



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

October 17, 2019
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, D. Barrow, M. Bevilacqua, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri,
R. Grossi, V. Hackson, D. Hamilton, J. Heath, L. Jackson, J. Jones,
I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, M. Quirk, G. Rosati, 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."

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Minutes of Council

C.1 Council Meeting held on September 26, 2019

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Regional Councillor DiPaola

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 26, 2019.

Carried

D. Presentations

None

E. Deputations

E.1 Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council receive the deputation by Marco Filice, Senior Vice-President & General Counsel, Liberty Development.

Carried

See Items F.2, F.3, F.4 and G.3 (Committee of the Whole Item E.2.2).

F. Communications

F.1 Toastmasters Month - October 2019

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council receive the correspondence from Mary Coates, Vice President, Public Relations & Memberships, TROY Toastmasters dated October 9, 2019 and recognize October 2019 as Toastmasters Month in York Region.

Carried

F.2 Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council receive the correspondence from Marco Filice, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, Liberty Development dated October 10, 2019.

Carried

See Items E.1, F.3, F.4 and G.3 (Committee of the Whole Item E.2.2).

F.3 Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council receive the communication from Carmina Tupe, Planner, Policy and Government Relations, BILD dated October 16, 2019.

Carried

See Items E.1, F.2, F.4 and G.3 (Committee of the Whole Item E.2.2).

F.4 Financial Incentives for Affordable Rental Housing and Large Office Buildings

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

That Council receive the memorandum from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Paul Freeman, Chief Planner dated October 16, 2019 and adopt the following recommendations:

1. Replace Attachment 1 of the “Purpose-Built Rental Housing Incentives” report with Attachment 1 to this memorandum.
2. Replace clause 1.2 of the “Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program” report with the following wording:
 - 1.2 Introducing a new, time-limited policy that provides an interest-free, long-term development charge deferral for qualifying large office buildings in Regional Centres and Corridors or specific Local Centres, as set out in the accompanying draft policy (Attachment 2).
3. Replace Attachment 2 of the “Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program” report with Attachment 2 to this memorandum.

Carried

See Items E.1, F.2, F.3 and G.3 (Committee of the Whole Items E.2.1 and E.2.2).

G. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

G.1 Debenture Committee Meeting - October 1, 2019

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Grossi

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Debenture Committee meeting held on October 1, 2019.

Carried

G.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting - October 3, 2019

Moved by Regional Councillor Rosati

Seconded by Regional Councillor DiPaola

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 3, 2019.

Carried

G.3 Committee of the Whole Meeting - October 10, 2019

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 10, 2019, except for Items E.2.1 and E.2.2 as noted below.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

E.2.1 Purpose-Built Rental Housing Initiatives

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as revised by the memorandum dated October 16, 2019 from the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Planner:

1. Council approve the new interest free Development Charge Deferral for Affordable, Purpose-Built Rental Buildings policy (*Revised Attachment 1*), to support development of rental housing affordable to mid-range income households.

2. Council approve revisions to York Region's 36-month Development Charge Deferral for Purpose-Built Rental Buildings policy, as outlined in Attachment 2, to align with changes from Bill 108.
3. Council authorize staff to amend the development charge deferral agreement for the proposed 175 Deerfield Road purpose-built rental building, in the Town of Newmarket, in order to incorporate the new development charge deferral policy identified as Attachment 1 to this report, should the agreement be executed prior to this policy being approved and coming into effect.
4. Staff be directed to consult on the draft Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Rental Housing Incentives and report back to Council (Attachment 3).
5. Council authorize staff to provide the development charge deferral options outlined in the new development charge deferral policy identified in Attachment 1 to 8010 Kipling Avenue, a proposed purpose-built rental building, when this policy is approved and comes into effect provided it satisfies all of the requirements of the policy, save and except for the four (4) storey requirement.
6. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Building Industry and Land Development Association – York Chapter (BILD).

Carried

See Item F.4.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

E.2.2 Large Office Building Development Charge Deferral Pilot Program

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as revised by the memorandum dated October 16, 2019 from the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Planner:

1. Council approve a pilot incentive program to encourage large office buildings through:
 1. Aligning the Region's existing development charge deferral for office buildings (Attachment 1) with the provisions of the More Homes More Choice Act, 2019, and

2. Introducing a new, time-limited policy that provides an interest-free, long-term development charge deferral for *qualifying large office buildings* in Regional Centres and Corridors *or specific Local Centres*, as set out in the accompanying draft policy (*Revised Attachment 2*).
2. Staff report back to Council, prior to the end of this Council term, on the results of the pilot incentive program.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities, the Building Industry and Land Development Association – York Chapter (BILD), and all other industry stakeholders consulted in the development of this incentive program.

Carried

See Items E.1, F.2, F.3 and F.4.

H. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Vegh

Seconded by Regional Councillor Hamilton

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

- H.1 2019-54 - Appointment of Deputy Treasurers
- H.2 2019-55 - Rutherford Road - Widening and Reconstruction
- H.3 2019-56 - Establish a public highway - Bayview Avenue

Carried

I. Motions

None

J. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

K. Other Business

K.1 Passing of Paul Duggan, Director of Audit Services

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the sudden passing of Paul Duggan, Director of Audit Services, on October 14, 2019.

Mr. Duggan dedicated 19 years of service to the Region, providing exceptional advice to Council, Audit Committee, senior management and many of our local municipalities. Mr. Duggan will be missed both professionally and for his good-natured approach to life.

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended condolences to Mr. Duggan's family during this difficult time. Flags at the York Region Administrative Centre have been lowered to half-staff to pay respects.

Regional Chair Emmerson, Members of Council and all those in attendance in Council Chambers stood for a moment of silence to honour Paul Duggan.

K.2 Ownership of the Toronto Transit Commission Subway System

Members of Council discussed the recent announcement by the Province that the City of Toronto will keep ownership of the existing subway system, while the Province will retain ownership of all new subway lines.

K.3 Administrative Monetary Penalties for Municipal Parking Infractions

Regional Chair Emmerson reminded Members of Council that the Ministry of the Attorney General allows municipalities to use an Administrative Monetary Penalty system for dealing with parking infractions.

K.4 York Regional Police Services Board Appointment

Regional Chair Emmerson announced he has extended John Molyneaux's appointment as a Citizen Member of the York Regional Police Services Board until a successor is appointed in 2020.

K.5 Severance Recognition for Members of Regional Council Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua

That staff review the Severance Recognition for Members of Regional Council Bylaw and report back to Council in the first quarter of 2020.

Carried

L. Private Session

Council resolved into private session at 9:48 a.m. At 9:49 a.m. Council resumed in public session and reported the following:

L.1 Private Attachment 1 to Item G.3 (Committee of the Whole Item F.2.2) - Technology Systems Contract Extensions - Security of Property

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Mayor Quirk

That Council receive the private attachment.

Carried

M. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Regional Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Heath

That Council enact Bylaw No. 2019-57 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on October 17, 2019.

Carried

N. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on November 21, 2019.

Regional Chair