

General Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 4
March 2, 2020, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Council Chamber

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Alan Ho
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Councillor Karen Rea
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Councillor Khalid Usman	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services	Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services	Sandra Skelcher, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
	Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources	Hristina Giantsopoulos, Elections & Council/Committee Coordinator
	Joel Lustig, Treasurer	Michael Killingsworth, Deputy City Clerk, By-Law Enf., Lic & Reg Srv

1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Committee Meeting convened at the hour of 9:35 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the February 18, 2020 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

Deputations were provided for the following item:

9.1 Licensing Of Private Transportation Companies (PTCs) And Associated Amendments To The Mobile Licensing By-Law.

Please refer to the individual item for the deputation details.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 YORK REGION COMMUNICATIONS (13.4)

The Committee inquired on whether the City of Markham already has a similar by-law with respect to parking. Staff provided confirmation that it does.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the communication dated January 30, 2020 from York Region regarding 2020-03 Amendment to Parking By-law be received for information purposes.

Carried

6. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

7. PRESENTATIONS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

7.1 2019 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CHEQUE PRESENTATION (12.2.6)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, addressed the Committee to announce that the City's 2019 United Way Campaign raised over \$110,000 through payroll deductions, staff events, Mayor's Coffee Cart, silent auction, and a 5K walk. The Commissioner thanked staff and Members of Council for their

participation in these events. The Commissioner also acknowledged and thanked the Co-Chairs of the Campaign: Amanda Samara, Administrative Assistant Building Standards Department, Crystal Thorne, Administrative Assistant, Engineering/Policy & Research, and Cassandra Hunter, Supervisor, Community Program for their contributions that led to a very successful campaign.

The Mayor addressed the Committee to congratulate and thank the Co-Chairs for their tremendous fund raising efforts and to staff and Members of Council for their contributions to the campaign results. He noted that public service goes beyond serving the public and thanked the United Way for their continued work in the community.

Mr. Prasad introduced Samantha Cooke, Manager, Corporate Donor Relations, United Way Greater Toronto, to present her with the cheque. Ms. Cooke addressed the Committee to thank the Co-Chairs and the Committee for their generosity.

The Committee acknowledged that this is the first time the City has raised a six-figure amount for the United Way.

8. CONSENT REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2019 MARKHAM – MILLIKEN CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Organizing Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2020 MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

8.3 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION TENDER 217-T-19 WEST THORNHILL – PHASE 3A STORM SEWER AND WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT (7.12)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the report entitled “Award of Construction Tender 217-T-19 West Thornhill – Phase 3A Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement” be received; and,
2. That the contract for Tender 217-T-19 West Thornhill – Phase 3A Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement be awarded to the lowest priced Bidder, Memme Excavation Company Limited in the amount of \$14,249,313.97, inclusive of HST; and,
3. That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,424,931.40 inclusive of HST, be established to cover any additional construction costs and that authorization to approve expending of this contingency amount up to the specified limit be in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
4. That the construction award in the amount of \$15,674,245.37 (\$14,249,313.97 + \$1,424,931.40) be funded from the following capital projects:
 - (a) 058-6150-20252-005 “West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation - Phase 3A Construction”; and,
 - (b) 053-5350-20258-005 “Cast Iron Watermain Replacement – West Thornhill Phase 3A” as outlined under the financial considerations section in this report; and,
5. That the remaining funds in project #20252 “West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation - Phase 3A Construction” in the amount \$298,433.98 will not be required from the Stormwater Fee Reserve and the budget remaining in project #20258 “Cast Iron Watermain Replacement – West Thornhill Phase 3A” in the amount of \$3,623.66 will be returned to the original funding source; and,
6. That a 5-year moratorium be placed on any major servicing and utility installation along restored areas including Morgan Avenue (Yonge St. to Henderson Ave.), Henderson Avenue (Glen Cameron Rd. to 60m north of Clark Ave.) and Clark Avenue (from Henderson Ave. to Johnson St.) and Vanwood Road; and further,
7. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.4 2019 SUMMARY OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES FOR COUNCILLORS AND APPOINTEES TO BOARDS (7.0)

The Committee congratulated and thanked staff on the format of the report and that it included a full listing of remuneration and expenses for Members of Council.

There was discussion on remuneration amounts that reflect on a T4 slip versus those on the summary report. Staff provided clarification on how the remuneration figures were determined and that T4 are prepared on a cash basis and that the report figures were determined on an accrual basis.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

1. That the report titled “2019 Summary of Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors and Appointees to Boards” be received; and,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9. REGULAR REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

9.1 LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES (PTCs) AND ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS TO THE MOBILE LICENSING BY-LAW (2.0)

Note: Report attached.

Michael Killingsworth, Deputy City Clerk, By-Law Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory Services, addressed the Committee and delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled, Licensing of Private Transportation Companies (PTCs) & Associated Amendments to Mobile Business Licensing By-Law 2012-92.

Marty Gray, Manager of Public Policy of Uber Canada addressed the Committee to thank the Committee and staff for the opportunity to be involved and contribute to the development of the proposed policy. He provided his overall support and offered to continue to work with the City on the phased-in implementations to meet the objective of all services.

Vasilis (Bill) Sakorafas addressed the Committee to express his concerns over taxicab licensing fees, requirements and accessibility vehicle costs. He added that the City should decrease fees to level the playing field with PTCs.

The Committee thanked staff for the presentation and congratulated them on the report. There were inquiries about the use of Personal Identification Numbers (PINs), criminal record checks, vehicle inspections, and enterprise type licensing across neighbouring municipalities.

The Committee further discussed the following relative to the presentation and proposed policy:

- Possible discussion with York Region Transit in relation to accessible transportation;
- Costs associated with making vehicles accessible and incentives to licence them;
- Future increase in aging population and increase in demand for accessible transportation;
- Importance of providing accessible transportation;
- Provincial funding opportunities for accessible vehicles;
- Experience for accessibility vehicle drivers;
- Costs associated with acquiring accessibility vehicles and licenses;
- Use and administration of the City of Toronto accessibility levy per PTC trip;
- The creation of a separate Mobile Business Licence category for accessible transportation;
- Consideration of a social enterprise project to collaborate with groups to meet needs of people with accessibility needs;
- Minimum experience requirements for PTC drivers;
- Taxicab versus Taxicab Broker fees and the effects on revenue in current environment;
- Effects of the proposed policy on Taxicabs and PTCs;
- Use of security cameras both inward and outward facing and passenger consent;

- Consideration of jurisdictions with respect to Markham fees and those for Richmond Hill and Vaughan;
- Revenue as a cost recovery initiative;
- Responsibility for driver training;
- Fare prices, and consideration of senior discounts;
- Inclusion of 6 to 12 passenger mini-vans in the By-Law;
- Consideration of shared school bus/vehicle use between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM;
- Identification of underground PTCs;
- Enforcement of illegal (underground) PTCs;
- Physical taxi inspections versus PTC inspections;
- Consideration of Presto card use for fare payment and tracking;
- City's role in business licensing of PTCs;
- Licensing of airport limousines in Markham;
- Flat rate fees versus per kilometer trips;
- Multiple drivers per license and drivers with multiple licenses;
- Consideration of designated pick up and drop off areas for PTCs at high traffic venues;
- Consideration of shuttles to and from venues to help decrease number of cars on the road;
- Inclusion of the Hong Kong model with respect to shuttle service regulation in research;
- Ride starting point and municipality where trip will count;
- The percentage of shared PTC services, i.e. Uber Eats; and,
- Consider May 1, 2020 for implementation of the proposed amendments.

The Committee requested that staff report back in the spring of 2021 on revenue, cost of licensing taxicabs and PTCs, service and enforcement management to reassess the proposed amendments as required.

There were additional requests for staff to invite all previous delegates on this topic to the March 31, 2020 Council Meeting and report back to Council on March 31, 2020 with information on the City of Toronto ride levy for an accessibility fund, accessibility licensing requirements, licensing fees, ride rates, and potential revenue.

Staff addressed the Committee and noted that the transportation industry has evolved over the years and suggested that the amendments will ensure that an equitable service is available to all residents and provides for a choice to taxicab owners, drivers and PTCs. Mr. Killingsworth added that this is a baseline year to measure the success of the proposed amendments and that there will be continuous monitoring of taxicab and PTC licensing, ride revenue, service levels, regulatory compliance and enforcement.

Staff provided the following information relative to The Committee's inquiries:

- PINs are an additional layer of safety for users;
- PTCs provide details on driver criminal record checks;
- The City can request inspection reports at random intervals;
- There is ongoing collaboration with neighbouring municipalities towards cross municipality licensing;
- User and vehicle safety;
- Further consideration on accessible transportation availability, licensing and incentives;
- Ride fares, levy's and per trip fees;
- Kiss n' ride areas to assist with traffic control at high volume locations and times; and,
- The City undertakes business licensing under the guidance of the *Municipal Act*.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

1. That the report entitled “Licensing of Private Transportation Companies (PTCs) and Associated Amendments to the Mobile Licensing By-law” be received; and,

2. That the proposed amendments to the Mobile Licensing By-law 2012-92 to add a Schedule 8 (relating to the regulation of Private Transportation Companies (PTCs)) attached as **Appendix “F”** be adopted; and,
3. That the proposed amendments to Schedule 6 of the Mobile Licensing By-law 2012-92 (relating to the Licensing, Regulation and Governing of Taxicab Brokers, Owners and Drivers) attached as **Appendix “G”** be adopted; and,
4. That the proposed amendments to Schedule 4 of the Mobile Licensing By-law 2012-92 (relating to the Licensing and Regulation of Owners and Drivers of Limousines) attached as **Appendix “H”** be adopted; and,
5. **That staff provide a memo to Members of Council at the March 31, 2020 meeting with additional information on the City of Toronto ride levy for an accessibility fund, accessibility licensing requirements, licensing fees, ride rates, and potential revenue, and further;**
6. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

*As per Section 2 of the Council Procedural By-Law, "New/Other Business would generally apply to an item that is to be added to the **Agenda** due to an urgent statutory time requirement, or an emergency, or time sensitivity".*

There was no new or other business.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

14. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee Meeting adjourn at 12:36 PM.

Carried