



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#12-21

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

An electronic Council meeting, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 1 via videoconference.

Council Member present in Committee Room 1:

Acting Mayor DiPaola

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muench
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor West
Councillor Chan

Regrets: Mayor Barrow

Staff Members present via videoconference:

M. Dempster, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
D. Joslin, Commissioner of Community Services
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
D. Dexter, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
N. Khan, Director, Building and Chief Building Official
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
T. Steele, Director, Community Standards
D. Terzievski, Director, Development Engineering
D. Beaulieu, Manager, Manager, Development Subdivisions
S. Cham, Manager, Development Zoning

A. Farrugia, Manager, Parks Operations
M. Flores, Manager, Sustainability
C. Greco, Manager, Real Estate
G. Li, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
C. Stone, Manager, Revenue
S. Tu, Manager, Financial Reporting and Accounting
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy
J. Lindsay, Project Manager, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
C. Chu, Senior Planner - Policy
J. Healey, Senior Planner - Development
F. Toniolo, Senior Planner - Development

Staff Members present in Committee Room 1:

S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting between 12:23 p.m. and 1:10 p.m.

2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)

Carol Davidson, 25 Green Meadow Crescent, regarding the importance of transparency, accountability and the democratic process in government, as a follow up from the February 24, 2021 Council meeting. In addition, Ms. Davidson extended her condolences to the parents of the late David Roman whose life was featured on the CBC's The Fifth Estate.

Paul Doner, John Doner Limited, 12119 Leslie Street, regarding the Provincial review on ways to grow the size of the Greenbelt and advised that the deadline to provide input was April 19, 2021. Mr. Doner provided background information on his family's farming business, highlighted the importance of the agricultural industry and challenges being faced, and reviewed the current policy framework and the impacts of expanding the Greenbelt.

3. Council Announcements

Acting Mayor DiPaola advised that Metrolinx released their initial business case and formalized alignment for the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension that included an additional station in Richmond Hill at Highway 407 and Highway 7

and extended congratulations to City staff and Metrolinx, highlighting its contribution to the new Richmond Hill Urban Centre and benefits to the community.

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli also highlighted the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension by Metrolinx and acknowledged the hard work of Council and staff to bring the subway to Richmond Hill. Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli advised that he and other Members of Council were wearing t-shirts in support of World Autism Awareness Day which is recognized on April 2, 2021, and was an item on today's agenda to be proclaimed in the City of Richmond Hill.

Councillor West advised of the success of the Ward 4 Maple Syrup Festival that was held virtually this year, and extended his thanks to all those who participated, to the staff from the City and his office who helped organize the event, and to those from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) who made some of the presentations. Councillor West acknowledged Elder Whabagoon who delivered an Anishinaabe perspective on maple syrup and provided greetings and closing ceremonies, and noted that he looked forward to next year's event.

Councillor Muench echoed the comments made previously about the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension by Metrolinx and the amount of work that went into getting two subway stations to Richmond Hill, and extended thanks and congratulations to all those involved in bringing this infrastructure to the City.

Councillor Chan also highlighted the news of Metrolinx releasing their initial business case and confirming the alignment for the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension, acknowledging the work that was done behind the scenes with committee members, as well as colleagues from Vaughan and Markham, and encouraged everyone to lobby the federal government to commit a percentage of the capital costs associated with the project to extend the subway.

Councillor Beros extended best wishes and a speedy recovery to Mayor Barrow on behalf of Council.

4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the following item be added to the agenda as a Time Sensitive Matter:

a) Member Motion - Councillor Muench - Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (Item 15.1)

Carried

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following additions and amendments:

- a) Correspondence from Timothy Dontsos, 34 Yongehurst Road, dated March 21, 2021, regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites) - Item 13.16;
- b) Proclamation - Education and Sharing Day - March 24, 2021 - Item 13.17;
- c) Correspondence from Scott Thompson, 104 Baker Avenue, dated March 23, 2021, regarding the Report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021 - Item 13.18;
- d) Revised Appendix "A" - SRCFS.21.011 - 2020 Council and Committees Remuneration and Expenses - (refer to Item 13.12);
- e) Delegations by Nick Pileggi, MSH Ltd., regarding Item 13.7 and Item 13.8 - withdrawn;
- f) Time Sensitive Member Motion - Councillor Muench - Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (Item 15.1).

Carried

6. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

During consideration of the second Motion, moved by Councillor West and seconded by Councillor Chan, of Item 13.13, Councillor Muench declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. Councillor Muench left the videoconference and did not participate in the voting on that motion.

7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

7.1 Council Public Meeting C#08-21 held March 3, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#08-21 held on March 3, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

7.2 Special Council Education and Training Session C#09-21 held March 9, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Special Council Education and Training Session C#09-21 held on March 9, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

7.3 Council Meeting C#10-21 held March 10, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#10-21 held on March 10, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

7.4 Special Council Meeting C#11-21 held March 10, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#11-21 held on March 10, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate Items 13.2, 13.3, 13.9, 13.13, 13.14, and 15.1 for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Muench, seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

10. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

11. Presentations

11.1 **Presentation by Shelly Cham, Manager, Development Zoning, regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites) - (refer to Items 13.2 and 13.3 and Proposed By-laws 13-21 (Revised) and 25-21)**

Shelly Cham, Manager, Development Zoning, made a presentation regarding staff report SRPI.21.023, Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites), which included proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 23 and proposed By-law 13-21 (Revised). She explained why the expanded permissions were being brought forward at this time, highlighted who lived in additional residential units, and reviewed how additional residential units improved the community. She provided an overview of the zoning for additional residential units, advising that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment included standards consistent with existing residential standards to maintain neighbourhood character; and provided various examples of an additional residential unit including: in a primary dwelling and accessory structure, in a primary dwelling only, above a detached garage abutting a lane, and where one would not be permitted. Ms. Cham addressed the building permit process for an existing and a new unit, property maintenance and enforcement, and annual number of additional residential units in permits of other municipalities. Ms. Cham concluded the presentation by providing an overview of the recommendations contained in staff report SRPI.21.023.

11.2 **Presentation by Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Subway, and Rajesh Khetarpal, VP, Community Engagement 905, Metrolinx, regarding an update on the Yonge North Subway Extension**

Phil Verster, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx, provided introductory remarks regarding the Yonge North Subway extension and the challenges that were addressed to create optimal connections for the Richmond Hill Centre area. Mr. Verster introduced Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Subway, and Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice-President, Community Engagement, who would present to Council a detailed project update on the Yonge North Subway Extension, Initial Business Case.

Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Subway, presented an overview of the proposed connections for York Region and Toronto and the key benefits they would provide, and detailed the Initial Business Case and alignment options. He reviewed the Bridge and High Tech Stations that would serve

the highest density areas, aboveground alignment along the existing CN railway corridor, noise and vibration mitigation, subways under homes and adjacent to public uses, and key project milestones.

Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice-President, Community Engagement, highlighted the significance and timing of the Yonge North Subway extension as it would provide new travel possibilities across the Region, and serve the heart of major growth centres. Mr. Khetarpal provided an overview of community and stakeholder engagement that included Officials Briefings, Community Engagement and Public Consultation with residents, businesses, the community, and Regional and Municipal partners; noted upcoming activities; and various ways to stay connected and updated on the project.

Members of Council asked questions of those in attendance from Metrolinx regarding the Yonge North Subway extension, and extended their thanks for the presentation and the information shared to keep them updated on the project.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the presentation by Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Subway, and Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice-President, Community Engagement, Metrolinx, regarding an update on the Yonge North Subway Extension, be received with thanks.

Carried

12. Delegations

12.1 Linda Khanna, 14 Cygnus Drive, regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites) - (refer to Items 13.2 and 13.3)

Linda Khanna, 14 Cygnus Drive, addressed Council regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites). She noted that with the shortage of affordable housing and the financial impact of the pandemic, it was time to amend the By-law to enable long term rentals of secondary residential basement units to assure safe and affordable accommodation for tenants, as well as supplemental income for homeowners and landlords. Ms. Khanna advised that in her opinion, the By-law was outdated and no longer in alignment with today's housing needs, and that the update to the By-law would allow

residents to legally have an additional residential unit by applying for a permit.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 Minutes - Youth Action Committee meeting held February 18, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the minutes of the Youth Action Committee meeting held on February 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

13.2 SRPI.21.023 - Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites) - City of Richmond Hill - City Files D01-20011 and D24-20002 - (By-laws 13-21 (Revised) and 25-21) - (Deferred from the February 24, 2021 Council meeting)

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That Staff Report SRPI.21.023 regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites), be received for information;

b) That Council address the City initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to permit Additional Residential Units, City Files D01-02100 and D24-20002, as follows:

- (i) That City Council adopt Official Plan Amendment 23 (OPA 23) with respect to Additional Residential Units (attached as Appendix A to SRPI.21.023);
- (ii) That City Council enact the Omnibus Zoning By-law to permit Additional Residential Units with appropriate development standards (attached as Appendix B to SRPI.21.023); and,
- (iii) That City Council approve in principle the draft Zoning By-law to permit Additional Residential Units with appropriate development standards (attached as Appendix C to SRPI.21.023) and that the draft Zoning By-law be brought forward to a Council Meeting for enactment, substantially in accordance with Staff Report SRPI.21.023, when Zoning By-law 111-17 (the Yonge and Bernard Key Development Area

Secondary Plan Zoning By-law) receives final approval from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (5): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Councillor West, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Cilevitz

Opposed: (3): Councillor Muench, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Liu

Carried (5 to 3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That staff be directed to report back to Council as soon as possible on the comments of Members of Council regarding enforcement, including a plan to conduct a City wide enforcement blitz to target illegal secondary suites and rooming houses, and the education plan for Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 23 and the Zoning By-law Amendment.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (8): Councillor Muench, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor West, Councillor Chan, Councillor Liu

Carried Unanimously (8 to 0)

13.3 Memorandum from Kelvin Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure, dated March 24, 2021, regarding SRPI.21.023 - Revised Appendices - (refer to Item 13.2 and Proposed By-laws 13-21 (Revised) and 25-21)

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the memorandum from Kelvin Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure, dated March 24, 2021, regarding SRPI.21.023, Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites), City of Richmond Hill, City Files D01-20011 and D24-20002 - Revised Appendices, be received.

Carried

13.4 SRCS.21.06 - Community Garden Agreement Execution

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS.21.06 regarding Community Garden Execution Agreement be received;

b) That the Director of Public Works Operations be delegated the authority to authorize the entry into and termination, administer and execute Community Garden Agreements and renewals thereof.

Carried

13.5 SRCS.21.07 - Real Estate Open House Signs - (By-laws 4-21 and 37-21)

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCS.21.07 regarding real estate open house signs be received;

b) That By-law 37-21 (Attachment 1 to staff report SRCS.21.07) be enacted to amend the Sign By-law 52-09 to allow erection of one real estate open house sign and one open house insert (on the real estate for sale sign) to advertise a real estate open house event;

c) That By-law 4-21 (Attachment 2 to SRCS.21.07) be enacted to amend Schedule 'A' of the Administrative Penalties By-law 69-16, as amended, to include designated Sign By-law offences.

Carried

13.6 SRPI.21.022 - Draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Council receive staff report SRPI.21.022 and the attached Draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan and refer all comments to staff;

b) That the attached Draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan be made publicly available on the City's website for a review and comment period before finalization of the plan.

Carried

13.7 SRPI.21.031 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Amir-Hessam Limited and 668152 Ontario Limited - 11280 Leslie Street - City File D02-17016 - Related File D06-17040

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Amir-Hessam Limited and 668152 Ontario Limited for lands known as Part of Lot 29, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 11280 Leslie Street), City File D02-17015, be approved, subject to the following:

i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Agricultural (A1) Zone under By-law 2325-68, as amended, to Multiple Residential Four (RM4) Zone and Open Space (O) Zone under By-law 55-15, as amended, and that the amending Zoning By-law establish site specific development standards as outlined in Staff Report SRPI.21.031;

ii. that prior to forwarding the amending Zoning By-law to Council for consideration and enactment, the applicant's Site Plan application (City File D06-17040) be substantially completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure;

iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft amending Zoning By-law to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;

b) That the authority to assign servicing allocation to the proposed development to be constructed on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure subject to the criteria in the City's Interim Growth Management Strategy, and that the assigned servicing allocation be released in accordance with the provisions of By-law 109-11;

c) That all comments pertaining to the applicant's related Site Plan application (City File D06-17040) be referred back to Staff.

Carried

13.8 SRPI.21.032 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - 1863106 Ontario Inc. - 11430 Leslie Street - City Files D02-17015 and D03-17005

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 1863106 Ontario Inc. for lands known as Part of Lot 30, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 11430 Leslie Street), City Files D02-17015 and D03-17005, be approved, subject to the following:

i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Agricultural (A1) Zone under By-law 2325-68, as amended, to Residential Wide Shallow Two (RWS2) Zone, Multiple Residential Four (RM4) Zone, Park (P) Zone, Environmental Protection Two (EPA2) Zone and Open Space (O) Zone under By-law 55-15, as amended, and that the amending Zoning By-laws establish site specific development standards as outlined in Staff Report SRPI.21.032;

ii. that prior to the amending Zoning By-laws being brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration and enactment respecting the lands to be zoned Multiple Residential Four (RM4) Zone, Site Plan applications be submitted to the City and be substantially completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure, and confirmation be received that the applicant has registered restrictions over the subject lands under Section 118 of the Land Titles Act where the proposed tenure is a Common Element Condominium;

iii. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-laws to implement the proposed development on the subject lands;

iv. that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 6 to Staff Report SRPI.21.032 be draft approved subject to the conditions set out in Appendix "C" to this report;

v. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law 106-20;

b) That Site Plan Control By-law 137-09, as amended, be further amended to include the subject lands within a Site Plan Control Area to implement the applicant's sustainability commitments and that said by-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration and enactment;

c) That the authority to assign servicing allocation to the proposed development to be constructed on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure subject to the criteria in the City's Interim Growth Management Strategy, and that the assigned servicing allocation be released in accordance with the provisions of By-law 109-11.

Carried

13.9 SRCFS.21.14 - Implementation of Hybrid Council and Committee Meetings

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRCFS.21.14, Implementation of Hybrid Council and Committee Meetings, be received;

b) That the plan to implement hybrid Council and Committee meetings as generally described in staff report SRCFS.21.14, be approved;

c) That in respect of hybrid Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings, Council Public Meetings, and any Committee whose membership does not include any citizen members:

(i) In-person participation or attendance at a meeting be limited to Members of Council and City staff for the months of April and May, 2021;

(ii) In-person delegations or Public Forum addresses begin no earlier than June 2021;

(iii) The Mayor (or Acting Mayor), in consultation with the City Manager and City Clerk, be delegated the authority to delay in-person participation by members of the public as a result of any COVID-19 public health restrictions;

(iv) Where less than four Members of Council, including the Chair, are able to participate in a meeting in-person, that meeting be conducted wholly as an electronic meeting; and

(v) The meeting Chair must participate in-person.

- d) That where the Chair is not able to participate in-person in a hybrid meeting, in accordance with Clause (c)(v) of this resolution, the Chair shall have the discretion to designate an alternate Chair for that meeting while still being permitted to attend and vote at that meeting, or direct that the meeting be conducted wholly as an electronic meeting;
- e) That Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings, Council Public Meetings, and any committee whose membership does not include citizen members, be conducted wholly electronically at any time that York Region is placed in the Grey – Lockdown category of the Government of Ontario’s COVID-19 Response Framework, or any other similar lockdown or stay-at-home order implemented by the Government of Ontario;
- f) That following the lifting of COVID-19 public health restrictions, Members of Council shall normally participate in Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings, Council Public Meeting, and any committee whose membership does not include citizen members, in-person with electronic participation for exceptional circumstances only as determined by the Chair and the Member;
- g) That meetings of Heritage Richmond Hill, the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Committee of Adjustment, and any other committee that includes citizen members, continue as wholly electronic meetings until such time as COVID-19 public health restrictions limiting access to the municipal offices has ended after which these committees, with the exception the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be conducted wholly as in-person meetings with no electronic participation;
- h) That following the lifting of all COVID-19 public health restrictions limiting access to the municipal offices, the Accessibility Advisory Committee be permitted to conduct its meetings either as wholly electronic meetings or wholly in-person meetings at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with the Clerk and committee members;
- i) That the City Clerk be authorized to place on a future Council agenda any by-law required to amend Article 12 of the Procedure By-law to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

13.10 SRCFS.21.07 - Tax Adjustments under Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That taxes amounting to \$12,364.41 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- b) That taxes amounting to \$7,325.22 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- c) That applicable penalty and interest be adjusted accordingly; and
- d) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the accounts receivable accordingly.

Carried

13.11 SRCFS.21.013 - Treasurers Write Off, Municipal Act, 2001, Section 354

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That taxes amounting to \$69,019.20 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 354 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- b) That applicable penalty and interest be adjusted accordingly;
- c) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the applicable property tall roll accordingly.

Carried

13.12 SRCFS.21.011 - 2020 Council and Committees Remuneration and Expenses

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That staff report SRCFS.21.011 and Revised Appendix "A" regarding Council and Committees Remuneration and Expenses, be received for information purposes.

Carried

13.13 Report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021, regarding a complaint (Complaint File Number 0716-11247) under the City's Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021, regarding a complaint against Councillor Muench under the City's Council Code of Conduct, be referred to Council's new Integrity Commissioner, once appointed, for a further review;

b) That upon hiring of a new Integrity Commissioner, they be requested to conduct a full review of the current Council Code of Conduct ("Code") and make recommendations on amending the Code, including but not limited to the recommendations made in the Integrity Commissioner's Report dated March 11, 2020, identified as recommendations #2, #3 and #4 of the report.

A recorded vote was taken on clause a):

In favour: (3): Councillor Cilevitz, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Liu

Opposed: (4): Councillor West, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Chan

Abstain: (1): Councillor Muench

Clause a) Failed to Carry (3 to 5)

A recorded vote was taken on clause b):

In favour: (5): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Chan, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor West, Councillor Muench

Opposed: (3): Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu

Clause b) Carried (5 to 3)

The final motion to read as follows

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That upon hiring of a new Integrity Commissioner, they be requested to conduct a full review of the current Council Code of Conduct (“Code”) and make recommendations on amending the Code, including but not limited to the recommendations made in the Integrity Commissioner's Report dated March 11, 2020, identified as recommendations #2, #3 and #4 of the report.

Carried

Councillor Muench declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* during consideration of the following Motion of Item 13.13. Councillor Muench left the videoconference and did not participate in the voting on this item.

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

a) That the report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021, regarding a complaint (Complaint File Number 0716-11247) under the City's Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, be received;

b) That Councillor Muench be and is hereby reprimanded for breaching of the Code of Conduct on August 6, 2020;

c) That Council requests Councillor Muench to take a training course on the role of a municipal councillor and report to council when this course is successfully completed;

d) That Council recommends that Councillor Muench issue an apology to those directly impacted by the actions referenced in this Integrity Report dated March 11, 2021 in respect to a breach of the Code of Conduct on August 6, 2020.

A recorded vote was taken on clause a):

In favour: (5): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Chan, Councillor Liu, Councillor West, Councillor Beros

Opposed: (1): Acting Mayor DiPaola

Absent: (1): Councillor Cilevitz

Clause a) Carried (5 to 1)

A recorded vote was taken on clause b):

In favour: (2): Councillor West, Councillor Chan

Opposed: (4): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Beros

Absent: (1): Councillor Cilevitz

Clause b) Failed to Carry (2 to 4)

A recorded vote was taken on clause c):

In favour: (2): Councillor West, Councillor Chan

Opposed: (4): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Beros, Acting Mayor DiPaola

Absent: (1): Councillor Cilevitz

Clause c) Failed to Carry (2 to 4)

A recorded vote was taken on clause d):

In favour: (2): Councillor Chan, Councillor West

Opposed: (4): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros, Councillor Liu, Acting Mayor DiPaola

Absent: (1): Councillor Cilevitz

Clause d) Failed to Carry (2 to 4)

The final motion to read as follows

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

a) That the report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021, regarding a complaint (Complaint File Number 0716-11247) under the City's Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, be received.

Carried

13.14 Proclamation - World Autism Awareness Day - April 2, 2021

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That April 2, 2021 be proclaimed as World Autism Awareness Day in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

13.15 Proclamation - 150th Anniversary of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council - April 12, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That April 21, 2021 be proclaimed as the 150th Anniversary of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

13.16 Correspondence from Timothy Dontsos, 34 Yongehurst Road, dated March 21, 2021, regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites) - (refer to Items 13.2 and 13.3)

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the correspondence from Timothy Dontsos, 34 Yongehurst Road, dated March 21, 2021, regarding the Request for Approval on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites), be received.

Carried

13.17 Proclamation - Education and Sharing Day - March 24, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That March 24, 2021 be proclaimed as Education and Sharing Day in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried

13.18 Correspondence from Scott Thompson, 104 Baker Avenue, dated March 23, 2021, regarding the Report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021 - (refer to Item 13.13)

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the correspondence from Scott Thompson, 104 Baker Avenue, dated March 23, 2021, regarding the Report from Norman Groot, Investigation Counsel PC, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated March 11, 2021, regarding a complaint (Complaint File Number 0716-11247) under the City's Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, be received.

Carried

14. Other Business

There were no other business items.

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

15.1 Time Sensitive Member Motion - Councillor Muench - Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill

In the absence of having received a seconder for his Time Sensitive Member Motion, Councillor Muench advised that he would bring forward a Member Motion regarding the Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill to the April 14, 2021 Council meeting.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Muench

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 4-21 - A By-law to amend the Administrative Penalties By-law 69-16 to include designated Sign By-law 52-09 offences

By-law 13-21 (Revised) - A By-law to Amend the following By-laws, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 25-21 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 23 of the City of Richmond Hill Official Plan

By-law 37-21 - A By-law to amend By-law 52-09, being the City of Richmond Hill Sign By-law

Carried

17. Closed Session

17.1 Resolution to Move Into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That Council resolve into a closed session meeting:

- a) To consider matters regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, in Ward 1, pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- b) To consider an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombudsman Act, in respect to the Ontario Ombudsman's Preliminary Report dated March 2021, pursuant to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (2:38 p.m. to 3:09 p.m.)

17.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting (if required)

17.3.1 SRS.21.02 - Sale of Collingwood Road and One Foot Reserve Plan 339 (Whitchurch) - (Item A)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by: Councillor West

- a) That the Clerk be directed to undertake the process to stop up and close Collingwood Road, Plan 339 (Whitchurch) and bring forward a by-law to City Council;
- b) That the lands owned by the City described as Collingwood Road, Plan 339 (Whitchurch) and the One Foot Reserve, Plan 339 (Whitchurch) lying at the east limit of Collingwood Road be declared surplus to the City's needs and that, pursuant to the City's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, Part 1, Paragraph 2, the City's Clerk be directed to give public notice;
- c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and such further documentation as may be required to implement the sale of Collingwood Road, Plan 339 (Whitchurch) and the One Foot Reserve, Plan 339 (Whitchurch) lying at the east limit of Collingwood Road upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried

The City Clerk advised that Council provided confidential direction to staff in Closed Session for Item B, consideration of the Ontario Ombudsman's Preliminary Report dated March 2021, and that there were no recommendations to be made in open session.

18. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at this Meeting

18.1 By-law 42-21

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Beros

That By-law 42-21, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Joe DiPaola, Acting Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk