Council Meeting

Minutes

C#17-25
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 9:30 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, June 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
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
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
K. Graham, Manager, Development Planning
S. Huycke, City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Debi, Director, Communications Services
F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We are gathering on lands that have been home to First Nations Peoples from time immemorial. We acknowledge that what we now call Richmond Hill is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. We also recognize that we are on part of the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron Wendat.

We would also like to acknowledge all First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples from across North America, also known as Turtle Island, who now reside in the City of Richmond Hill. We are committed to rebuilding constructive and cooperative relationships.

3. National Anthem

The National Anthem was played.

4. Public Forum (not exceeding fifteen minutes)

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

5. Council Announcements

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola extended his thanks to staff, volunteers and sponsors for their contributions to the Community Barbeque held this past Saturday at the Mill Pond Park noting it was a very successful event.

Councillor Cui shared that June 14th is the Ward 4 community garage sale and advised that if it rained on Saturday the event would be postponed to the following weekend.

Councillor Liu advised that on Friday he is hosting the Annual Ward 3 Community Barbeque and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

6. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

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

7. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

8. 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*.

9. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

9.1 Council Public Meeting C#14-25 held May 27, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#14-25 held on May 27, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

9.2 Council Meeting C#15-25 held May 28, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#15-25 held on May 28, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented not to separate any items for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

On a motion of Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion including the By-laws.

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

14. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#09-25 held June 4, 2025

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting CW#09-25 held June 4, 2025, be adopted and the following recommendations be approved:

15.1.1 SRPBS.25.050 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Golden Ambra Highrise Inc. - 10920 Yonge Street - City File D02-19016 (Related File D06-21073) - (CW Item 11.1) - By-laws 58-25 and 71-25

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Golden Ambra Highrise Inc. to remove the Holding (H) provisions applicable to lands known as Part of Lot 52, Concession 1, W.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 10920 Yonge Street), City File D02-19016, be approved and that the Zoning By-law Amendments attached hereto as Appendices “A” and “B” be brought forward to the June 11, 2025 Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

15.1.2 SRCM.25.08 - Economic Development Mission to Hannover Messe - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRCM.25.08 regarding the Economic Development Mission to Hannover Messe, be received.

Carried

15.1.3 SRS.25.02 - Conveyance of Easement to Enbridge Gas Inc. located at 0 Pebblelane Court W/S (legally described as Block 10 on Plan 65M-3415) - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to implement the conveyance of an easement as shown as Part 1 on Draft Reference Plan prepared by J. D. Barnes Limited dated April 22, 2025 being Reference No. 25-12-073-00 to Enbridge Gas Inc. upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.

Carried

15.1.4 SRCFS.25.023 - 2025 Final Levy By-Law and Tax Rates - (CW Item 11.4) - (By-law 56-25)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That By-law 56-25 be enacted in the form of the draft By-law attached to SRCFS.25.023 to establish and adopt tax rates for 2025 on the assessment in each property class staff report SRCFS.25.023 be received;

b) That the billing and collection of taxes, special assessments, defaulted fines and fees including the tax installment due dates for residential and non-residential properties be authorized; and

c) That the Treasurer be provided delegated authority to adjust billing and collection of taxes, special assessments, defaulted fines and fees including the tax installment due dates for residential and non-residential properties in the event of a postal service disruption.

Carried

15.1.5 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Council Public Meeting Start Times - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, Council Public Meetings are intended to allow residents to voice concerns, ask questions, and provide feedback on planning applications and zoning changes; and

Whereas, lengthy meetings with packed agendas can stretch late into the evening, making it harder for residents to participate and adding strain on Richmond Hill staff and attendees.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the start times of Council Public Meetings for Planning Matters under Article 8 of the Procedure By-law be changed to 6:00 p.m. effective September 1, 2025; and

That the City Clerk be directed to place a by-law to make the necessary amendments to the Procedure By-law to reflect the change to the Council Public Meeting start time to 6:00 p.m.

Carried

16. Other Business

There were no other business items.

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

18. By-laws

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 56-25 - A By-Law to provide for the levy and collection of the sums required by The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill for 2025 and to provide for the mailing of notices demanding payment of taxes for 2025

By-law 58-25 - A By-Law to Amend By-law 111-17, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 69-25 - A By-Law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services

By-law 71-25 - A By-Law to Amend By-law 30-25, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 73-25 - A By-law to Designate 297 Richmond Street (the William Innes House) under the Ontario Heritage Act

Carried

19. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

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

20.1 By-law 78-25

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Davidson

That By-law 78-25, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk