Electronic Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 23
December 16, 2020, 1:00 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton	Councillor Karen Rea
	Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Khalid Usman
	Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Isa Lee
	Councillor Alan Ho	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services	Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability & Asset Management,
	Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources	Adam Grant, Fire Chief
	Joel Lustig, Treasurer	Morgan Jones, Director, Operations
	Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff	Stacia Muradali, Manager, Development, Planning & Urban Design
	Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services	Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy
	Meg West, Manager of Business Planning and Projects	

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Council convened at 1:01 PM on December 16, 2020. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging that we walk upon the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land. We are grateful to all Indigenous groups for their commitment to protect the land and its resources and we are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

The Mayor thanked Members of Council and staff for all their hard work throughout this challenging year. The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked all those around the globe involved in the development of a vaccine against COVID-19.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None to approve.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1 DEPUTATION - ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE'S (IHRA) DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM (11.0)

Jason Grossman, representing the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, addressed Council on this matter.

(See Item 11.2, New/ Other Business for Council's decision on this matter.)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

8. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

8.1 REPORT NO. 41 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (DECEMBER 8, 2020)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That the report of the Development Services Committee be received & adopted. (Items 1 to 3):

Carried

8.1.1 MARKHAM CENTRE VIVA RAPIDWAY UPDATE (WARD 3) (5.10)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report titled "Markham Centre Viva Rapidway Update" be received; and,
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute agreements to convey easements to Metrolinx for the Transit Rapidway (including station locations), between Birchmount Road to Kennedy Road in locations satisfactory to the Director of Engineering, after the Transit Rapidway in these locations has been constructed, provided the form of the agreements are satisfactory to the Commissioner of Fire and Community Services and the City Solicitor; and,
3. That the agreement between the City and Metrolinx for the conveyance of an easement to Metrolinx for the Transit Rapidway (including station locations) over sections of South Town Centre Blvd., Cedarland Blvd. and Enterprise Blvd. and other City-owned lands be ratified; and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.1.2 RECOMMENDATION REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY (10.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report titled "RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Update on Recommendations for an Age-Friendly Community", dated December 8, 2020, be received; and,

2. That the deputations of Surjit Sachdev, Diane Gabay, Andy Langer, and Gail Leet, be received; and,

3. That the communication from the Committee for an Age-Friendly Markham, be received; and,

4. That a Council workshop be held as part of the Urban Design Study process to develop Age Friendly Design Guidelines by the end of March 2021; and,

5. That staff consult with the Committee for an Age-Friendly Markham with respect to the agenda for the workshop and include the report and issues related to the Age-Friendly Markham Community; and further,

6. That staff report back to Development Services Committee on Age Friendly Design Guidelines once the guidelines are completed.

Carried

8.1.3 MARKHAM SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE 2019-2020 BUSINESS RESULTS AND 2021 OBJECTIVES (10.16)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report entitled "Markham Small Business Centre 2019-2020 Business Results and 2021 Objectives" be received and endorsed; and,

2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER

There were no notices of motion to reconsider.

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FUND INTAKE 2 (7.0)

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the report dated December 16, 2020 entitled "Province of Ontario Audit and Accountability Fund Intake 2 " be received; and,
2. That staff be directed to apply for funding from the Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund for service delivery and modernization opportunity reviewsStandardized Terms of Reference for studies supporting development application submissionsComprehensive review and update of the Development Fee By-lawImplementation Plan for Expansion of the Administrative Monetary Penalties System; and further;
    - Standardized Terms of Reference for studies supporting development application submissions
    - Comprehensive review and update of the Development Fee By-law
    - Implementation Plan for Expansion of the Administrative Monetary Penalties System; and further;
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

11.2 ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE'S (IHRA) DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM (11.0)

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish
Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the report dated December 16, 2020 entitled "Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism" be received; and,

2. That a resolution adopting the IHRA's definition of anti-semitism be passed as set out in Appendix "A"; and further,

3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously by Recorded Vote (13-0)

(See following Recorded Vote)

Recorded Vote (13-0)

YEAS: Councillor Keith Irish, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Reid McAlpine, Councillor Karen Rea, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Joe Li, Councillor Andrew Keyes, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Councillor Khalid Usman, Councillor Isa Lee **(13)**

Moved by Councillor Khalid Usman
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That Council consider the matter of "Adoption Of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Definition Of Antisemitism" immediately following Deputations with respect thereto.

Carried

11.3 INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP): COVID RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM – LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTAKE ONTARIO (7.6, 6.6)

Staff provided a powerpoint presentation. Discussion on this matter ensued.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That the presentation titled, "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake Ontario", be received; and,

2. That the proposed three (3) project bundles totaling no greater than $7,381,614 be approved for submission to this Ontario grant program on or before 4:59 p.m. on January 7,2021; and,

3. That authority be given to the Sr. Manager of Procurement & Accounts Payable to work with the applicable Director to undertake an informal pre-qualification and award process with a minimal of three (3) vendors for each project to expedite the procurement process when necessary, by allowing a preferred vendor list to be developed and used to release the project(s) to the market; and further,

4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 FUNDING UNDER THE SAFE RESTART PROGRAM

Mayor Frank Scarpitti advised that the City is eligible for additional funding in the amount of $2.8 million under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement for financial relief for municipalities during COVID-19. Additional details on eligibility criteria is being requested.

13. BY-LAWS - THREE READINGS

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

That By-law 2020-149 to 2020-151 be given three readings and enacted.

Carried

Three Readings

13.1 BY-LAW 2020-149 POETRY LIVING (ABBEY LANE), PART LOT CONTROL EXEMPTION BY-LAW

A by-law to designate part of a certain plan of subdivision not subject to Part Lot Control, 2 to 64 La Tache Crescent, Blocks 1 to 5 (inclusive), Registered Plan 65M-4616.

Carried

13.2 BY-LAW 2020-150 A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2017-73 BEING A BY-LAW ON MARKHAM'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Carried

13.3 BY-LAW 2020-151 A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2002-276, BEING A BY-LAW TO IMPOSE FEES OR CHARGES FOR SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES PROVIDED OR DONE BY THE CITY OF MARKHAM

Carried

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW - THREE READINGS

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

That By-law 2020-148 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2020-148 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2020.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Carried

Kimberley Kitteringham

City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti

Mayor