Council Meeting

Minutes

C#17-26
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 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, September 16, 2026 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
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
D. Guy, Director, Community Standards
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
P. Chow, Manager, Policy
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning
M. Kotylak, Manager, Procurement Services

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R. Pooya, Manager, Financial Process and Solutions
M. Raza, Manager, Fiscal Strategy and Long-Term Planning
M. Shum, Manager, Financial System and Policy
S. Tu, Manager, Financial Reporting and Accounting
B. Yu, Manager, Investments and Treasury
A. Li, Supervisor Operating Budgets
M. Meszaros, Supervisor, Procurement Services Capital and Constructions Specialist
D. Selicean, Supervisor Capital Budget
J. Concepcion, Financial Management Advisor
S. Desphande, Financial Management Advisor
P. Dhillon, Financial Management Advisor
H. Leung, Financial Management Advisor
S. Wang, Financial Management Advisor
M. Cerritos, Procurement Category Specialist
A. Lechadores, Procurement Category Specialist
S. Luebke, Procurement Category Specialist
R. Nagpal, Procurement Business Specialist
J. Wu, Procurement Category Specialist
M. Chen, Procurement Administrator - Supplier and Contract Performance
E. Szabo, Intern
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
M. Yim, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

C. Milne, Chief of Prevention
A. Chu, Manager, Recreation Administrative Services
M. Fartsalas, Manager, By-law Policy and Adjudication
H. Ng, Manager, Transportation and Traffic
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
J. Walters, Manager, Engineering Subdivisions and Infrastructure Planning
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

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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

Councillor Cilevitz shared that last Friday was the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah and this upcoming Sunday was Yom Kippur and wished everyone celebrating Shanah Tova.

Councillor Shiu advised that this past Monday was the ceremony for the new Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge that opened at the DDO Park, extended his thanks to everyone who contributed to the bridge, and noted that cycling on the bridge was welcomed but no other form of micromobility was permitted.

Councillor Shiu acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the current Term of Council and extended his thanks and appreciation to the City Manager, Executive Leadership Team and staff for all of their help and support to Council and Ward 6.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola advised that this Sunday, September 20th was the annual Richmond Hill/Oak Ridges Terry Fox Run at the Oak Ridges Community Centre and noted that anyone interested in participating were welcome to attend.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan also acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the current Term of Council and extended his sincere appreciation to

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Council and staff, and acknowledged the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services and her staff for their work in receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that the Mooncake Festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival, would be taking place in 10 days and extended best wishes and a note to everyone to take time to celebrate with family.

Mayor West also acknowledged the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival and echoed the comments made regarding the Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge that opened at the DDO Park, sharing the many benefits it would bring to the community.

Mayor West also advised that the annual Richmond Hill/Oak Ridges Terry Fox Run was taking place on Sunday at the Oak Ridges Community Centre and paid tribute to Terry Fox and his great work and legacy that continues to benefit the country.

Mayor West extended his thanks to fellow Members of Council for all of their hard work over the past Term acknowledging the respectful working relationship they had with each other, extended his thanks to staff for their passion and dedication, and wished all of the candidates in the upcoming municipal election good luck.

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: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

a) Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner, Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, regarding Revisions to proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and the proposed Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (Item 15.7);

b) Additional correspondence received regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (Item 15.8);

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c) Correspondence received regarding Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project - (Item 15.9);

d) Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd, on behalf of Fernbrook Homes, regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 – (Item 14.3).

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 Meeting C#15-26 held July 15, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#15-26 held on July 15, 2026, be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.2.4, 15.2.5, 15.2.7, 15.2.10, 15.2.11, 15.7, 16.1 and 16.2 for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

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

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

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13. Presentation(s)

13.1 Presentation by Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2026 to Mayor West and Members of Council

Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, made a presentation to Mayor West and Members of Council of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2026. She noted this was the City's third consecutive year receiving the award, with special recognition for its strategic goals and strategies and capital program, which achieved the highest possible scores in the review. The award recognized the City's commitment to financial transparency, accountability, continuous improvement, and the preparation of high-quality budget documents that clearly communicate priorities, support informed decision-making, and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public resources.

13.2 Presentation by Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, of the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award to Mayor West and Members of Council

Gigi Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer, made a presentation to Mayor West and Members of Council of the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award. She advised that Richmond Hill was one of only 13 Canadian organizations to receive the award, recognizing excellence in innovation, leadership, and continuous improvement in public procurement. The achievement reflected the progress of the City's procurement transformation initiative in modernizing processes, strengthening governance, and leveraging technology to improve service delivery and value for the organization and community. G. Li acknowledged all Staff Teams, as well as Council and the Executive Leadership Team for their leadership and support.

Mayor West congratulated staff on the two awards and recognized their contributions to the effective operation of the municipality and the City's national recognition.

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14. Delegation(s)

14.1 Gina Strati, Board Member TH-C, 1401-15 David Eyer Road, regarding Fireworks By-law Enactment - (refer to Item 15.2.4)

Gina Strati, Board Member TH-C, 1401-15 David Eyer Road, representing residents of the Elgin East Bayview community, addressed Council regarding noise, fireworks and community impacts from the local Hindu Temple at Bayview Avenue and Elgin Mills Road. She noted the importance of balancing religious freedom with residents' right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes and requested consistent neutral enforcement of municipal standards relating to noise, operating hours, amplified sound, fireworks, parking and traffic, as well as reasonable limits on high-impact activities, advance public notification of events, a process for residents to report concerns and consideration of emergency access and traffic impacts, as further detailed in her written submission included as Agenda Item 15.4.

14.2 Kevin Lee, 1208-10 David Eyer Road, regarding Fireworks By-law Enactment - (refer to Item 15.2.4)

Kevin Lee, 1208-10 David Eyer Road, and President of the Townhouse Board, on behalf of condominium residents, addressed Council regarding recurring disturbances associated with celebrations at the nearby Hindu temple, including fireworks, amplified music, and chanting. He noted that residents respect the temple's religious and cultural activities but are seeking reasonable quiet enjoyment of their homes. K. Lee requested enforcement of applicable noise, fireworks, and permit by-laws, advance notice of major events, and reasonable limits on event hours, amplified sound, and fireworks, applied consistently and neutrally to all organizations and residents.

14.3 Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Fernbrook Homes, regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (refer to Items 15.2.10 and 15.7)

Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Fernbrook Homes, addressed Council regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25. She requested amendments to permit up to 25 storeys and 5.0 FSI for the proposed workforce housing

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development at 10423 Yonge Street, and to allow the required pedestrian connection to Kozak Park to be provided through a publicly accessible easement rather than land dedication, as detailed in her written correspondence included as Agenda Item 15.8.

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Budget Committee of the Whole meeting BCW#03-26 held September 8, 2026

That the minutes of Budget Committee of the Whole meeting BCW#03-26 held September 8, 2026, be approved as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.1.1 SRCFS.26.024 - Capital Project Financial Status Report - (BCW Item 5.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRCFS.26.024 regarding Capital Project Financial Status Report, be received;

b) That all capital projects listed in Appendix “A” to staff report SRCFS.26.024:

i. Be closed;

ii. Projects with a net surplus of $15.07 million be returned to sources as identified.

c) That the Budget and Funding Adjustments resulting in a net draw of $4.16 million from reserves and reserve funds, as outlined in Appendix “B" to staff report SRCFS.26.024, be approved.

Carried

15.1.2 SRCFS.26.025 - 2026 Year-End Operating Forecast - (BCW Item 5.2)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRCFS.26.025 regarding 2026 Year-End Operating Forecast, be received for information purposes.

Carried

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15.2 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#11-26 held September 9, 2026

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#11-26 held September 9, 2026, be approved as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.2.1 SRCFS.26.026 - Tax Adjustments under Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act - (CW Item 8.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That taxes amounting to $15,492.39 be adjusted pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

b) That taxes amounting to $4,040.85 be adjusted pursuant to the provisions of Section 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

c) That applicable penalty and interest be adjusted accordingly; and,

d) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the accounts receivable accordingly.

Carried

15.2.2 SRCM.26.13 - Delegated Authority Summer Recess Accounting - Reference By-law 86-20 as amended by By-laws 113-20, 52-24, 159-25 (July 20 to August 31, 2026) - (CW Item 11.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRCM.26.13 regarding Delegated Authority Summer Recess Accounting, be received for information.

Carried

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15.2.3 SRCFS.26.027 - Renewal and Support Services with Tyler Technologies for Enterprise Permitting and Licensing (EPL) - (CW Item 11.2)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRCFS.26.027 regarding Renewal and Support Services with Tyler Technologies for Enterprise Permitting and Licensing (EPL), be received;

b) That the sole source renewal of EPL (formerly EnerGov) software licenses, maintenance and support be awarded non-competitively to Tyler Technologies, for a contract duration of two years, and a cost not exceeding $530,000.00 CAD, exclusive of taxes, pursuant to Section 10.3(b)(v) of Procurement By-law 76-25, in order to ensure compatibility with existing Tyler software used and maintained by the City of Richmond Hill staff.

Carried

15.2.4 SRCS.26.09 - Fireworks By-law Enactment - (CW Item 11.3) - (By-laws 84-26, 85-26 and 86-26)

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That staff report SRCS.26.09 regarding Fireworks By-law Enactment, be received;

b) That Fireworks By-law 84-26, attached as Attachment 1 to staff report SRCS.26.09, be enacted, Fireworks By-law 77-10 be repealed and Municipal Code Chapter 1041 be updated accordingly;

c) That By-law 85-26, attached as Attachment 2 to staff report SRCS.26.09, be enacted to amend the City's Noise By-law 43-20 (Municipal Code Chapter 1055); and

d) That By-law 86-26, attached as Attachment 3 to staff report SRCS26.09, be enacted to include designated Fireworks By-law violations in Schedule 'A' of the City's Administrative Penalty By-law 69-16, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

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15.2.5 SRIES.26.007 - Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy (TSOS) Update Report - (CW Item 11.4)

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

a) That staff report SRIES.26.007 regarding Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy (TSOS) Update Report, be received;

b) That the updated safety policies within the Traffic Safety and Operation Strategy, attached as Attachment 4 to staff report SREIS.26.007 be approved with the following amendment:

1. That all current policy requirements for Council to approve the installation and removal of traffic calming measures recommended by staff be maintained.

A recorded vote was taken on Clause b):

In Favour: (5): Councillor Davidson, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Shiu, Councillor Liu

Opposed: (4): Councillor Cilevitz, Mayor West, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Ciu

Clause b) Carried (5 to 4)

Clause a) was voted on separately:

Clause a) Carried Unanimously

The complete motion to read as follows:

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

a) That staff report SRIES.26.007 regarding Traffic Safety and Operations Strategy (TSOS) Update Report, be received;

b) That the updated safety policies within the Traffic Safety and Operation Strategy, attached as Attachment 4 to staff report SREIS.26.007 be approved with the following amendment:

1. That all current policy requirements for Council to approve the installation and removal of traffic calming measures recommended by staff be maintained.

Carried

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15.2.6 SRIES.26.011 - 19T-06006 Authorize Land Conveyance to Urbacon Properties Limited - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRIES.26.011 regarding 19T-06006 Authorize Land Conveyance to Urbacon Properties Limited, be received;

b) That lands described as part of Block 15, Plan 65M-4114, more particularly described as Part 4 on Plan 65R-41938, be conveyed to Urbacon Properties Limited for nominal consideration subject to Urbacon Properties Limited paying all costs related to the transfer and registration of the lands.

Carried

15.2.7 SRPBS.26.034 - Request for Approval - Committee of Adjustment Terms of Reference Update - (CW Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.034 regarding Committee of Adjustment Terms of Reference Update, be received;

b) That the Committee of Adjustment Terms of Reference adopted by Council on June 24, 2008, as amended on December 7, 2022, be further amended in accordance with the revisions set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.034.

Carried

15.2.8 SRPBS.26.050 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium Application - 9120 Leslie Street Inc. - 9120 Leslie Street - City File CON-23-0003 - (CW Item 11.7)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by 9120 Leslie Street Inc., municipally known as 9120 Leslie Street and 23, 25, and 27 West Beaver Creek Road, City File CON-23-0003, be draft approved, subject to the following:

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i. that draft approval be subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.050; and,

ii. that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.050, if required.

Carried

15.2.9 SRPBS.26.052 - Request for Information: Environmental Sustainability - Current Practices and Opportunities for Events - (CW item 11.8)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.052 regarding Request for Information: Environmental Sustainability - Current Practices and Opportunities for Events, be received.

Carried

15.2.10 SRPBS.26.053 - Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 (City File MOPA-23-0006) and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 (City File MZBA-26-0001) - (CW Item 11.9) - (By-laws 81-26 and 82-26)

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

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.053 regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 (City File MOPA-23-0006) and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 (City File MZBA-26-0001), be received;

b) That Official Plan Amendment 18.9, City File MOPA-23-0006, attached as Attachment 1 to the Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, regarding Revisions to proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and the proposed Amendment to City’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be adopted with the following changes:

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1. That Attachment 1 to the Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, be revised as follows:

i. Sub-policies 6(12)(a), (b), and (c) be deleted, and

ii. Sub-policy 6(12)(d) be modified as follows:

"The Owner of the lands shall be required to obtain approval pursuant to Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, and enter into an agreement with the City obligating the Owner to provide to the City, at no cost, a publicly accessible access easement with a minimum width of 5.5 metres to provide a continuous pedestrian/cycling link between Yonge Street and Kozak Park. The location and limits shall be determined through the site plan approval process"

c) That a copy of Official Plan Amendment 18.9 be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval;

d) That in accordance with subsection 26(7) of the Planning Act, Council hereby declares by resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that Official Plan Amendment 18.9 meets the requirements of subsections 26(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Planning Act, as part of a phased approach wherein a subsequent Official Plan amendment(s) addressing the requirements referenced under subsection 17(21.1) of the Planning Act will be brought forward once the Provincial regulation(s) regarding 'Streamlining the information and material that planning authorities can require as part of a complete application' (Environmental Registry of Ontario) comes into full force and effect;

e) That the draft Zoning By-law Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, as amended, City File MBZA-26-0001, attached as Attachment 2 to the Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, regarding Revisions to proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and the proposed Amendment to City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be enacted with the following changes:

Unadopted

1.That Attachment 2 to the Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, be revised as follows:

i. Schedule B be modified to delete and replace the maximum density of “4.0” with “5.0” for the property at 10423 Yonge Street, and

ii. Schedule C be modified to delete and replace the maximum podium height of “7(s)” with “6(s) & 23(m)” and maximum total building height of “15(s)” with “25(s)” for the property at 10423 Yonge Street; and

f) That pursuant to subsection 34(17) of the Planning Act, Council deem no further notice shall be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-law Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

15.2.11 SRPBS.26.055 - Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project - (CW Item 11.10)

Motion to Refer:

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That staff report SRPBS.26.055 regarding the Pilot Disc Golf Project be referred back to staff with direction to further explore opportunities for disc golf in Richmond Hill and report back to the 2026–2030 term of Council, {timeframe tbd} including, but not limited to:

a) Identify parks or other City lands where disc golf could potentially be combined with other City objectives, such as removing invasive species, restoring and planting native trees and plants, environmental education and community stewardship;

b) Consider other locations where disc golf could potentially work, including underutilized parks or areas within parks that may not lend themselves to more traditional recreational

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activities, even if they do not provide the environmental opportunities described above;

c) Consider different sizes and forms of disc golf, including courses as small as three holes, as well as larger courses, rather than assuming that a course needs to have 9 or 18 holes;

d) Consider different ways disc golf could be introduced, including seasonal, temporary, pilot or permanent installations, as well as possible partnerships with other organizations or landowners;

e) Consult with organizations and others who have experience planning and designing disc golf, including those with experience combining disc golf with natural areas, environmental restoration, education and stewardship; and,

f) Report back with the opportunities identified, possible locations, estimated costs and other information Council would need to decide whether and how it wishes to proceed.

g) That no funding be allocated and no location be selected for a disc golf project until the further report has been considered by Council.

A recorded vote was taken:

In Favour: (4): Mayor West, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Cui

Opposed: (5): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Liu, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Shiu, Regional and Local Councillor Chan

Motion to Refer Failed to Carry (4 to 5)

15.2.12 SRPBS.26.061 - Request for Approval - Private Street Naming Application - Southbury Homes (King Oak Estates) Inc. - City File AA-26-0015 - (CW Item 11.11)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.061 regarding a Street Naming Application submitted by Southbury Homes (King Oak Estates) Inc. (City File AA-26-0015) for the lands municipally known as 11 McCachen Street be approved subject to the following:

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i. That the proposed private street name Earle Whitney Davis Lane (P) be approved in accordance with staff report SRPBS.26.061; 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.26.061.

Carried

15.2.13 SRPBS.26.062 - Request for Approval - Draft Plan of Condominium - Sunny Communities (Elgin Mills) Inc. - 1080 Elgin Mills Road East - City File D05-17003 (Related City Files D02-14035, D03-14014, D06-17041) - (CW Item 11.12)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the draft Plan of Condominium application submitted by Sunny Communities (Elgin Mills) Inc. municipally known as 1080 Elgin Mills Road East, City File D05-17003, be draft approved, subject to the following:

i. that draft approval be subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.062; and,

ii. that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Condominium Agreement referred to in Appendix “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.062, if required.

Carried

15.2.14 Correspondence received regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (CW Item 11.13)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be received as follows:

1. Alex Lusty, Davies Howe LLP, on behalf of Mon Sheong Court Residence at 11211 Yonge Street, dated July 3, 2026.

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2. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltdl, on behalf of 2705785 Ontario Ltd. c/o Dilawri Real Estate Group Inc. (“Dilawri”), dated August 27, 2026.
3. Meaghan McDermid, Davies Howe LLP, on behalf of Stonecourt Construction Inc., dated August 28, 2026.

Carried

15.2.15 Extracts - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-26 held September 3, 2026 - (CW Item 11.14)

15.2.15.1 SRPBS.26.059 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street - City Files D12-07436 and D12-07438 - (CW Item 11.14.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

Whereas the City is committed to supporting heritage conservation through its cultural heritage planning processes and programs, such as the designation of properties under the Ontario Heritage Act, maintaining a Heritage Register, providing Heritage Permit processes, and providing a Heritage Grant Program;

Whereas in accordance with the amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act per Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and Bill 200, Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 all heritage non-designated properties will automatically be removed from the City’s Heritage Register on January 1, 2027;

Whereas the City has been actively pursuing the designation of priority heritage non-designated properties under its heritage designation strategy in response to this deadline since 2023;

Whereas the owners of heritage designated properties may be subject to additional requirements related to the maintenance, repair and alteration of their properties in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the City’s Property Standards By-law, including additional and/or increased costs

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related to building repairs, municipal processes and the retention of specialized heritage consultants, contractors, and tradespeople;

Whereas the City has taken measures to help alleviate concerns related to such increased costs by updating the Heritage Grant Program to provide financial assistance in the form of a 50% matching grant up to an annual maximum of $15,000 per property.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

a) That consideration of staff report SRPBS.26.059 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street, City Files D12-07436 and D12-07438, be deferred to the December 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting to permit more consultation between staff and the owner;

b) Staff be directed to review and streamline the City's existing Heritage Planning processes and programs, including considering new processes and programs that may more effectively incentivize owners of heritage designated Places of Worship to conserve these properties, with a report back to Council in 2027.

Carried

15.2.15.2 SRPBS.26.060 - Notice of Intention to Designate 11339 Yonge Street - City File D12-07484 - (CW Item 11.14.2)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That staff report SRPBS.26.060 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 11339 Yonge Street, be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 11339 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in recognition of its

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cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 11339 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.26.060;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act; and

d) That, if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, staff be directed to place a Designation By-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption.

Carried

15.2.16 Correspondence received regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Support for the land use re-designation of the Lauremont School properties - (CW Item 11.15)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding the Member Motion submitted by Mayor West regarding Support for the land use re-designation of the Lauremont School properties, be received as follows:

1. Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated September 3, 2026.
2. Sharon Chisholm, 81 Shaftsbury Avenue, dated September 7, 2026.

Carried

Un-adopted

15.2.17 Additional Correspondence received regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (CW Item 11.16)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the additional correspondence regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be received as follows:

1. Adam Layton, Goldberg Group, on behalf of 9712 Yonge Street General Partner Inc. and 9712 Yonge Street Limited Partnership, dated September 3, 2026.
2. Adam Layton, Goldberg Group, on behalf of 2593000 Ontario Ltd., dated September 3, 2026.
3. Adam Layton, Goldberg Group, on behalf of 2753502 Ontario Ltd., dated September 3, 2026.
4. Alex Lusty, Davies Howe LLP, on behalf of Mon Sheong Court Residence, dated September 4, 2026.
5. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons, on behalf of Parkway Hotels and Convention Centre Inc., dated September 5, 2026.
6. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons, on behalf of Fernbrook Homes, dated September 6, 2026.
7. Adam Layton, Goldberg Group, on behalf of Laurier Homes (Richmond Hill) Inc., dated September 8, 2026.
8. Ian Franklin, KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of Wilsand Holdings Ltd., dated September 8, 2026.
9. Catalina Cardenas, Malone Given Parsons, on behalf of Yonge and Bloomington Ltd., dated September 8, 2026.

Carried

Un-adopted

15.2.18 Correspondence received regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street - (CW Item 11.17)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street, be received as follows:

1. Jonathan Scott, Crestview, dated September 5, 2026.

Carried

15.2.19 Correspondence received regarding Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project - (CW Item 11.18)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project, be received as follows:

1. Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated September 8, 2026.

Carried

15.2.20 Member Motion - Mayor West - City of Richmond Hill Supporting Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis - Reaction to Recovery Campaign - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

Whereas OBCM launched the Solve the Crisis campaign in 2024, urging the provincial and federal governments to make significant investments and updates to programs and services to address the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to escalate, impacting communities of all sizes across the province; and

Whereas municipalities have continued to step up, working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but we lack the expertise, capacity, or resources

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to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this crisis falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities should not have to continue to fund these programs and services on the property tax base; and

Whereas municipalities' property taxes are paying for the largest and fastest-growing share of housing and homelessness funding in Ontario - $4B in 2025, up from $2.1B in 2018 - (AMO) despite housing and homelessness being a provincial responsibility; and

Whereas the province has made some progress in addressing this crisis over the last two years including the introduction of Hart Hubs and increased funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program and Community Mental Health and Addictions programs, they are far from meeting the growing needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities; and

Whereas barriers to access programs and services must be removed to ensure that anyone who voluntarily requests treatment will have access within 24 hours of that request, including by:

- Ensuring appropriate mental health and addictions treatment supports, including 24/7 medical staff and beds are in place in facilities across the province;
- Easier access to evidence-based, life-saving medications for those in emergency situations and for emergency service providers to provide this medication along with anyone requesting treatment immediately; and

Whereas the priority is to increase funding for programs, services and spaces for those who want to receive help, we need to also look at ways to address the needs of those who do not have the capacity to ask for help themselves but may be a danger to themselves or the broader community; and

Whereas provinces across the country are seeing a lot of success in addressing this crisis by funding recovery-based models of care that combine medical, rehabilitation and psychological treatment of mental illness and addictions, including empowerment of patients, and treatment options that are tailored to the individual needs of patients to support their well-being and recovery journey; and

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Whereas the Province of Ontario needs to move towards a coordinated, adequately funded, and outcomes-focused system that addresses the root causes of the crisis.

Therefore be it resolved that City of Richmond Hill, supports Ontario's Big City Mayors' Solve the Crisis - Reaction to Recovery campaign requesting that the Province of Ontario:

1. Declare a state of emergency on the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis impacting the province to highlight this growing crisis and to unlock appropriate supports at both provincial and federal levels.

2. Significantly increase investment in voluntary recovery-based treatment for homelessness, mental health and addictions that includes supportive housing capacity to reflect the scale needed, expanding the HART Hub program and removing barriers to access all treatments, programs and services.

3. Undertake a comprehensive review of, and consultation on, changes to the Mental Health Act, and the Health Care Consent Act, focused on implementing a compassionate care and intervention model for Ontario, as well as the safeguards required to protect the rights, dignity, and well-being of individuals living with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders with consideration given to circumstances involving individuals who have the capacity to provide informed consent and those who do not.

- And that this review is in collaboration with key stakeholders, municipal partners, first responders, individuals with lived and living experience, families, caregivers and others deeply impacted by mental health and addictions issues.

4. Expand addiction treatment and rehabilitation programming within provincial and federal correctional institutions, including discharge planning to ensure appropriate treatment and housing options.

5. Establish a Minister of Mental Health and Addictions with its own ministry, decision-making authority, and the

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appropriate funding required to address the supportive housing, mental health and addictions crisis in this province, with the sole focus of overseeing the extensive work that needs to be done to solve this crisis, including the recommendations above.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Syliva Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Local MP's and MPP's as well as Region of York.

Carried

15.2.21 Member Motion - Mayor West - Support for the land use re-designation of the Lauremont School properties - (CW Item 12.2)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

Whereas, it is the goal of the City of Richmond Hill to protect and preserve its employment land supply as it is a critical component of the City's economic sustainability;

Whereas, Lauremont School is proposing to develop the property at 93 Edward Avenue immediately to the north of the existing school site at 500 Elgin Mills Road East for a school sports field facility for its students and make it available for community use;

Whereas, the proposed Employment Area designation in OPA 18.9 would not permit expansion of the existing school use under the Province's recent legislative changes with respect to employment land uses; and,

Whereas, Lauremont School is an important educational institution in Richmond Hill and was a well-established use at their current location at 500 Elgin Mills Road East prior to the legislative changes.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill hereby support Lauremont School's proposal to develop a school sports field facility

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at 93 Edward Avenue adjacent to their existing school at 500 Elgin Mills Road East; and

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill direct staff to re-designate 500 Elgin Mills Road East and 93 Edward Avenue from Employment Area to an appropriate land use designation to allow a private school including an accessory outdoor sports field and to undertake the corresponding change required in the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update.

Carried

15.3 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated September 9, 2026, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Richmond Hill, dated September 9, 2026, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, be received.

Carried

15.4 Correspondence received regarding Fireworks By-law Enactment - (refer to Item 15.2.4)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding Fireworks By-law Enactment, be received as follows:

1. Gina Strati, Board Member TH-C, 1401-15 David Eyer Road, dated August 31, 2026.

Carried

Un-adopted

15.5 Correspondence received regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (refer to Item 15.2.10)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be received as follows:

1. Dafne Gokcen, Innovative Planning Solutions, on behalf of Inspired Estate Inc., dated September 8, 2026.
2. Ian Franklin, KLM Planning Partners Inc., on behalf of Upper Yonge Properties Ltd., dated September 8, 2026.

Carried

15.6 Correspondence received regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street - (refer to Item 15.2.15.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

a) That the following correspondence regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 10058 and 10066 Yonge Street, be received:

1. Jonathan Scott, Crestview, on behalf of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, dated September 9, 2026.

Carried

15.7 Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner, Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, regarding Revisions to proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and the proposed Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (refer to Item 15.2.10) - (By-laws 81-26 and 82-26)

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

That the Memorandum from Gus Galanis, Commissioner, Planning and Building Services, dated September 16, 2026, regarding Revisions to proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and the proposed Amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be received.

Carried

Un-adopted

15.8 Additional correspondence received regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25 - (refer to Item 15.2.10)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the additional correspondence regarding Request for Adoption: Official Plan Amendment 18.9 and Request for Approval of an Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 93-25, be received as follows:

1. Ian Andres, Goodmans LLP, on behalf of various entities, dated September 11, 2026.
2. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of Fernbrook Homes, dated September 15, 2026.

Carried

15.9 Correspondence received regarding Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project - (refer to Item 15.2.11)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the correspondence regarding Request for Information - Pilot Disc Golf Project, be received as follows:

1. Sigmund Lee, 20 Hamills Crescent, dated September 11, 2026.

Carried

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cui - Parking Restrictions on Baynards Lane

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, Council considered Staff Report SRIES.26.003 and enacted By-law 27-26 on May 27, 2026, which amended Chapter 1116 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code to establish parking prohibitions on Baynards Lane;

Un-adopted

Whereas, following Council's decision, residents of Baynards Lane raised concerns regarding the extent of the parking restrictions and their impact on on-street parking within the neighbourhood;

Whereas, residents have requested that the parking restrictions be revisited and have expressed interest in further community consultation regarding parking and traffic operations on Baynards Lane; and

Whereas, a revised parking restriction would maintain parking prohibitions on one side of Baynards Lane near the Regent Street entrances while permitting on-street parking on both sides along other portions of Baynards Lane; and

Whereas, staff will continue to monitor parking and traffic conditions on Baynards Lane and report back to Council with further recommendations should future operational or safety concerns warrant additional review;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Council reconsider its May 27, 2026 decision with respect to the parking restrictions on Baynards Lane established through By-law 27-26.

b) That the parking restrictions on Baynards Lane be amended to remove the no parking restriction on one side of the road only; and

c) That the appropriate amending by-law (as attached to this Member Motion) be brought forward for enactment at the September 16, 2026 Council meeting, with the minutes reflecting the by-law number assigned by the Clerk.

Motion to Reconsider:

A recorded vote was taken on Clause a):

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

Opposed: (0): None

Motion to Reconsider Clause a) Carried Unanimously on a two-thirds vote (9 to 0)

Un-adopted

Having achieved the required two-thirds vote to pass a Motion to Reconsider, Clauses b) and c) were voted on together:

Clauses b) and c) Carried Unanimously

The complete motion to read as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, Council considered Staff Report SRIES.26.003 and enacted By-law 27-26 on May 27, 2026, which amended Chapter 1116 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code to establish parking prohibitions on Baynards Lane;

Whereas, following Council's decision, residents of Baynards Lane raised concerns regarding the extent of the parking restrictions and their impact on on-street parking within the neighbourhood;

Whereas, residents have requested that the parking restrictions be revisited and have expressed interest in further community consultation regarding parking and traffic operations on Baynards Lane; and

Whereas, a revised parking restriction would maintain parking prohibitions on one side of Baynards Lane near the Regent Street entrances while permitting on-street parking on both sides along other portions of Baynards Lane; and

Whereas, staff will continue to monitor parking and traffic conditions on Baynards Lane and report back to Council with further recommendations should future operational or safety concerns warrant additional review;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Council reconsider its May 27, 2026 decision with respect to the parking restrictions on Baynards Lane established through By-law 27-26.

b) That the parking restrictions on Baynards Lane be amended to remove the no parking restriction on one side of the road only; and

c) That the appropriate amending by-law (as attached to this Member Motion) be brought forward for enactment at the September 16, 2026 Council meeting, with the minutes reflecting the by-law number assigned by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

Un-adopted

16.2 Member Motion - Mayor West - Add Closed Session Agenda Item to the September 16, 2026 Council Meeting pertaining to the employment of Executive Level Staff (Sections 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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

That a Closed Session Agenda Item be added to the September 16, 2026 Council agenda to consider personal information about identifiable individuals, and labour relations or employee negotiations pertaining to the employment of Executive Level Staff (Sections 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*).

Carried

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

18. By-laws

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the following By-laws be approved:

18.1 By-law 48-26 - A By-law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services

18.2 By-law 81-26 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment 18.9 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan

18.3 By-law 82-26 - A By-law to amend By-law 93-25, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

18.4 By-law 83-26 - A By-Law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

18.5 By-law 84-26 - A By-law to regulate the use and sale of Fireworks in the City of Richmond Hill

18.6 By-law 85-26 - A By-law to amend By-law 43-20, as amended, being the City of Richmond Hill Noise By-law

18.7 By-law 86-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 69-16, as amended, of the City of Richmond Hill

18.8 By-law 89-26 - A By-law to Assign a Name to a Certain Private Road

Un-adopted

18.9 By-law 90-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 104-18, as amended, being a by-law to Appoint Deputy Clerks for the City of Richmond Hill

18.10 By-law 91-26 - A By-law to Remove Certain Lands from Part Lot Control

An additional By-law was approved in relation to Agenda Item 16.1, as follows:

18.11 By-law 92-26 - A By-Law to amend Chapter 1116 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code, being By-law 402-89, as amended, relating to parking regulations

Carried

19. Closed Session

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

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

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider personal matters about identifiable individuals, and labour relations or employee negotiations related to the employment of Executive Level Staff (Sections 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*).

Carried

19.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (11:37 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.).

19.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting

The City Clerk advised that direction was provided during Closed Session in respect to Item A, with no recommendations for Open Session.

Un-adopted

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

20.1 By-law 93-26

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That By-law 93-26, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk

Un-adopted