



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

February 27, 2025
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: E. Jolliffe, R. Bartley, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, J. Jones, J. Li, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M. G. Racco, G. Rosati, J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: D. Basso, Dr. J. Fernandes, L. Gonsalves, D. Kuzmyk, E. Mahoney, L. McDowell, L. Mirabella, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Jolliffe called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Regional Chair Jolliffe 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 30, 2025

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 30, 2025.

Carried

E. Presentations

None

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

G.1 FCM Green Municipal Fund - Piloting a Low Impact Development (LID) Retrofit of the Donald Cousens Parkway

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

Council receive the correspondence from Marieke Cloutier, Senior Director, Programs and Isabelle Pitre, Manager, Adaptation in Action, Green Municipal Fund, Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated February 5, 2025

Carried

G.2 York Region's Advertising and Earned Media Approach

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council receive the memorandum from Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services dated February 24, 2025.

Carried

(Refer to Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Item E.1)

G.3 Vaughan Resolution regarding Development Charge Deferral

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Regional Councillor Racco

Council receive the correspondence from Irene Ford dated February 25, 2025.

Carried

(Refer to Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Item I.1.2)

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 13, 2025

Moved by Mayor West
Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 13, 2025.

Carried

H.2 Audit Committee Meeting - January 30, 2025

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on January 30, 2025.

Carried

H.3 Authority to Implement Federal and Provincial Homelessness and Housing Funding

Moved by Mayor Quirk
Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council adopt the following recommendations in the report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services dated February 14, 2025:

1. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services, or their delegate, be authorized to enter into necessary agreements and allocate funds, including flowing funds to third party entities, to be received under the Federal Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative, Provincial Encampment Response Initiative and Last Mile funding

programs for the purposes of administering the operational and capital funding programs mentioned in this report.

2. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services, or their delegate, be authorized to execute all necessary documents for participation in and delivery of funding programs outlined in this report, on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Health Services, or their delegate, and on legal terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.

Carried

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Alternate Regional Councillor Bartley
Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

I.1 2025-09 Nobleton Water Resource and Recovery Facility Upgrades Project

A bylaw to acquire certain lands for or in connection with the Nobleton Water Resource and Recovery Facility Upgrades Project, in the Township of King

I.2 2025-10 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) from Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) to Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)

A bylaw to acquire certain lands for or in connection with the widening and improvement of 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) from Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) to Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), in the City of Markham

I.3 2025-11 Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Loan for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

A bylaw to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for financing certain capital work of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work through the issue of debentures by The Regional Municipality of York to OILC

Carried

J. Motions

J.1 York Region 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Expression of Interest

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Whereas the bidding process to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games has been launched by the Commonwealth Games Federation, and

Whereas Expressions of Interest are to be submitted by Provincial Governments to Commonwealth Sport Canada by March 31, 2025, and

Whereas Expressions of Interest include a list of proposed sports and venues the provincial government would host in the 2030 Commonwealth Games, and a letter from the provincial government stating its “willingness to engage Commonwealth Sport Canada and the Commonwealth Games Federation in the Dialog & Feasibility Phase”, and

Whereas Ontario and Canada can use these Games as a way to plan our economy, foster trade, commerce and economic development with the 56-member Commonwealth Countries and Commonwealth Territories that, in 2023, had a population of 2.8 billion, and

Whereas no other commitments, financial or otherwise, are required in the provincial government’s Expression of Interest to Commonwealth Sport Canada, and

Whereas during the Dialog & Feasibility Phase all provincial governments submitting an Expression of Interest, along with the federal government and Commonwealth Sport Canada, co-create a United Canada 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting Proposal, and

Whereas any Party can withdraw from the Dialog & Feasibility Phase with no malice, prejudice or penalty, and

Whereas at the end of the Dialog & Feasibility Phase on August 31, 2025, the United Canada 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting Proposal including commitments, financial and otherwise, is due to the Commonwealth Games Federation, and

Whereas hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games has substantial positive economic and social impacts in the hosting communities as well as acting as a catalyst for the development of needed infrastructure, then

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, York Region express support for, and participate in, a Government of Ontario Expression of Interest to bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games under the theme of the 2030 Commonwealth “Transit” Games, subject to the support and participation of the following city and regions:

- City of Toronto
- Regional Municipality of Durham
- Regional Municipality of Halton
- Regional Municipality of Peel
- Simcoe County

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Regional Clerk forward this resolution to the above-named city and regions seeking their support for, and participation in, the Expression of Interest for the 2030 Commonwealth Transit Games.

Carried

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 Pink Shirt Day

Regional Chair Jolliffe noted that February 26, 2025 was Pink Shirt Day, which is dedicated to raising awareness about bullying prevention and promoting kindness and respect. On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Jolliffe thanked everyone who participated by wearing pink and reinforcing the message that bullying has no place in York Region.

L.2 Paramedic Services 25th Anniversary Celebration

Regional Chair Jolliffe remarked that for 25 years, York Region Paramedic Services has proudly served York Region communities with compassion and care. On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Jolliffe extended gratitude to all paramedics and support staff for their dedication and commitment.

L.3 Four Nations Face-Off

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Jolliffe congratulated Team Canada on their incredible victory at the Four Nations Face-Off, and congratulated the five players from York Region who helped bring home the win:

- Town of Newmarket's Connor McDavid
- Town of East Gwillimbury's Sam Bennett
- City of Vaughan's Mitch Marner and Anthony Cirelli
- City of Richmond Hill's Jordan Binnington

L.4 King City Public Library and Seniors Centre

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Jolliffe congratulated Mayor Pellegrini and the Township of King on the King City Public Library and Seniors Centre receipt of the Governor General's Medal in Architecture. The beautifully designed space is a community hub that blends innovation and accessibility to serve residents of all ages.

L.5 Chinese Heritage Month Celebration

Regional Chair Jolliffe recognized York Region’s Chinese Heritage Month celebration on February 13, 2025. He thanked to Regional Councillor Li for initiating this special event, which included a performance by the Canadian Chinese Orchestra, an ensemble dedicated to promoting the rich cultural heritage of Chinese music in Canada.

L.6 Ontario Election Day

Regional Chair Jolliffe encouraged everyone to vote in today's provincial election. Civic engagement is the foundation of democracy, and participating in the electoral process is an important responsibility. Regional Chair Jolliffe reaffirmed that Council remains committed to working with the provincial government to advance shared priorities.

L.7 Appointment to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Regional Chair Jolliffe announced that Mayor Pellegrini has been appointed to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors for 2025.

L.8 YTN Board Meeting - October 16, 2025

Regional Chair Jolliffe announced that a YTN Board meeting will be held on October 16, 2025 at 11 a.m.

M. Private Session

Council did not convene in private session.

M.1 Private Minutes - Audit Committee Meeting - January 30, 2025

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Pellegrini

Council confirm the private minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on January 30, 2025.

Carried

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

Council enact Bylaw No. 2025-12 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on February 27, 2025.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Moved by Alternate Regional Councillor Bartley
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the Council meeting held on March 20, 2025.

Regional Chair