Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#04-23
Wednesday, May 3, 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, May 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan (Chair)
Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
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
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
E. Houdi, Chief of Staff
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
C. Thorne, Assistant City Solicitor
D. Olding, Senior Manager, Richmond Hill Centre Subway
C. Chong, Project Manager Policy, Richmond Hill Centre
M. Logue, Project Manager, Development Partnerships
H. Zhang, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

G. Galanis, Director, Director, Development Planning
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
A. Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center
N. Kalyvas, Director, Facility Management
D. Terzievski, Director, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
C. Treacy, Director, Human Resources
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Subdivisions
A. Henriques, Manager, Development Zoning
S. Mowder, Planner II

Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies Inc., was also in attendance in Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that the coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday, May 6, and that Queen's Park will be hosting a celebration to mark the occasion.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that it was Mental Health Week, and noted the importance of listening to people's stories and showing support of mental health.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan acknowledged that it was Youth Week.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan noted that Richmond Hill was an inclusive and diverse community, and advised of a number of events being celebrated in May which included Armenian Heritage Month, Asian Heritage Month, Jewish Heritage Month, Dutch Heritage Month, and South Asian Heritage Month.

Mayor West acknowledged the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week, and advised that it was a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk's Office. He recognized the work of the City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Council/Committee Coordinators and all those that worked in the Clerk's Office for their professionalism and support of Council and the Community.

Mayor West remarked on his history as a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, expressed his support and excitement, and wished the team all the best.

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: Councillor Cilevitz

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

a) Presentation by Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre and Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies, regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan – (Item 9.1);

b) Delegations received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan – (Item 10.1);

c) Correspondence received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan – (Item 11.11);

d) Correspondence from Brian Chapnik, Vice-Chair, A Better Richmond Hill, regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project - (Item 11.12).

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 11.5 and 11.8 for discussion.

7. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Committee adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

9. Presentations

9.1 Presentation by Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre and Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies Inc.,

regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan - (refer to Item 11.8)

Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Center, provided a brief history of the Richmond Hill Centre (RHC) Secondary Plan, and remarked on the significant public consultation that had taken place. He advised that the RHC Secondary Plan was intended to support the community and Council's vision for Richmond Hill Centre while achieving the necessary conformity to provincial policies.

Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies Inc., commented on the importance of RHC as a key component of the City's urban structure, and reviewed the RHC Secondary Plan study timeline, finalization process, and components that framed the policies of the Secondary Plan which included:

- Vision and Development Principles
- Character Areas and Land Use
- Built Form Height and Density
- Mobility and Transportation
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Community Services and Facilities
- Implementation

L. McGrath noted that the draft Secondary Plan will include policies for transition areas, gateway sites, housing, and servicing stormwater, and concluded by outlining next steps for the RHC Secondary Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the presentation by Anthony Ierullo, Director, Economic Development and Richmond Hill Centre and Leigh McGrath, Urban Strategies Inc., regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

10. Delegations

10.1 Delegations received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan - (refer to Item 11.8)

David Crowley, 43 Greenbelt Crescent, shared his belief that the latest vision of the Richmond Hill Centre had abandoned its original goals and objectives of being a transit-oriented employment and activity destination, as further detailed in his correspondence submitted as Agenda Item 11.11. He shared his opinion that the probability of taking transit varied

with trip destination and vehicle access, and provided various statistics on commuting behaviours. He concluded by advising that in his opinion the updated plan would not work in transportation terms.

John Li, 206 Brookside Road, on behalf of the Richmond Hill Umbrella Residents Group, commented on the job-to-population ratio, and shared his opinion that the Richmond Hill Centre (RHC) Secondary Plan should strive to offset the damage caused by the Provincial Enhanced Minister Zoning Order, rather than exacerbate it. He shared his belief that the city was a “sleepy town”, and that the residents paid the consequences by paying the highest property taxes among comparable cities. He contrasted the job-to-resident ratio of the Union Station Area to the RHC to illustrate its shortcomings, and noted that the area would, in his opinion, become another St. James Town.

Ian Andres, Goodmans LLP, on behalf of Metroview Developments (Garden) Inc. (Metroview), provided a brief history of the development applications submitted by Metroview, noting that they remained under appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal. He shared his opinion that the proposed Richmond Hill Secondary Plan included inappropriate density limits for the West of Yonge Character Area, and that the policies regarding neighbourhood transition and impact had been modified to become more rigid. I. Andres requested that Council remove the maximum density imposed on Schedule 2, and that modifications be made to polices on transition and angular planes, as was further detailed in his correspondence submitted as Agenda Item 11.11.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-22 held June 23, 2022

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the minutes of Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-22 held June 23, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-23 held March 23, 2023

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-23 held March 23, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 SRCS.23.04 - Indoor Turf Facilities

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.04 regarding Indoor Turf Facilities be received.

b) That the 2023 approved capital project for a Feasibility Study to investigate options for an indoor soccer facility at the Richmond Green West Field location be paused to facilitate further detailed analysis of needs and site options.

c) That $50,000 from the Feasibility Study capital account be allocated to facilitate the completion of a detailed needs assessment and analysis of alternative siting options for indoor turf fields.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRCS.23.13 - By-law Review Framework and Schedule of Reviews

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.13 regarding the 4 year schedule for community standards by-law reviews and by-law review framework be received;

b) That the schedule of by-law reviews for the next four years contained within Staff Report SRCS.23.13 be endorsed.

c) That the existing by-laws listed below, and all subsequent amendments to these by-laws be repealed:

i. Convenience Store By-law No. 33-85, Municipal Code Chapter 710

ii. Searchlight By-law No. 89-71, Municipal Code Chapter 749

iii. Sign Hearings By-law No. 264-00, Municipal Code Chapter 741

iv. Fire Setting By-law No. 61-72, Municipal Code Chapter 1037

v. Rooming House By-law No. 54-79

Carried Unanimously

11.5 SRCS.23.03 - Indigenous Action Committee – 1 Year Pilot Project

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Staff Report SRCS.23.03 regarding the Indigenous Action Committee 1 Year Pilot Project be received.

b) That the permit fees for parks, community meeting rooms and gymnasiums be waived for Indigenous groups as outlined in Staff Report SRCS.23.22.

c) That the City provide in-kind promotions and equipment rentals to Indigenous groups wishing to host community events in partnership with the City on dates of national significance as outlined in Staff Report SRCS.23.22.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Thompson, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West, Councillor Cui, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

11.6 SRPI.23.046 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications – Mercedeh Andalibi – 271 Old 16th Avenue - City Files D02-21017 and SUB-21-0004 (D03-21004)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by Mercedeh Andalibi for the lands known as Part of Lot 16, Registered Plan 2113 (Municipal Address: 271 Old 16th Avenue), City Files D02-21017 and SUB-21-0004 (D03-21004), be approved, subject to the following:

(i) that the subject lands be rezoned from Residential Single Family Five (R5) Zone under Zoning By-law 107-86, as amended, to Residential Single Family Three (R3) Zone under By-law 107-86, as amended, with site specific exceptions as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.23.046;

(ii) that the amending Zoning By-law be presented at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting for consideration and enactment;

(iii) that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 5 to Staff Report SRPI.23.046 be draft approved, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “C” to Staff Report SRPI.23.046;

(iv) 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 83-22; and,

b) That 10.53 persons equivalent of servicing allocation be assigned to the subject lands, to be released by the Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure in accordance with By-law 109-11, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

11.7 SRPI.23.048 – Request for Comments - Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project - City File D24-18001

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.048 regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project be received, and that Council refer all comments back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

11.8 SRCM.23.06 - Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 41)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCM.23.06 regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan be received;

b) That Council adopt Official Plan Amendment 41, which constitutes the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan (attached to staff report SRCM.23.06 as Attachment 6), and that the City’s Official Plan be amended in accordance with the policy changes and modifications set out in Official Plan Amendment 41; and

c) That following adoption of Official Plan Amendment 41 by Council, a copy of the amendment be forwarded to York Region for approval.

Carried Unanimously

11.9 SRCFS.23.011 - Revisions to the Proclamation Policy, and the Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy and Procedures

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.011 regarding Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy and Proclamation Policy Revisions be received.

b) That the revised Proclamation Policy (Attachment “B”), Community Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy (Attachment “D”), Customary Flag Configuration Procedure (Attachment “E”), and Flying Flags at Half-mast Procedure (Attachment “H”), attached to Staff Report SRCFS.23.011, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

11.10 SRCFS.23.026 - Richmond Hill’s 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.026 regarding Richmond Hill’s 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received;

b) That the Draft 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRCFS.23.026, be approved;

c) That the approved 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted to the City’s website as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.*

Carried Unanimously

11.11 Correspondence received regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan - (refer to Item 11.8)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the following correspondence regarding the Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan, be received:

1. David Crowley, 48 Greenbelt Crescent, dated April 28, 2023.
2. Ian Andres, Goodmans LLP, on behalf of Metroview Developments (Garden) Inc., dated May 2, 2023.
3. Bruce Hall, Principal, The Planning Partnership, on behalf of 1921318 Ontario Limited, dated May 2, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

11.12 Correspondence from Brian Chapnik, Vice-Chair, A Better Richmond Hill, regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project - (refer to Item 11.7)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That the correspondence from Brian Chapnik, Vice-Chair, A Better Richmond Hill, dated April 29, 2023, regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project, be received.

Carried Unanimously

12. Other Business

There were no other business items.

13. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

14. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor West

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.