



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#11-23

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Member present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff
B. Burbidge, Fire Chief
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
N. Khan, Director, Building Division and Chief Building Official

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
J. Stewart, Director, Public Works Operations
C. Treacy, Director, Human Resources
M. Amar, Manager, Aquatics and Fitness
K. Ash, Manager, Recreation Programs
D. Dumrath, Manager, Human Resources
V. Gaiu, Manager, Energy and Waste
L. Hood, Acting Manager, Strategic Communications
T. Markandaier, Manager, Procurement and Chief Purchasing Officer
G. Weaver, Manager, Recreation Facility Operations
A. Chu, Recreation and Culture Business Analyst
A. Daneshvar, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
K. Davey, Communications Coordinator
T. Falvo, Executive Assistant Members to the Mayor
T. Ghobrial, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
M. Hongbo, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
S. Lau, Recreation Systems Analyst
K. Porter, Facility Bookings Clerk
L. Tucci, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner
M. Wong, Executive Assistant to the City Manager
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer
S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Site Plans
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
A. Dunn, Senior Planner - Development
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

1. Call to Order/National Anthem

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)

There were no members of the public who addressed Council during the Public Forum.

3. Council Announcements

Councillor Cilevitz acknowledged the celebration of Purim in the Jewish calendar and highlighted the importance of this celebration and holy day. Councillor Cilevitz advised that today was International Women’s Day, acknowledged fellow female Councillor Carol Davidson, and honoured and thanked all girls and women in Richmond Hill and York Region and all those that support them.

Councillor Liu acknowledged and extended wishes for a happy International Women’s Day. Councillor Liu thanked Operations and Access Richmond Hill staff for their work and effort this past weekend helping Richmond Hill residents during another winter snowstorm.

Councillor Cui acknowledged International Women’s Day and thanked all female staff as well as female residents in Richmond Hill for their contributions and hard work to make the community better.

Mayor West noted the celebration of Purim, as well as the celebration of Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colours, Spring, and Love, and extended best wishes to those residents celebrating Purim and Holi. Mayor West highlighted that today was International Women’s Day with the theme this year being Embrace Equity, and acknowledged all of the women that work for the City of Richmond Hill. Mayor West encouraged everyone to get outside next week during the March Break and shared a reminder of his Maple Syrup Festival on April 1st at Richmond Green Park.

4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Council.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

6. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

7.1 Council Public Meeting C#08-23 held February 15, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#08-23 held on February 15, 2023 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 Council Meeting C#09-23 held February 22, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#09-23 held on February 22, 2023 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 Special Council Meeting C#10-23 held February 28, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#10-23 held on February 28, 2023 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate item 13.2.1 for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Councillor Liu, 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 Mayor West and Members of Council to Darlene Joslin, City Manager, in recognition of her 40 years of service with the City of Richmond Hill

Mayor West made a presentation to Darlene Joslin, City Manager, in recognition of her 40 years of service with the City of Richmond Hill and noted this milestone was being recognized on International Women's Day as a celebration of her demonstrated leadership, commitment and resilience throughout her tenure. He highlighted the impact Darlene has had within the organization and the various leadership positions she has held over the years, and acknowledged the integral role she played during the pandemic. Mayor West, on behalf of Members of Council and the City of Richmond Hill, presented Darlene with a bouquet of flowers and a certificate as an expression of thanks and appreciation for her over 40 years of dedicated service to the community.

Darlene Joslin, City Manager, thanked Mayor West, Members of Council and staff for sharing this special milestone with her on International Women's Day, and reflected on her 40 year career in the place where she and her husband grew up and have raised their family. She highlighted some of the key projects she has had the opportunity to collaborate on including the David Dunlap Observatory, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Oak Ridges Community Centre and Lake Wilcox Park; and expressed her gratitude for the recognition today and for being given the opportunity to help build the community of Richmond Hill.

12. Delegations

There were no delegations.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#01-23 held February 28, 2023

13.1.1 SRPI.23.012 - Heritage Permit - DDO Park Multi-Use Path and Nature Trail Project D12-07228 - (HRH Item 6.3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the heritage permit application to implement the proposed Multi-Use Path and Nature Trail as described in the *David Dunlap*

Observatory Park Heritage Permit Application (attached as Appendix A), be approved.

Carried Unanimously

13.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-23 held March 1, 2023

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#01-23 held March 1, 2023 be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

13.2.1 SRPI.23.008 - Draft Town Park Master Plan - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.008, including the Draft Town Park Master Plan (Attachment A), be received, and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

13.2.2 SRPI.23.023 - Request for Direction - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications - 4Q Commercial WP Inc. - 11160 and 11172 Yonge Street - City Files D01-20013 and D06-20025 - OLT Case Number OLT-22-003759 - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Ontario Land Tribunal be advised that Council does not support the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications submitted by 4Q Commercial WP Inc. for lands known as Lots 4, 6 and Block A, Registered Plan 1642 (Municipal Addresses: 11160 and 11172 Yonge Street), City Files D01-20013 and D02-20025, for the primary reasons outlined in Staff Report SRPI.23.023;

b) That appropriate City staff be directed to appear at the Ontario Land Tribunal in support of Council's position concerning the subject applications and appeals; and,

c) That City staff and the applicant continue discussions towards a resolution of the outstanding appeals and the submission of a

revised development proposal that is supportable and represents good planning.

Carried Unanimously

13.2.3 Request for Flag Raising - Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Day - May 17, 2023 - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the flag raising request for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Day on May 17, 2023, be approved in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

13.2.4 SRPI.23.022 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Playlearn Preschool Inc. - 9741 Bayview Avenue - City File ZBLA-22-0021 (Related File D06-23002) - (CW Item 11.4) - (By-law 33-23)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Playlearn Preschool Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 4, Plan 3640 (Municipal Address: 9741 Bayview Avenue), City File ZBLA-22-0021, be approved;

b) That the amending Zoning By-law as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.23.022 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure, and be brought forward to a regular meeting of Council for consideration and enactment; and,

c) 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 of the subject lands.

Carried Unanimously

13.2.5 Correspondence received regarding the proposed Applications submitted by 4Q Commercial WP Inc. for 11160 and 11172 Yonge Street - City Files D01-20013 and D06-20025 - OLT Case Number OLT-22-003759 - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following correspondence regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications submitted by 4Q Commercial WP Inc. for 11160 and 11172 Yonge Street, be received:

- a) Sherry Zhang, 234 Rothbury Road, dated February 24, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

13.3 Request for Flag Raising - World Down Syndrome Day - March 17 to March 22, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That the flag raising request for World Down Syndrome Day between March 17 and March 22, 2023, be approved in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

13.4 Proclamation - Nowruz Day - March 20, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

- a) That March 20, 2023 be proclaimed as Nowruz Day in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

14. Other Business

There were no other business items.

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 30-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 313-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and By-law 1275, as amended, of the former Township of King

By-law 32-23 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 33-23 - A By-law to Amend By-law 88-86, as amended, of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

Carried Unanimously

17. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That Council move into closed session:

a) To consider matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the 2023 Richmond Hill Professional Fire Fighters Association (RHPFFA) Local 1957 Negotiations (Section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*).

Carried Unanimously

17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (10:26 a.m. to 10:36 a.m.).

17.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

The City Clerk advised that there were no open session recommendations for Closed Session Item A.

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

18.1 By-law 36-23

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That By-law 36-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried Unanimously

19. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk