



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#15-21

Wednesday, April 14, 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, April 14, 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
P. Lee, Director, Director, Policy Planning
T. Steele, Director, Community Standards
S. Kraft, Fire Chief
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Site Plan

L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
M. Fartsalas, Manager, Adjudication
S. Mowder, Planner II - Development
A. Dunn, Planner II - Development
A. Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations

Staff Members present in Committee Room 1:

S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, 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 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.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 Liu remarked on the rise of anti-Asian racism and violence in Canada and around the world and advised of three incidents in his ward where Asian Canadians were targeted with racist comments while walking. He advised that everyone has a role in standing up against racism and took the opportunity to publicly denounce all forms of racism, hate and discrimination, especially toward Asian-Canadians, due to COVID-19 related stigmas. Councillor Liu advised that Richmond Hill takes pride in its diverse multicultural community, and that the City recognizes the difficulties to Asian Canadians during this time. Councillor Liu also advised that he would continue to focus on helping Asian Canadians, including entrepreneurs and small businesses through this difficult time, and acknowledged Council's support and commitment to the same. He also extended an invitation to all Ward 3 Mandarin speaking residents and to the broader Mandarin speaking community, to join a Webinar regarding hate crime prevention that he was hosting, along with the help of York Regional Police Diversity Equity and Inclusion Bureau, on Thursday April 16, 2021.

4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

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

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

- a) Delegation by Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., regarding Item 13.6 - withdrawn
- b) Delegations received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Muench, regarding a Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 14.1)
- c) Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Muench, regarding a Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 14.1)
- d) Closed Session – Item 17.1 a)

Carried Unanimously

6. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Cilevitz declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* on Agenda Item 17.1 a) regarding to resolve into a closed session meeting, as she was named in the matter. Councillor Cilevitz did not join the electronic closed meeting and did not participate in the discussion or voting on that item.

7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

7.1 Council Meeting C#12-21 held March 24, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#12-21 held March 24, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

7.2 Council Public Meeting C#13-21 held March 24, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#13-21 held March 24, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate Items 13.1, 13.2, 13.6, 13.7, 13.8, 13.9, 14.1, 14.2 and 17.1 a) for discussion.

9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

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

10. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

11. Presentations

There were no presentations.

12. Delegations

12.1 Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., regarding the Request for Comments on the Site Plan Application submitted by Golden Heights Real Estate Investment Corporation for 12050 Yonge Street - (refer to Item 13.6)

The delegation by Lauren Capilongo was withdrawn.

12.2 Delegations received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Muench, regarding a Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 14.1)

The following individuals spoke regarding Item 14.1:

a) Michael Manett, MPlan Inc., spoke on behalf of the Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association (LSLA), which he noted was comprised of landowners in the Leslie Street/Stouffville Road area impacted by the motion. He advised that farming was no longer a viable enterprise in the urbanizing City, and that the LSLA was in full support of the motion to study the existing Countryside designation of the area through the ongoing Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) and Official Plan Update. He advised of reasons the current land use designation was no longer appropriate for the area, and shared his belief that study of the issue as part of the MCR would not undermine current Provincial policy. Mr. Manett provided further details on the appropriateness of evaluating the area with respect to the future of farming and long-term land use as part of the MCR, both at the City and Regional level, which was further detailed in his submission as Correspondence Item 13.10 (v).

b) Dr. Sydney Katzman, member of the Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association, noted the mission and objectives of the association, and advised that as a long-term landowner in the subject area, farming had become unsustainable due to the reasons outlined in Councillor Muench's motion. He invited Council to visit the Gormley GO Station at times when the GO train was picking up or dropping off passengers to witness the impact on traffic, which he noted was horrendous and dangerous. He advised that plans to straighten Leslie Street would not alleviate traffic and would make farming more difficult, as noted in his submission as Correspondence Item 13.10 (e). Dr. Katzman notified Council of a study undertaken by Ryerson University on the "Gormley GO Station Community Plan" and asked Council to read their findings before making long-term decisions.

c) Paul Doner, John Doner Limited, outlined the history of his family farm, noted the difficulties in farming in the area due to increased vehicular and train traffic resulting from the Gormley GO station, and the growing risk of becoming involved in an accident. He outlined the obstacles encountered when moving farming machinery on City roads, noted that business was in a state of decline, and that the land base used for farming was shrinking and fragmented, which made it difficult and inefficient to farm. Mr. Doner advised that market prices for land in York Region made it difficult for farming to be profitable, and that farmers who may prefer to relocate to more affordable lands may have difficulty finding potential buyers due to the current land designation. Mr. Doner shared his opinion that the demise of agriculture in the area was inevitable and would occur in the next 20 years, and that steps should be taken to plan for it. He concluded by asking Council to support the motion to evaluate agriculture, and to correctly plan for the responsible transition of the land.

d) Maksim Tarsky, Leslie Street, commented on the growing urbanization of the City, and near their lands located in the Leslie Street and Stouffville Road area. He noted that farming in the area was not possible due to growing traffic and congestion on the roads, and raised concerns regarding increased train traffic in the future. Mr. Tarsky noted the difficulties of farming land that was located in the middle of new residential developments, and shared his support for the motion to study the area, as it was an appropriate time due to the Official Plan reviews underway at the City and Region. He also noted that a petition had collected over 300 hundred signatures in support of the motion.

e) Chris Pereira, M. Behar Planning & Design Limited, shared his support of the motion to review farming and agriculture in Richmond Hill, specifically along the Leslie Street corridor between the North Leslie and Gormley Secondary Plan areas. He advised that his client was a landowner in the area who recently joined the LSLA, and requested on her behalf to consider the motion. Mr. Pereira noted that his client's lands had been subject to growing development pressures in recent years leading to increased land fragmentation, which had affected the viability of those lands for any commercial and agricultural uses. He also advised that his client was having difficulty securing a tenant to farm the land citing issues of viability. As a result of these challenges, Mr. Pereira requested that the lands be assessed for their viability as part of a wider MCR currently underway and as part of a long-term planning exercise for the area.

f) Denis Tarsky, 11990 Leslie Street, noted that the previous speakers were accurate in their depiction of the changing reality of farming in the Leslie Street and Stouffville Road area. He noted the purpose of the MCR and Official Plan reviews, commented on the infrequency of the study, and the importance of conducting a review to determine what was feasible today, in years to come, and to plan for the future. He commented on his desire for the natural features of the land to be protected and enhanced, including growing the Greenbelt where possible. Mr. Tarsky also advised of an online petition circulated to gather support for the motion, noting that 337 signatures had been collected. He concluded by asking Council to support the motion to study the area.

g) Warren Jackson, 12623 Leslie Street, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

h) Gregg Scott, 13433 Leslie Street, owner of a small beef farm, shared his support for the motion to study the area, and requested that Richmond Hill intervene and send communication to the Region to prevent the area north of Bethesda Road and east of Leslie Street from being rezoned from rural to prime agricultural land. He advised that there appeared to be minimal farming on that block of land and that rezoning, in his opinion, made little sense. Mr. Scott noted the challenges he had faced in farming the land due to soil conditions, which was further detailed in his submission as Correspondence Item 13.10 (s), and commented on the difficulty in moving farming equipment due to traffic conditions.

i) Carol Davidson, 25 Green Meadow Crescent, shared her belief that the motion was an attempt to ignore the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Conservation Plan with the result being to open the area up for development. She shared her opinion that Richmond Hill needed places for existing and new residents to connect with nature, see wildlife and breathe fresh air, rather than new settlements. Ms. Davidson shared her observation that during the pandemic people ventured outdoors all year round, and that the trails and parks in Oak Ridges were over capacity. She asked Council to work with landowners and all levels of government, and find ways to rehabilitate Countryside lands in ways that would serve the greater good while protecting the environment.

13. Committee and Staff Reports

13.1 SRPI.21.017 – Lucas Street Community Safety Zone – (By-law 14-21)

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

- a) That Staff Report SRPI.21.017 regarding Lucas Street Community Safety Zone, be received;
- b) That By-law 14-21 (Attachment 1 to staff report SRPI.21.017) be enacted to amend Article “1” of Municipal Code Chapter 1030 regarding Community Safety Zones within the City of Richmond Hill in order to designate Lucas Street from Trayborn Drive to Mill Street as a Community Safety Zone with an effective time of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week; and
- c) That York Regional Police (YRP) be advised of the new Community Safety Zone designation and be requested to provide necessary traffic enforcement.

Carried Unanimously

13.2 SRPI.21.035 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Fifth Avenue Homes (King West) Inc. - City File D15-21004

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

- a) That the request by Fifth Avenue Homes (King West) Inc. to add street names “Chiara Rose” and “Davide Nicola” to the City’s Council Approved Street Name List and the assignment of these street names

to the private streets within the approved residential development on lands known as Lots 1, 2 and 3 and Block A, Registered Plan 484 (Municipal Addresses: 4,6,8,10 and 12 McCachen Street) be approved.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (4): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu

Opposed: (4): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor West, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Chan

Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion Failed to Carry on a Tie Vote (4 to 4)

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the request by Fifth Avenue Homes (King West) Inc. to add street names “Chiara Rose” and “Davide Nicola” to the City’s Council Approved Street Name List and the assignment of these street names to the private streets within the approved residential development on lands known as Lots 1, 2 and 3 and Block A, Registered Plan 484 (Municipal Addresses: 4, 6, 8,10 and 12 McCachen Street) not be supported for the reasons outlined in Staff Report SRPI.21.035.

Motion to Refer

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Beros

- a) That staff report SRPI.21.035 be referred back to staff for further discussion with Fifth Avenue Homes (King West) Inc. on street naming on lands known as Lots 1, 2 and 3 and Block A, Registered Plan 484 (Municipal Addresses: 4, 6, 8,10 and 12 McCachen Street) and report back at the Council meeting on April 28, 2021.

Motion to Refer Carried Unanimously

13.3 SRPI.21.018 – Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Rollinghill Road and Jack Ashton Avenue

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

- a) That the installation of a 'Level 2 Type C' Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) be approved for the north approach of the Rollinghill Road and Jack Ashton intersection;
- b) That an in-year budget in the amount of \$65,000 be approved to implement the PXO identified in a) and any related works identified in staff report SRPI.21.018; and
- c) That the budget identified be funded from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

Carried Unanimously

13.4 SRPI.21.028 - Assumption of Municipal Services, Garden Homes (Bond) Inc., Plan 65M-4570 (Subdivision File 19T-12009); City File D03-12009 - (By-law 50-21)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

- a) That the assumption of the aboveground and belowground municipal services within Plan 65M-4570, Subdivision File 19T-12009, be approved;
- b) That the assumption of the external aboveground and belowground municipal services within the existing Bond Crescent road allowance, associated with Subdivision File 19T-12009, be approved;
- c) That the assumption of the external storm drainage services within Part 1 on Plan 65R-2419, associated with Subdivision File 19T-12009, be approved;
- d) That Elles Street and Wellspring Avenue, within the limits of Plan 65M-4570 (Subdivision File 19T-12009), be assumed as public highway;
- e) That the two year guarantee period of the above noted municipal services commence from September 22, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

13.5 SRPI.21.039 – Request for Approval – Draft Plan of Condominium Application – Collecdev (8868 Yonge) LP – 8868 Yonge Street – City File D05-20008

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the proposed draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by Collecdev (8868 Yonge) LP, for the lands municipally known as Part of Lot 38, Concession 1, W.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 8868 Yonge Street), City File D05-20008, be approved, subject to the following:

- (i) the draft approval be subject to the conditions set out as Appendix “A” to Staff Report SRPI.21.039;
- (ii) 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; and,
- (iii) that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix “A” to SRPI.21.039, if required to do so.

Carried Unanimously

13.6 SRPI.21.034 – Request for Comments – Site Plan Application – Golden Heights Real Estate Investment Corporation – 12050 Yonge Street – City File D06-12089 (Related File D02-10032)

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

- a) That Staff Report SRPI.21.034 with respect to the Site Plan application submitted by Golden Heights Real Estate Investment Corporation for lands known as Part of Blocks F and G, Plan 1916 (Municipal Address: 12050 Yonge Street), City File D06-12089, be received for information purposes and that all comments be referred back to staff; and,
- b) That the authority to assign servicing allocation for 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.

Carried

13.7 SRCM.21.04 - Fire Safety Grant Agreement

Moved by: Councillor Perrelli
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

- a) That staff be authorized to execute a funding transfer payment agreement with the provincial Office of the Fire Marshal for a Fire Safety Grant of \$52,700 for equipment and software to increase training

opportunities and establish a virtual inspection program, as outlined in staff report SRCM.21.04.

Carried

13.8 SRCFS.21.022 – Council Compensation – Remuneration when a Member of Council is Acting Mayor for an extended period of time

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the remuneration paid to Member of Council appointed as Acting Mayor for a period of time greater than one (1) month be the same as the remuneration payable to the Mayor for the duration of the appointment as Acting Mayor.

b) That By-law 45-21, Attachment A to staff report SRCFS.21.022, be enacted to consolidate previous Council decisions in respect to the remuneration paid to Members of Council, as well as authorize remuneration for an Acting Mayor appointed for a period of time greater than one (1) month.

An Amendment was:

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

That the motion be amended by adding the following Clause c):

“c) That this resolution not come into effect until after Mayor Dave Barrow’s return from Council approved leave of absence”

A recorded vote was taken:

- In favour: (2): Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
- Opposed: (6): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor West, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Chan, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu
- Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion to Amend Failed to Carry (2 to 6) on Clause c)

Motion to Refer

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

- a) That Staff Report SRCFS.21.022 be referred back to staff for a report back with detailed financial implications of changes in the Office of the Mayor.

A recorded vote was taken:

- In favour: (4): Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu
- Opposed: (4): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor West, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Chan
- Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion to Refer Failed to Carry on a Tie Vote (4 to 4)

Motion to Defer

- Moved by: Councillor Muench
- Seconded by: Councillor Perrelli

- a) That consideration of Staff Report SRCFS.21.022 be deferred until the Council meeting on May 26, 2021.

A recorded vote was taken:

- In favour: (6): Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu, Councillor Chan, Councillor Cilevitz, Acting Mayor DiPaola
- Opposed: (2): Councillor West, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
- Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion to Defer Carried (6 to 2)

13.9 SRCS.21.08 - Re-appointment of Hearing Officers

- Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli
- Seconded by: Councillor Beros

- a) That SRCS.21.08 regarding the appointment of Hearing Officers be received.
- b) That W. Paul Dray and James B. Georgeff be re-appointed as Hearing Officers pursuant to the Screening and Hearing Officer Bylaw No. 70-16, as amended, for a term ending June 12, 2024.

Carried

13.10 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Muench, regarding a Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 14.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor Muench, regarding a Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill, be received:

- a) Louie Sartor and Daniela Kotack, 11839 Leslie Street, dated April 6, 2021;
- b) Doreen White, 12955 Leslie Street, dated April 10, 2021;
- c) Stephen C., Richmond Hill resident, dated April 11, 2021;
- d) Gloria Marsh, York Region Environmental Alliance, dated April 12, 2021;
- e) Dr. Sydney Katzman, 65 Fifeshire Road, dated April 12, 2021;
- f) Richmond Hill resident, dated April 12, 2021;
- h) Irshad Chaudhry, 0 Leslie Street, dated April 12, 2021;
- i) Thomas Yeung, 107 Maroon Drive, dated April 12, 2021;
- j) Mashoud Nasser, 161 Yorkland Street, dated April 12, 2021;
- k) Sean Hu, 11825 Leslie Street, dated April 12, 2021;
- l) Sean Cisterna, 33 Craigleith Crescent, dated April 12, 2021;
- m) Carol Thompson, 85 Neighbourly Lane, dated April 12, 2021;
- n) Brenda Hogg, 69 Starlight Crescent, dated April 12, 2021;
- o) Gary Christie, 53 Roosevelt Drive, dated April 12, 2021;
- p) Marj Andre, 2 Lucy Drive, received April 13, 2021;
- q) Bruno Family, 68 Park Lane Circle, dated April 13, 2021;
- r) John Emery, 13251 Leslie Street, dated April 13, 2021;
- s) Gregg Scott and Michele Mihalik, 13433 Leslie Street, dated April 13, 2021;
- t) Peter Dennis, 7 Ashdown Crescent, dated April 13, 2021;

- u) Lynda Muir, 5 Lillooet Crescent, dated April 13, 2021;
- v) Michael Manett, MPlan Inc., dated April 13, 2021;
- w) John Li, 206 Brookside Road, dated April 13, 2021;
- x) Frank Soscia, 46 Birch Avenue, dated April 13, 2021;

Carried Unanimously

14. Other Business

14.1 Member Motion - Councillor Muench - Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Whereas, the Province of Ontario is asking for input into the greenbelt expansion and needs (CONSULTATION ON GROWING THE SIZE OF THE GREENBELT) by April 19, 2021;

Whereas, the farming community has encountered significant challenges to continuing its agricultural businesses in Richmond Hill's northeast sector as a result of the approval of the urban West Gormley and North Leslie Secondary Plans resulting in:

- a. development that is encroaching into, and surrounded, farmland;
- b. York Region's road widening and urbanization of Leslie Street and its proposed realignment that has created traffic congestion which has made the operation of farming machinery on local roads a SAFETY CONCERN;
- c. the creation of two new GO Stations with significant infrastructure investment driving further urbanization of the area;
- d. light pollution from urban uses causing substantive challenges to ongoing farming operations; and
- e. the loss of the economic support system for the area farms and the agricultural industry in the area with very little support for these farming operations as it did 20 years ago; and

Whereas, there is very little cropland and innovative production farming is no longer economically viable, with only a few actual farms remaining in the area; and

Whereas, the soil conditions in the area are poor for farming and the lands are not “prime agricultural lands” as the Region and Province have indicated; and

Whereas, the arbitrary sterilization of lands through the current Countryside designation restricts the opportunity for the farming operations to relocate to other more viable jurisdictions to carry on the industry and family farming businesses elsewhere in the Region and Province; and

Whereas, farming and the agriculture business across all areas of York Region and the Province are not the same and a “one size fits all” policy is entirely inappropriate; and

Whereas, soils, urbanization, economic viability, traffic, safety concerns and good long term planning should be taken into account here for the long-term use of farm land and considerations should be made to engage with direct consultation of farmland owners when land policies and land designations are being asserted;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Richmond Hill;

1. Support the future of traditional farming by evaluating the current farming situation in the Northeast area of the City through its Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) by studying the re-designation of Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside lands around and including the Gormley GO Station MTSA;
2. Request that York Region do the same evaluation during its current Municipal Comprehensive Review; and
3. Provide input to the Province related to the Provincial Consultation on Growing the Greenbelt by requesting that the Province study the re-designation of Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside lands; and
4. Encourage the Province of Ontario take the input from these MCR's and carry out a proper evaluation of the

Greenbelt Policies as provided for in its Question 6 related to “Other priorities that should be considered.”

5. Ask the Province of Ontario to assist wherever possible to link designations and consider collaborative approaches including creating a provincial park to create a linear park system within the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt.
6. Send a copy of this resolution to York Regional Council, Members of Provincial Parliament (M.P.P.s) in York Region, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Transportation.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (6): Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Chan, Councillor Muench, Councillor Beros, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Opposed: (2): Councillor West, Councillor Cilevitz

Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion Carried (6 to 2)

14.2 Member Motion - Acting Mayor DiPaola - Fundraising and Sponsorship for Council Community Events

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas a 2018 Compliance Audit completed by Brook Laker and Associates (SRCFS.18.044) recommended that a policy for Council Members' events be developed for the beginning of the 2018-2022 term of Council, to be consistent with the Members of Council Expense Policy and include direction on eligible expenditures, appropriate signing and approval authorities, and regular on-line reporting on the City's website;

And whereas Council considered a report from staff (SRCFS.18.049) on December 11, 2018 which provided a proposed Member of Council Community Event Policy to address this direction;

And whereas Council received SRCFS.18.049 only, meaning that the policy was not enacted;

And whereas the goal of transparency and accountability has therefore not be addressed with respect to Council Community Events, which are defined as a social or fundraising event planned by a Member (or by a Member and Staff acting on behalf of the Member), that has a broad community, cultural or celebratory focus, and is not related to the business, services or decisions of Council or Richmond Hill;

And whereas other Ontario municipalities, such as Brampton, recognize the important work of Members of Council in supporting charitable causes and the need for transparency in Members' involvement and set out parameters for this;

And whereas given the restrictions of the current COVID-19 pandemic, in-person Council Community Events are not being scheduled;

Now therefore Be It Resolved:

- a) That Council declare a moratorium on all Council fundraising and sponsorship for Council Community Events and freeze current funds held by the City for this purpose;
- b) That notwithstanding clause a) of the resolution, in respect to Council Community Events already in the planning or implementation stage as of April 14, 2021, Members of Council may use any funds raised or committed for these events for any direct cost incurred in respect to that event
- c) That staff be directed to report back as soon as possible but no later than the Council meeting on July 7, 2021 with a policy that addresses fundraising and sponsorship by Council members for Council events and the use of these funds for Council's consideration.

A recorded vote was taken on Clause a):

In favour: (4): Councillor Chan, Councillor West, Councillor Cilevitz, Acting Mayor DiPaola

Opposed: (4): Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu

Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion Failed to Carry on a Tie Vote (4 to 4) on Clause a)

A vote was not taken on Clause b) of the motion as it was moot in view of the vote on Clause a).

A recorded vote was taken on Clause c):

In favour: (6): Councillor Cilevitz, Acting Mayor DiPaola, Councillor Liu,
Councillor West, Councillor Muench, Councillor Chan

Opposed: (2): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros

Absent: (1): Mayor Barrow

Motion Carried (6 to 2) on Clause c)

The complete motion reads as follows:

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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Now therefore Be It Resolved:

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Carried

15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

16. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor West

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 14-21 - A By-Law to amend Article "1" in Chapter 1030 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code to designate Lucas Street as a Community Safety Zone

By-law 20-21 - A By-law to Amend By-law 59-11 (as amended by By-law 33-20) Being a By-law to Authorize the Designation of 33 Roseview Avenue (Ira D. Ramer House) Under the Ontario Heritage Act (the "Designating By-law")

By-law 40-21 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2523, as amended, of The Corporation of the former Township of Vaughan

By-law 43-21 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

By-law 50-21 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume external storm drainage; and to establish lands as public highway

Carried

By-law 45-21 being a by-law to provide for the authorization and payment of remuneration of Members of Council and to repeal By-law 169-06 was deferred to the May 26, 2021 Council Meeting along with staff report SRCFS.21.022 – (Refer to Item 13.8)

17. Closed Session

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

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) To consider matters related to the receiving of advice that is subject to: solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and related to litigation affecting the municipality before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice – Divisional Court, Court File Nos. 196/19 and 1230/20, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill et al. ats. Karen Cilevitz (Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25).

Carried

17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (1:19 p.m. to 2:57 p.m.

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

The City Clerk advised that Council provided confidential direction to staff in Closed Session for Item A, 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 51-21

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That By-law 51-21, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Joe DiPaola, Acting Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk