



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

CW#16-24

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 9:30 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, November 20, 2024 at 9:32 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Committee Members present in Council Chambers:

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

Committee Member present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
N. Kalyvas, Director, Facility Management
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
G. Onizuka, Assistant City Solicitor
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer

P. Chow, Manager, Policy
K. Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
A. Dickinson, Project Manager, Affordable Housing
V. Gaiu, Manager, Energy and Waste
D. Lau, Project Manager, Climate Change & Sustainable Development
J. Sealey, Program Manager, Traffic Safety and Operations
R. Chen, Corporate Innovation & Continuous Improvement Project Manager
C. Chu, Senior Planner - Policy
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
E. Gach, Intern
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communications Services
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Planning
C. Armenean, Supervisor, Application Services

Nick Michael, N. Barry Lyon Consultants, and Graeme Stewart, ERA Architects, were also in attendance electronically.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting between 11:55 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

2. Council Announcements

Mayor West announced that he attended a local Tim Hortons to launch the Smile Cookie Campaign. He encouraged everyone to support the initiative, noting that all proceeds from Richmond Hill and Vaughan locations will go to York Region Food for Learning.

Councillor Cui announced that a Ward 4 Food Bank Drive will take place this weekend at Elgin Mills Community Centre. He encouraged everyone to contribute by donating canned goods.

Councillor Cilevitz advised that today was Alert Ready Day across Canada, and that a national test of the Alert Ready system was scheduled to take place at 12:55 p.m. in Ontario.

Councillor Davidson highlighted a meeting on road work held in Ward 1 last Monday, describing it as a strong example of the City listening to its residents and democracy in action. She encouraged residents to reach out to their Councillors and expressed gratitude to staff, the Mayor, and residents for their participation.

Councillor Thompson expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to speak at the Richmond Hill Historical Society last night. He also announced that their holiday meeting will take place on December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Public Library, where there will be a lucky draw for several prizes.

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 Shiu

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

a) Delegation by Tarek Luka, 74 Green Ash Crescent, regarding the Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update - (refer to Item 11.6).

b) Delegation by Alex Chestron, 16 Sunshine Drive, regarding the Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets (Speed Limit and Parking) - (refer to Item 11.7).

c) Removal of Item 11.2.2 (Extract - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#08-24 held November 7, 2024 - Proposed 2025 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule).

d) Correspondence from S. Jason D'Elia, ELM Developments, dated November 19, 2024, regarding Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design - (refer to Item 11.9)

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 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.9 and 11.12 for discussion.

7. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

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

8. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

9. Presentation(s)

9.1 Presentation by Dan Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, and Hubert Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic, regarding the Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update

Dan Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, provided background information regarding the Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy (TSOS), and identified the traffic calming measures installed in 2024. He shared data on the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures, resident feedback on those initiatives, and proposed modifications to traffic calming measures based on issues identified by residents. Details on the status of each of the nine key actions identified in the TSOS was also provided, along with an outline of next steps.

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

a) That the presentation by Dan Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, regarding the Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

9.2 Presentation by Chun Chu, Senior Planner, regarding the Final Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design - (refer to Item 11.9)

Chun Chu, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design. She highlighted its purpose, scope and feedback received on the draft version and remarked on the challenges addressed. C. Chu reviewed the final recommended CIP, including its eligibility criteria, incentive streams, and evaluation criteria. She continued by outlining the planned phased incentive intakes, how the CIP will be promoted, and the recommendations within the associated staff report.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the presentation by Chun Chu, Senior Planner, regarding the Final Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

10. Delegation(s)

10.1 Tarek Luka, 74 Green Ash Crescent, regarding the Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update - (refer to Item 11.6)

Tarek Luka, 74 Green Ash Crescent, shared his opinion that traffic calming measures were ineffective and counterproductive. He argued that side street measures like those on Springbrook Drive inconvenience residents and worsen traffic on arterial roads. He also questioned the practicality of bike lanes, criticized their space allocation, opposed concrete curbs on bike lanes and speed cameras on Bayview Avenue, and called for policies better suited to residents' needs.

10.2 Alex Chestron, 16 Sunshine Drive, regarding the Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets (Speed Limit and Parking) - (refer to Item 11.7)

Alex Chestron, 16 Sunshine Drive, expressed concerns regarding removing on-street parking on Sunshine Drive, noting his opinion that it was counterproductive to traffic calming efforts. He argued that parked cars, though few, belong to residents, visitors, or contractors and help slow traffic, discouraging reckless driving. Mr. Chestron urged Council to reconsider the decision.

11. Committee and Staff Reports

11.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH #07-24 held October 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#07-24 held October 3, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Extracts - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#08-24 held November 7, 2024

11.2.1 SRPBS.24.109 - Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South - City File D12-0750 - (HRH Item 6.1)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.109 regarding Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South be received;

b) That Council approve the request to demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 SRCFS.24.027 - Renewal and Support Services with Salesforce for CRM

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.027 regarding Renewal and Support Services with Salesforce for CRM be received;

b) That the sole source renewal of the City Customer Relations Management (CRM) System hosting license, maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to Salesforce Corporation (Canada) for a contract duration of five (5) years and a cost not exceeding \$695,000, exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Appendix "B" Part I, Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 in order to ensure compatibility with existing Salesforce Corporation (Canada) software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff;

c) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services, and upon the recommendations of the Chief Information Officer, be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to affect the contract(s).

Carried Unanimously

11.4 SRCFS.24.053 - Non-Competitive Acquisition, Water Meter Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Reading

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRCFS.24.053 regarding the Non-Competitive Acquisition for the Water Meter Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Reading be received;

b) That a contract for the provision of water meter supply, installation, maintenance and reading be awarded non-competitively to Neptune Technology Group Canada Co. pursuant to Appendix "B" Part I Section (c) of the Procurement By-law 113-16 and Article 513 (c) of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement;

c) That the contract award be for an acquisition value not exceeding \$ 3,000,000 exclusive of H.S.T., pursuant to and for a term of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026;

d) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract.

Carried Unanimously

11.5 SRCS.24.16 - 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Plan

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRCS 24.16 regarding the 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Plan be received,

b) That the 2024 Corporate Energy Plan be endorsed and implementation of recommended energy efficiency and net zero carbon measures be brought forward for approval through the budget process;

c) That the energy efficiency and GHG emissions targets for new City facilities and major retrofits, as described in the 2024 Corporate Energy Plan, be adopted.

d) That staff explore the market for alternate funding and financing options that would reduce or eliminate the municipal capital investment for solar power installations on City Facilities.

Carried Unanimously

11.6 SRIES.24.007 - Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRIES.24.007 regarding Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Update be received;

b) That Council approve the 18 traffic calming locations for traffic calming in 2025, as outlined in Attachment 2 to SRIES.24.007;

c) That Council approve a boulevard 'Slow Down' sign pilot program as outlined in staff report SRIES.24.007.

Carried Unanimously

11.7 SRIES.24.009 - Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets (Speed Limit and Parking)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That staff report SRIES.24.009 regarding Traffic Regulation Changes on City Streets be received;

b) That Council approve the speed limit and parking regulation changes outlined in staff report SRIES.24.009;

c) That By-law 129-24 (Attachment 3 to staff report SRIES.24.009) be enacted to amend the Speed Restrictions - Roads By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1126) in order to reduce the speed limit on the identified roads to 40 km/h;

d) That By-law 130-24 (Attachment 4 to staff report SRIES.24.009) be enacted to amend the Parking Regulation By-law, as amended (Municipal Code Chapter 1116) in order to implement the recommended parking regulation changes.

Carried Unanimously

11.8 SRPBS.24.092 - Park Naming Report (Heron View Park)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the proposed name “Heron View Park” be approved in principle for the site described in staff report SRPBS.24.092;
- b) That the proposed name “Heron View Park” be advertised on the City’s website with request for public comments in accordance with the City’s Policy for Naming and Renaming Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities;
- c) That staff report back to Council regarding public comments on the proposed “Heron View Park” name and with a final recommendation for naming the site.

Carried Unanimously

11.9 SRPBS.24.103 - Request for Approval - Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design

Moved by: Mayor West

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.103 regarding the Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design, be received;
- b) That the Community Improvement Plan Project Area (Proposed By-law 133-24, attached as Appendix A to staff report SRPBS.24.103) and the Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design (Proposed By-law 134-24, attached as Appendix B to staff report SRPBS.24.103), be approved.

Carried Unanimously

11.10 SRPBS.24.112 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - 2706379 Ontario Limited - 12600 Bayview Avenue - City File AA-24-0051

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.112 regarding a Private Street Naming Application submitted by 2706379 Ontario Limited for the lands known as Block 226, Registered Plan 65M-3802 (municipal address: 12600 Bayview Avenue) be approved subject to the following:
 - i. That the proposed private street Baldwin Ransom Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.112; and
 - ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street name in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.112.

Carried Unanimously

11.11 SRPBS.24.113 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Deergate Holdings Inc. - 11546 Leslie Street - City File AA-24-0053

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.113 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by Deergate Holdings Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 31, Concession 2, E.Y.S. (municipal address: 11546 Leslie Street) be approved subject to the following:

- i. That the proposed private street Douglas Sanders Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.113; and
- ii. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to implement the approval of the street name in accordance with staff report SRPBS.24.113.

Carried Unanimously

11.12 SRCM.24.13 - Richmond Hill Service Charter

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

a) That the Richmond Hill Service Charter as outlined in staff report SRCM.24.13 be approved.

Carried

11.13 Correspondence from S. Jason D'Elia, ELM Developments, dated November 19, 2024, regarding Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design – (refer to Item 11.9)

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the correspondence from S. Jason D'Elia, ELM Developments, dated November 19, 2024, regarding Community Improvement Plan for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Design, 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. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.