F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh
Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, J. Hulton, P. Jankowski,
K. Kurji, B. Macgregor, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor,
M.F. Turner

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and made the following remarks:

"I would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that York Region extends over lands originally used and occupied by Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of York Region, I would like to thank First Nations and the Métis for sharing this land.

I would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

A.1 Declaration of Office - Alternate Member of Regional Council – Town of Richmond Hill

Councillor Greg Beros, who is the alternate regional representative for the Town of Richmond Hill, was in attendance at this meeting in place of Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola and orally recited his Declaration of Office.

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on February 28, 2019

Moved by Mayor Quirk

Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on February 28, 2019.

Carried

D. Presentations

None

E. Deputations

E.1 Comments on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Councillor Beros

That Council receive the deputation from Matthew Cory, Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of the Sharon Heights Landowner Group, East Gwillimbury.

(Please refer to Item J.2.)

Carried

F. Communications

F.1 Proposed Employment Area Conversion Criteria

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council receive the communication from Rosemarie Humphries, Humphries Planning Group Inc., on behalf of Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group dated March 6, 2019 and refer it to consideration of Item G.1. (Item H.2.3 - Committee of the Whole Minutes - March 7, 2019).

Carried

F.2 Traffic Control Signals at Teston Road and Mosque Gate

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council receive the communication from Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan dated February 12, 2019 and refer it for consideration of Item J.1.

Carried

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - March 7, 2019

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 7, 2019.

Carried

G.2 Council Code of Conduct

Moved by Regional Councillor Heath

Seconded by Mayor Taylor

That Council defer consideration of this matter to the April 18, 2019 Council meeting.

Carried

G.3 2018 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Local Board Appointees

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council adopt the following recommendation in the report dated March 12, 2019 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council receive this report for information.

Carried

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Perrelli

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

Carried

H.1 Bylaw 2019-13 - Uniform Wastewater Service Rate

H.2 Bylaw 2019-14 - Uniform Water Service Rate

H.3 Bylaw 2019-15 - Community Improvement Project Area

H.4 Bylaw No. 2019-16 - Establishment of a Public Highway

H.5 Bylaw No. 2019-17 - Close a Portion of a Public Highway

I. Motions

None

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

J.1 Request for Traffic Signal - Teston Road and Mosque Gate - City of Vaughan

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

That Council reconsider this matter, which was originally dispensed with at the January 31, 2019 Regional Council meeting.

Carried on a 2/3 majority vote.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That York Region approve and install traffic signals at the intersection of Teston Road and Mosque Gate in the City of Vaughan, with all associated capital and operating costs to be funded by the City of Vaughan.

Carried

J.2 Comments on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

That Council reconsider this matter, which was originally dispensed with at the February 28, 2019 Regional Council meeting.

Carried on a 2/3 majority vote.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

Whereas, Regional Council adopted comments to forward to the Province regarding 'Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan' at its Regional Council meeting on February 28, 2019, and

Whereas, Regional Council directed staff to bring forward any additional comments for consideration at its Committee of the Whole meeting on March 7th, 2019:

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Regional Municipality of York make additional comment to the Government of Ontario to amend the proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as follows:
2. Amend proposed policy 2.2.7.2 to set the minimum density target for York Region's designated greenfield area to 50 residents and jobs per hectare.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jackson

1. Be it resolved that the Regional Municipality of York request that the provincial government not include provincially significant employment zones in the Growth Plan for the City of Markham and along the 400 corridor from approximately Major Mackenzie Drive to the King-Vaughan border (as shown on Attachment 2, page 3 of the Region's original submission) for the City of Vaughan, the current level of protections in the 2017 Growth Plan with respect to upper-tier official plans should be maintained, including the prohibition of institutional and sensitive land uses in employment areas that would have qualified as 'prime employment areas'.

2. That in the event provincially significant employment zones remain in the Growth Plan it is requested that, prior to providing recommendations on mapping changes, Regional staff be provided the opportunity for further discussion with Provincial staff regarding the criteria for selection of the mapped employment areas, the intent and use of the PSEZ, and refinement to the mapping to reflect local planning considerations.
3. And further, that if provincially significant employment zones are included in the Growth Plan, staff support the inclusion of provincially significant employment zones in MTSAs in principle; however, provincially significant employment zones are not supported within MTSAs in the Markham Centre Urban Growth Centre.
4. And further, that the Regional Municipality of York advise the provincial government that we have removed our request to designate the Future Employment Area in the City of Markham's 2014 Official Plan as a provincially significant employment area.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

Whereas Highway 404 is one of the most significant pieces of infrastructure for people and major goods movement in York Region;

Whereas the lands along the Highway 404 corridor are highly valued for employment growth;

Whereas the majority of the undeveloped lands along Highway 404 are considered a buffer between key natural heritage features and settlement areas by the provincial plans;

Whereas freezing miles of land as a buffer to protect the natural heritage features in this area is not only unnecessary, but also a huge waste of municipal and provincial investment and economic development opportunities;

Whereas not all industrial developments are a threat to the environment;

Whereas the Town has a shortage of Industrial and Commercial assessment;

Whereas York Region has a very well-established and effective land use planning system that requires proposed industrial developments to undertake rigorous studies and thorough assessments to ensure there is no adverse environmental impact; and

Whereas the provincial review of the Growth Plan is a superb opportunity for York Region to identify new and attractive employment lands for growth and convert existing less desirable employment lands to other uses.

Therefore be it resolved

That Regional Council request the province to designate the lands on the east side of Highway 404 in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, as identified in the attached map, Provincially Significant Employment Zone through Amendment #1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017).

Carried

K. Other Business

K.1 Assault on Al Noor Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand

On behalf of Members of Council and York Region residents, Regional Chair Emmerson expressed deep sadness about the attack on Al Noor Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 15, 2019, which claimed the lives of 50 people and injured many more. Members of Regional Council and all those in Council Chambers stood in a moment of silence for the victims and their families.

K.2 Immunization Records and Reporting

Regional Councillor Heath requested further information from staff regarding the reporting of immunization records by health providers to Public Health.

L. Private Session

Council resolved into private session at 11:57 a.m. At 11:58 a.m. Council resumed in public session and reported the following:

L.1 2018 Annual Report - Regional Solicitor's Use of Delegated Authority - Litigation

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

Council adopt the following recommendation contained in the confidential report of the Regional Solicitor dated February 19, 2019:

1. Council receive this report for information.

Carried

L.2 Disposition of Matters Under the Purchasing Bylaw 2018 Annual Report - Litigation

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Li

Council adopt the following recommendation contained in the confidential report of the Regional Solicitor recommending that:

1. Council receive this report for information.

Carried

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Regional Councillor Li

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2019-18 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on March 21, 2019.

Carried

N. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on April 18, 2019.

Regional Chair