

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

March 6, 2025
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: E. Jolliffe, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, J. DiPaola,
M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, L. Jackson, J. Jones, J. Li,
I. Lovatt, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M. G. Racco, G. Rosati,
J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

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

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Jolliffe called the meeting to order at 9:02 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. Presentations

D.1 2024 York Region Health and Well-Being Review

Committee of the Whole received the presentation from Lisa Gonsalves, Commissioner, Community and Health Services and Mary Boushel, Director, Strategies and Partnerships, Community and Health Services.

(See Item H.2.1)

E. Deputations

E.1 York Region Health and Well-Being Review

Committee of the Whole received the deputation by Anita Stellinga, United Way Greater Toronto.

(See Item H.2.1)

F. Public Works - Transportation Services

F.1 Communications

None

F.2 Reports

None

G. Public Works - Environmental Services

G.1 Communications

None

G.2 Reports

None

H. Community and Health Services

H.1 Communications

None

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 2024 York Region Health and Well-Being Review

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 24, 2025 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Regional Chair write a letter to Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing formally requesting funding increases and policy adjustments to alleviate income insecurity in York Region, including:
 - a. Implement living wage and basic income policies.
 - b. Increase and index Ontario Works rates with inflation to meet life's basic needs.
 - c. Include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies.
 - d. Provide permanent long-term and predictable benefit programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit beyond 2029 along with multi-year and sustained funding to expand access to affordable housing of all types.
2. Council include information about socio-economic, health and well-being trends and service pressures when meeting with provincial ministries and elected officials to raise awareness of the need.
3. Council direct staff to work with Human Services Planning Board, other community partners and municipal counterparts to identify innovative and collaborative solutions and advocate to senior levels of government for poverty reduction and housing stabilization initiatives and funding.
4. Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of the local municipalities, City of Toronto, Region of Peel, Durham Region, Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Children, Community and Social Services, York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Regional Police Services Board, Human Services Planning Board and United Way Greater Toronto.

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Change of Regional and Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated February 24, 2025 from Erin Mahoney, Chief Administrative Officer.

I.1.2 Contract Awards from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated February 18, 2025 from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 Emergency Management Program Annual Compliance Review and Bylaw Revision

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 18, 2025 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Regional Council receive this report as confirmation that York Region has fulfilled all required program elements to comply with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and Ontario Regulation 380/04.
2. The Regional Solicitor update the current Emergency Management program bylaw to adopt changes to the Emergency Management Plan and Annexes.
3. The Regional Clerk forward the program bylaw and Emergency Management Plan to Emergency Management Ontario.

I.2.2 2026 Budget Direction

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations, *as amended*, in the report dated February 18, 2025 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council endorse the proposed timelines for the development and targeted approval of the 2026 Budget, as outlined in Table 2.
2. Council reaffirm the 2026 tax levy increase target of 3.22% and the Rapid Transit / Infrastructure Levy equivalent to a 1% tax levy

increase consistent with the endorsed outlook in the 2025-2026 multi-year budget.

3. *Staff be directed to also prepare a recession contingency Budget for 2026 benchmarked against the levies set in 2021 and 2022.*

I.2.3 Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval for March 2025

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 18, 2025 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve the new non-standard procurements, extensions, and increases described in Appendix A and Private Attachment
2. Council authorize the Signing Authorities in Table 6 of this report to execute the related contracts and instruments for the purchases in Appendix A and Private Attachment 1.

I.2.4 Developer Financing for Expansion of the Nobleton Wastewater System

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations in the report dated February 18, 2025 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into a financing agreement with Star Westview Inc., Crisdan Holdings Inc., Nobleton 2715 Developments Limited, TG Nobleton GP Inc. and Prebrick System (BT) Corp. (the Nobleton Landowner Group) for the capital cost of expanding the Nobleton Wastewater Works, subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer and of the Regional Solicitor and General Counsel.
2. Staff be authorized to negotiate the principles of a Prepaid Development Charges (DC) Credit Agreement with the Nobleton Landowner Group.

I.2.5 Compensation for Expropriation Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project - City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 18, 2025 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. Council approve the Commissioner of Corporate Services to make offers of compensation to owners of lands in the City of Vaughan, as set out in Appendix A, which were acquired in accordance with the Expropriations Act (the “Act”).

I.2.6 Overview of Potential Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Tariffs

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated February 28, 2025 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate any tariff related increases beyond the current 15% contingency threshold set in article 20.1 of the Procurement By-law 2021-103 using a rigorous vetting process on a case by case basis.

J. Notice of Motion

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Observances and Days of Significance

Regional Chair Jolliffe noted the following observances and days of significance:

- National Social Worker Month
- Red Cross Month
- Employee Appreciation Day - March 7, 2025
- International Women's Day - March 8, 2025

K.2 Ontario Election

Regional Chair Jolliffe congratulated Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party on forming the next provincial government.

Regional Chair Jolliffe also congratulated York Region's 10 re-elected Members of Provincial Parliament.

L. Private Session

Committee of the Whole did not resolve into private session.

L.1 Interim Contract Agreements to Maintain Waste Transfer Services at Waste Management Centre and Earl Turcott Waste Management Facility - Negotiations

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the confidential recommendations. Report remains private.

L.2 York Durham Sewage System Forcemain Repair - Litigation

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the confidential recommendations. Report remains private.

L.3 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.1.2 - Contract Awards from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment. Attachment remains private.

L.4 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.3 - Contract Awards and Amendments for Council Approval for March 2025 - Security of Property

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment. Attachment remains private.

L.5 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.5 - Compensation for Expropriation - Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Project - City of Vaughan - Acquisition of Land

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the private attachment. Attachment remains private.

M. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:15 a.m.