

Minutes
Committee of the Whole

May 8, 2025
Electronic and In-Person Meeting
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

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

Staff: D. Basso, S. Erdman, 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 9:05 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 York University Update on the Markham Campus and School of Medicine

Committee of the Whole:

1. Received the presentation by Rhonda Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor and Dr. David Peters, Institutional Lead, School of Medicine, York University.
2. Recommends staff report back as part of 2026 budget deliberations on how York University's \$25 million capital contribution request for its proposed School of Medicine might be funded.

D.2 York University JumpSTART Annual Report to York Regional Council

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by David Kwok, Director, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, York University and Chris Carder, Executive Director, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Schulich School of Business.

D.3 2025 ventureLAB Update

Committee of the Whole received the presentation by Sophia Chan-Combrink, Vice President, External Relations and Avinash Persaud, Vice-President, Hardware Catalyst Initiative, ventureLAB.

D.4 Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole:

1. Received the presentation by Salim Alibhai, Director, Capital Planning and Delivery and Pina Accardi, Director, Capital Delivery - Water & Wastewater, Public Works.
2. Requests staff provide monthly updates to City of Vaughan Members of Council on progress of the Rutherford Road Widening Project.
3. Requests staff report back on the application of Designing Great Streets, Building Roads that Build Community 2019.

(See Items F.2.1 and G.2.1)

E. Deputations

None

F. Public Works - Transportation Services

F.1 Communications

F.1.1 2024 York Region Transit Enforcement and Security Report

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this memorandum to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

F.2 Reports

F.2.1 Roads Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated April 22, 2025 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to Ontario Ministers of Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Infrastructure, Clerks of local municipalities, Building Industry and Land Development Association, and the Ontario Home Builders' Association.

G. Public Works - Environmental Services

G.1 Communications

None

G.2 Reports

G.2.1 Water and Wastewater Capital Infrastructure Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation in the report dated April 22, 2025 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Ontario Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Infrastructure, Clerks of the local municipalities, Building Industry and Land Development Association, and the Ontario Home Builders' Association.

G.2.2 2024 Regional Greening Strategy Achievements and Street Tree Removal Offsetting Policy

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

G.2.3 York Region Sewage Works Collaborative Construction Delivery Model Implementation

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

H. Community and Health Services

H.1 Communications

H.1.1 Paramedic Services Week - May 18 to 25, 2025 and York Region Paramedic Services' 25th Anniversary

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this memorandum to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

H.2 Reports

None

I. Finance and Administration

I.1 Communications

I.1.1 Financing Leases as at December 31, 2024

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this memorandum to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.1.2 2024 Accounts Receivable Write-Off and Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this memorandum to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.1.3 Support for a 35% Municipal Tax Rate Discount for the New Multi-Residential Subclass - 2025 Taxation Year

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this correspondence to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

(See Item I.2.3)

I.2 Reports

I.2.1 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan Year 2 (2024) Progress Report

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.2 Collection of Provincial Offences Act Defaulted Fines Update

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.3 2025 Property Tax Policy

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.4 2025 Property Tax Rate

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.5 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan Update

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this report to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.6 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - February 26, 2025

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of these minutes to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

I.2.7 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - April 23, 2025

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of these minutes to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

J. Motions

J.1 Downloading of Regional Roads

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following motion, *as amended*:

1. *Council endorses in principle, subject to a report back with all the appropriate agreements with the City of Vaughan by September 2025, the downloading of the following Regional Roads to the City of Vaughan:*
 - a. Teston Road from Keele Street to Dufferin Street;
 - b. Langstaff Road connection from approximately 240m east of Creditstone Road to Keele Street; and,
 - c. Highway 7 from Pine Valley Drive to Martin Grove Road.

J.2 Requesting Unopened Teston Road Link between Dufferin Street and Keele Street be Downloaded to City of Vaughan

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the correspondence from Robert A. Kenedy, President, MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association dated May 6, 2025.

J.3 Regional Road Transfer Background

Committee of the Whole recommends receipt of the memorandum dated May 6, 2025 from Laura McDowell, Commissioner of Public Works.

K. Notice of Motion

None

L. Other Business

L.1 Joint Board Education Session Scheduled

Regional Chair Jolliffe announced a private, in-person Joint Board Education Session (Housing York Inc., YorkNet and York Region Rapid Transit Corporation) to be held on June 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.

L.2 Shareholder Meetings Rescheduled

Regional Chair Jolliffe announced rescheduling of the Housing York Inc., YorkNet and York Region Rapid Transit Shareholder meetings on June 26, 2025 to follow the Regional Council meeting.

L.3 York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Meeting Cancelled

Regional Chair Jolliffe announced cancellation of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation meeting scheduled on May 22, 2025.

L.4 Vancouver Lapu-Lapu Day Tragedy

Regional Chair Jolliffe acknowledged the tragedy that took place in Vancouver on April 27, 2025 during the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival where 11 people lost their lives and many others were injured. Regional Chair Jolliffe offered condolences to the victims' families and the Filipino-Canadian community in Vancouver, York Region and across Canada.

L.5 Observances and Days of Significance

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

- Jewish Heritage Month
- Asian Heritage Month
- Emergency Preparedness Week
- North American Occupational Health and Safety Week
- May 5, 2025 - Red Dress Day to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls
- May 1, 2025 - National Physicians and First Responders Day
- May 19, 2025 - Personal Support Worker Day

M. Private Session

M.1 Private Attachment 1 to Item I.2.2 - Collection of Provincial Offences Act Defaulted Fines Update - Solicitor-Client Privilege

Committee of the Whole recommends referral of this private attachment to the May 22, 2025 Council meeting.

N. Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.