

Electronic Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 16
September 30, 2020, 1:00 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Regional Councillor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Alan Ho	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Khalid Usman Councillor Isa Lee
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joel Lustig, Treasurer Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk	John Wong, Technology Support Specialist II Hristina Giantsopoulos, Elections & Council/Committee Coordinator Phoebe Fu, Director, Environmental Services Rob Grech, Manager, Stormwater, Environmental Services Ronald Blake, Senior Manager, Development, Planning & Urban Design Meg West, Manager of Business Planning and Projects Stacia Muradali, Senior Planner, Planning & Urban Design

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Council convened at 1:07 PM on September 30, 2020 in the Council Chamber. 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.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Frank Scarpitti congratulated the Tampa Bay Lightning for winning the Stanley Cup and recognized Markham born, Captain Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 COUNCIL MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 15, 2020, be adopted.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1 DEPUTATIONS - GEESE MANAGEMENT AT SWAN LAKE – OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS AND PATH FORWARD (5.0)

The following addressed Council on this matter:

1. Madeleine Nevins
2. Rain Geiger
3. Darrell Heffernan

4. Fred Peters

(See Item 8.2.1, Report 26 for Council's decision on this matter.)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the rules of procedure be waived in order to allow Mr. Fred Peters to address Council, as he previously addressed the General Committee on Geese Management at Swan Lake.

Carried by Two Thirds Vote

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 29-2020 - LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION - UPPER UNIONVILLE GOLF CLUB (WARD 6) (3.21)

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the request for the City of Markham to complete the Municipal Information Form be received for information and be processed accordingly.

Carried

6.2 30-2020 - LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION - CREATE WITH KIRSHY (WARD 1) (3.21)

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the request for the City of Markham to complete the Municipal Information Form be received for information and be processed accordingly.

Carried

6.3 31-2020 - MEMORANDUM - GEMTERRA (WOODBINE) INC. 9064-9110 WOODBINE AVENUE, TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 'A' OF BY-LAW 2019-82, FILE NO. ZA 17 153653 (WARD 2) (10.5)

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the memorandum entitled “Gemterra (Woodbine) Inc., 9064 to 9110 Woodbine Avenue, Technical Amendment to Schedule ‘A’ of By-law 2019-82, File No. ZA 17 153653, dated September 30, 2020 be received; and,
2. That Schedule ‘A’ to By-law 2019-82, be repealed and replaced with a revised Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto; and further,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.4 32-2020 - MEMORANDUM - SWAN LAKE GEESE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – ADDITION OF STROBE LIGHTS (5.0)

1. That the memorandum dated September 29, 2020 from the Director, Environmental Services regarding "Swan Lake Geese Management Program – Addition of Strobe Lights)", be received.

Carried

(See Item 8.2.1, Report 26 for Council's decision on this matter.)

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 PROCLAMATIONS (3.4)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Khalid Usman

1. That the following proclamations, issued by the City Clerk in accordance with the City of Markham Proclamation Policy, be received for information purposes:
 - a. Caribbean Heritage Month - October 2020
 - b. Wrongful Conviction Day - October 2, 2020
 - c. Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day - October 22, 2020

2. That the following new request for proclamation, issued by the City Clerk in accordance with the City of Markham Proclamation Policy, be received and added to the Five-Year Proclamations List approved by Council:
 - a. Dyslexia Awareness Month - October 2020

Carried

8. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

8.1 REPORT NO. 25 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 14, 2020)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

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

Carried

8.1.1 9999 MARKHAM ROAD, HOLD (H) PROVISION, 2585231 ONTARIO INC., ZA 18 180621 (10.5)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the deputation by Michael Walker, OnePiece Developments, be received.
2. That Staff be directed to bring forward a by-law for Hold (H) removal from the Phase 1C lands after staff and the applicants have reviewed the development concepts for Phases 1B and 1C and have reached agreement on the appropriate land area requirements for each Phase and provided an appropriate zoning by-law amendment application for the Phase 1C lands has been reviewed and approved by Council; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.2 REPORT NO. 26 - GENERAL COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 21, 2020)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

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

Carried

8.2.1 GEESE MANAGEMENT AT SWAN LAKE – OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS AND PATH FORWARD (5.0)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

1. That the presentation entitled “Geese Management at Swan Lake – Overview of Options and Path Forward”, dated September 21, 2020, be received; and,
2. **That the memorandum dated September 29, 2020 from the Director, Environmental Services regarding "Swan Lake Geese Management Program – Addition of Strobe Lights)", be received; and,**
3. That Council approve the proposed changes outlined in the presentation to the existing Swan Lake Geese Control program; and,
4. That a review of options for modifying the habitat to deter geese from Swan Lake shall be considered through the Park Refresh Plan; and,
5. That the budget shortfall, in the amount of \$9,500, be funded from the Non-DC capital contingency for project 20250 Water Quality Improvements and Geese Control for the implementation of 2020 fall hazing and volunteer program; and,
6. That the 2021 Water Quality Improvements and Geese Control project request include \$10,000 for the TRCA managed geese relocation program; and,
7. **That Council approve an additional \$8,000, to be funded from the Non-DC Capital Contingency for project 20250 Water Quality Improvements and Geese Control, for a strobe light pilot for geese population management; and further,**

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

Carried as Amended

Council had the following original recommendation for consideration:

1. That the presentation entitled “Geese Management at Swan Lake – Overview of Options and Path Forward”, dated September 21, 2020, be received; and,
2. That Council approve the proposed changes outlined in the presentation to the existing Swan Lake Geese Control program; and,
3. That a review of options for modifying the habitat to deter geese from Swan Lake shall be considered through the Park Refresh Plan; and,
4. That the budget shortfall, in the amount of \$9,500, be funded from the Non-DC capital contingency for project 20250 Water Quality Improvements and Geese Control for the implementation of 2020 fall hazing and volunteer program; and,
5. That the 2021 Water Quality Improvements and Geese Control project request include \$10,000 for the TRCA managed geese relocation program; and,
6. **That Council approve an additional \$9,000.00 to include a strobe light pilot for geese population management; and,**
7. **That staff be directed to provide additional information on the impacts of a strobe light pilot program to foster geese population management for the Council Meeting on September 30, 2020, and further,**
8. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That Council consider the matter of "Geese Management at Swan Lake - Overview of Options and Path Forward" immediately following Deputations with respect thereto.

Carried

8.2.2 ASSUMPTION OF MCCOWAN ROAD WATERMAIN AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED BY THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK (5.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the report entitled “Assumption of McCowan Road Watermain and associated infrastructure constructed by the Regional Municipality of York” be received; and,
2. That Staff be authorized to assume the ownership of the new McCowan Road 150mm diameter PVC watermain and associated infrastructure constructed by The Regional Municipality of York; and,
3. That the Director of Environmental Services be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between The Regional Municipality of York and the City of Markham related to the assumption of McCowan Road Watermain and associated infrastructure, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.2.3 EMERGENCY COVID-19 RELIEF FOR THE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION SECTOR (10.16)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented public health challenges to Canada which has resulted in a slowdown of the Canadian economy and has created significant financial pressures to most industry sectors; and,

Whereas this unprecedented environment of economic uncertainty has directly and immediately impacted the hospitality and tourism sectors, with hotels experiencing record low occupancy rates driven in

part by the closure of international borders, reduced business workshops and conferences combined with lower consumer travel confidence; and,

Whereas the uncertainty of recovery timing and the expectation that a full recovery may take several years, it is imperative that the provincial government provide immediate measures to protect and assist Ontario's Hotel Industry so they can remain resilient and viable during this uncertain time; and,

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic had prompted the Province of Ontario to postpone the 2020 Assessment Update, and further directed that all Ontario property assessments to be levied upon for the 2021 tax year, continue to be based on the fully phased-in assessment amounts utilized for the 2020 tax year; and,

Whereas the current property assessment values of hotel properties do not represent the current negative financial impact of COVID-19 and the substantial decrease in revenue experienced by Hotels, which will result in inaccurate property assessments and significant property tax burdens moving forward into the 2021 taxation year and beyond; and,

Whereas Markham Council through the Destination Markham Corporation is in the midst of launching several programs and strategic initiatives to support the reopening and recovery of the tourism economy with the goal of increasing Hotel overnight stays,

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Markham Council requests the Province of Ontario work with local municipalities to develop immediate options which could assist the Hotel Industry with mitigating the significant financial impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
2. That these options include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Requesting the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) undertake a review and re-evaluation of all Hotel property assessments prior to the issuance of the 2021 final tax bill by Ontario municipalities; and,
 - b. Requesting the Minister of Finance consider removing the education portion of the property taxes for Hotel properties in Ontario for the 2021 taxation year, and,

- c. Requesting the Minister of Finance consider developing a tax relief program to assist Hotel properties with the record low occupancy rates and limited revenue potential during this unprecedented time; and,
3. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
- a. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
 - b. The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance;
 - c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - d. All Members of Provincial Parliament in the Regional Municipality of York;
 - e. All Council Members of the Regional Municipality of York;
 - f. All Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors;
 - g. Nicole McNeill, President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC;
 - h. Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President, Valuation and Customer Relations and Chief Operating Officer, MPAC; and,
 - i. Greg Martino, Vice-President, Valuation and Assessment Standards and Chief Valuation and Standards Officer, MPAC.

Carried

8.3 REPORT NO. 27 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 29, 2020)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

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

Carried

8.3.1 METROLINX TRANSIT PROJECT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR
TRAIN STORAGE FACILITY IN MARKHAM CENTRE (WARD
3) (5.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the staff memo entitled “Metrolinx Transit Project Assessment Process for Train Storage Facility in Markham Centre, Ward 3” be received; and,
2. That Metrolinx and York Region be informed that Markham Council does not support a train storage facility in the proposed location; and,
3. That staff be directed to continue to work with Metrolinx to identify an alternate and more appropriate location for the train storage facility; and further,
4. 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 motions.

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There were no new/ other business.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13. BY-LAWS - THREE READINGS

There were no By-laws.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW - THREE READINGS

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That By-law 2020-90 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2020-90 - A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Carried

Kimberley Kitteringham

City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti

Mayor