



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**CW#10-23**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**225 East Beaver Creek Road**

**Richmond Hill, Ontario**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola (Chair)  
Mayor West  
Regional and Local Councillor Chan  
Councillor Davidson  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Liu  
Councillor Cui  
Councillor Cilevitz  
Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager  
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services  
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services  
G. Galanis, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services  
B. Burbidge, Fire Chief  
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services  
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning  
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor  
J. Bennett, Deputy Fire Chief - Operations  
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations  
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development - Site Plans  
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning

L. Penner, Senior Planner - Development  
M. Abrol, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations  
A. Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations  
G. La Moglie, Planner II - Development  
F. Caparelli, Planning Technician  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Strategic Communications  
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer  
J. Walters, Manager, Engineering Subdivisions and Infrastructure Planning  
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development - Subdivisions

Stacy Hushion, Strategy Corp., was in attendance in Council Chambers. Laurie Nelson, Toronto and Region and Conservation Authority was in attendance via videoconference.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Council Announcements**

Councillor Cilevitz congratulated Glemena Bettencourt for organizing the Terry Fox Run that was held at the park at the Oak Ridges Community Centre in which she raised over \$20,000, and thanked Members of Council, Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament for attending and the volunteers for organizing the event.

Councillor Cilevitz shared that she will be hosting Pride in the Park at Amos Wright Park this Saturday between 1 p.m. 4 p.m. to celebrate diversity, inclusion and the LGBTQ2S+ community and extended an invitation for everyone to attend. She also urged residents to join one of the marches being held today in support of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Councillor Cilevitz acknowledged that this Sunday night is Yom Kippur and wished the City's Jewish residents well over the fast.

Councillor Liu shared that he is hosting the Ward 3 Electronic Waste and Clothing Collection Day on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

parking lot at Richmond Green Sports Centre and Park, and invited the community to drop off their unwanted clothing and electronics.

Councillor Thompson noted that he was joined by Deputy Mayor Chan last Sunday to celebrate St. Matthew's United Church in becoming an Affirming Ministry, and noted that people of a vulnerable nature now have a much safer and sacred space to go to as part of the Affirming Ministry program.

Councillor Cui advised that there is a Greenbelt Rally at Richmond Green Sports Centre and Park at 1 p.m. this Saturday, and invited everyone to show their support by attending.

Councillor Cui extended an invitation to everyone to participate in a six kilometre Run for Water in support of Water for Africa at Lake Wilcox Park being held on Sunday, September, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola thanked and congratulated the organizers of the Richmond Hill Terry Fox Run, and noted the growing attendance and success it has achieved over the past years in support of a great cause.

**3. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Mayor West

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

**5. 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*.

**6. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Committee consented to separate Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.6, 12.1, and 12.2 for discussion.

**7. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Councillor Davidson, Committee adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

**8. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**9. Presentations****9.1 Presentation by Lise Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations, and Stacy Hushion, Strategy Corp., regarding the Consultation Summary Report for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan - (refer to Item 11.1)**

Lise Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations, provided introductory remarks regarding the Consultation Summary Report for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. She advised that Council had approved the funding to develop a new strategic plan in 2023, and shared the importance of a strategic plan to guide decision-making. L. Conde introduced Stacy Hushion, Strategy Corp., to share the results of the consultation, and advised that they anticipated coming before Council before the end of the year with a strategic plan for Council's consideration.

Stacey Hushion, Strategy Corp., provided an overview of the strategic plan development project, the importance of strategic planning, project timeline, and described the engagement process undertaken to solicit feedback on the Strategic Plan. S. Hushion described the feedback received from the stakeholder engagement, including strengths to celebrate, opportunities for improvement, and the macro-level challenges experienced by all municipalities. She outlined thirteen high-level recommendations that will drive the development of the Strategic Plan for Council's consideration, and concluded by describing the next phase of the strategic planning process.

**10. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**11. Committee and Staff Reports****11.1 SRCM.23.12 - City of Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Community Engagement Summary – Consultation Summary Report**

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That Council receive the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Consultation Summary Report attached as Appendix A;

b) That all comments on the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Consultation Summary Report be referred back to staff for consideration in writing the draft Strategic Plan;

c) That this report, including the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Consultation Summary Report, be posted on the City's website for comment from the community until October 12, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**11.2 SRCFS.23.047 – Status Update – Pending Items List**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That Staff Report SRCFS.23.047 regarding a Status Update on the Pending Items List be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

**11.3 SRIES.23.001 - Summary Report Q1 to Q2 2023 - Municipal Infrastructure Assumptions under Delegated Authority**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That staff report SRIES.23.001 regarding Summary Report Q1 to Q2 2023, Municipal Infrastructure Assumptions under Delegated Authority, be received for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

**11.4 SRPBS.23.004 - Request for Approval - Memorandum of Understanding with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached as Appendix 'A' to SRPBS.23.004, which sets out the principles, terms and conditions governing the delivery of programs and services by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to the City as per the requirements of the *Conservation Authorities Act*;

b) That the Mayor be authorized to execute the MOU, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services.

Carried Unanimously

**11.5 SRPBS.23.005 - Request for Approval and Comments - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications - Prosper Living Developments Inc. - 741 Carrville Road - City Files D02-13032 and D03-13013 (Related Files D05-13007 and D06-13097)**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Prosper Living Developments Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Registered Plan 1960 (municipal address: 741 Carrville Road), City Files D02-13032 and D03-13013 be approved, subject to the following:

(i) that the subject lands be rezoned from Third Density Residential (R3) Zone to Multiple Residential One (RM1) Zone under By-law 2523, as amended, with site-specific provisions as set out in Appendix 'B' to staff report SRPRS.23.075;

(ii) that prior to forwarding the amending Zoning By-law to Council for consideration and enactment:

(a) the draft Zoning By-law attached as Appendix 'B' to staff report SRPI.23.075 be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services;

(b) confirmation be received that the applicant has registered restrictions over the subject lands under Section 118 of the *Land titles Act*;

(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;

(iv) that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 4 to staff report SRPI.23.003 be draft approved, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix 'C';

(v) that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable Draft Plan of Subdivision processing fee in accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law 83-22, as amended;

b) That the authority to assign 22.80 persons equivalent of servicing allocation to the proposed development to be constructed on the subject lands be delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Building

Services 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, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**11.6 SRPBS.23.006 - Request for Direction - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications - Whitehorn Investments Limited, Stephen-Mitchell Realty Limited, 891566 Ontario Limited and Ledbrow Investments Ltd.**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

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 Whitehorn Investments Limited, Stephen-Mitchell Realty Limited, 891566 Ontario Limited and Ledbrow Investments Ltd. for lands known as Part of Lot 41, Concession 1, E.Y.S. (municipal addresses: 9301, 9325 and 9335 Yonge Street), City Files D01-20015 and D02-20029 (Related City File D06-22036) for the principle reasons outlined in staff report SRPBS.23.006;

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

c) That City staff be directed to continue discussions with the applicant towards resolution of the outstanding appeals and the submission of a revised development proposal that is supportable and represents good planning.

Carried Unanimously

**11.7 SRPBS.23.007 - Request to Terminate and Deregister a Site Plan Agreement - Fei Guan - 91 Lawrence Avenue - City File D06-22073**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That staff report SRPBS.23.007 be received and that the request made by Fei Guan to deregister the Site Plan Agreement made between The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill and Fei Guan for lands known as Lot 46, Plan 1883 (Municipal Address: 91 Lawrence Avenue), City File D06-22073, be approved;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Termination Agreement with Fei Guan upon written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services.

Carried Unanimously

**12. Other Business****12.1 Member Motion - Mayor West - Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM and MARCO members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023) and;

Whereas on August 16, 2023 Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as “an epidemic” in the federal government’s formal response to a coroner’s inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic “in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response,” and;

Whereas on August 20, 2023 at the Association of Municipalities (AMO) conference, OBCM and MARCO declared gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, and joined the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic and;

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender based violence has not kept pace

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City of Richmond Hill also declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, and;
2. The City of Richmond Hill recommends that the Province also declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic;
3. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities and regions in



Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country and;

4. The provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide and;

5. That the Federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada, and;

6. That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary resources to municipalities, regions and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence epidemic.

7. The City Clerk send this motion to Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Leader of Opposition, and Leaders of other Parties, the Local Members of Parliament (MPs); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

**12.2 Member Motion - Mayor West - Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct in Ontario**

Moved by: Mayor West

Whereas all Ontarians, including both municipal staff and elected members of council, deserve a safe and respectful workplace free from harassment and bullying; and

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001, prescribes that municipalities shall have codes of conduct for council and local boards; and

Whereas municipalities and municipal integrity commissioners currently lack the tools to enforce codes of conduct; and

Whereas there are numerous examples of repeated contraventions of codes of conduct, bullying and harassment across the municipal sector; and

Whereas on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mayor David West's Member Motion to support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, was unanimously passed by Richmond Hill Council, but defeated in the Legislature by the Government of Ontario; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has recently consulted and engaged with municipalities across the province on strengthening codes of conduct; and

Whereas on August 20, 2023, at the Association of Municipalities (AMO) conference, the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) passed a motion to reaffirm their past support (and the support of other bodies such as AMO) for strengthening municipal codes of conduct; and called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen codes of conduct for Ontario's municipalities; by including administrative penalties, increased training, strengthened tools for integrity commissioners, and the ability for municipalities to apply for judicial removal of sitting members if advised by their integrity commissioner.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Richmond Hill Council requests that the Government of Ontario introduce legislation to strengthen codes of conduct for Ontario's municipalities; and
2. The proposed legislation include administrative penalties, increased training, strengthened tools for integrity commissioners, and the ability for municipalities to apply for judicial removal of sitting members if advised by their integrity commissioner; and
3. The City Clerk send this motion to Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Leader of Opposition, and Leaders of other Parties, the Local Members of Parliament (MPs); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

**13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**14. Closed Session**

There were no closed session matters.

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.