

Electronic Special Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 5
March 27, 2020, 9:30 AM
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
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Council convened at 9:40 AM on March 27, 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.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti expressed his condolences to those impacted by COVID-19, and the unfortunate death of a Markham resident. He also expressed gratitude to everyone in the community who has continued to provide support and service during this time.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. WRITTEN DEPUTATIONS

None.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MARKHAM'S COUNCIL PROCEDURAL BY-LAW TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY (2.1)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

1. That the report entitled “Amendments to the City of Markham’s Council Procedural By-law to Permit Electronic Meeting Participation during a State of Emergency”, be received; and,
2. That the proposed amendments to the City of Markham’s Council Procedural By-law 2017-5 to permit electronic meeting participation during a state of emergency as outlined in Appendix ‘A’ of this report be approved; and further,
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

5. COVID-19 PANDEMIC - FINANCIAL UPDATE (7.0)

Joel Lustig, City Treasurer, provided a presentation on the financial impacts of COVID-19 and responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the report titled “COVID-19 - Financial Update” be received; and,
2. That the presentation entitled COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Impact be received; and,
3. **That staff prepare a Financial Outlook plan to the end of the year, and,**
4. That the 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law 2019-113 be amended such that penalties and interest on unpaid taxes are not imposed on and for the period of April 1st, 2020 to **December 31, 2020;** and,
5. That the City defer charging the stormwater fees in the calendar year 2020; and,
6. That the City defer the April 1st, 2020 water rate increase; and,
7. **That the City defer the Municipal Accommodation Tax from April 1st, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and if required, ask Destination Markham Corporation to endorse this action, and,**
8. That the City Treasurer be directed to monitor the economic climate and report back to Council monthly with further information related to COVID-19, **starting April 2020**, including any decisions by other levels of government and related financial implications for the Corporation, residents and business owners in the City of Markham; and further,
9. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried as Amended

(See following Amendment)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
 Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That the 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law 2019-113 be amended such that penalties and interest on unpaid taxes are not imposed on and for the period of April 1, 2020 to **December 31, 2020.**

(Carried by Recorded Vote 12:1)

(See following for Recorded Vote)

Recorded Vote (12:1)

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 Joe Li, Councillor Andrew Keyes, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Councillor Khalid Usman, Councillor Isa Lee **(12)**

NAYS: Regional Councillor Jack Heath **(1)**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
 Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That staff prepare a Financial Outlook plan to the end of the year.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
 Seconded by Councillor Khalid Usman

1. That the City defer the Municipal Accommodation Tax from April 1st, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and if required ask Destination Markham Corporation to endorse this action.

Carried

Council had before it the following original recommendation for consideration:

1. That the report titled “COVID-19 - Financial Update” be received; and,

2. That the presentation entitled “COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Update” be received; and,
3. That the 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law 2019-113 be amended such that penalties and interest on unpaid taxes are not imposed on and for the period of April 1st, 2020 to August 31st, 2020;
4. That the City defer charging the stormwater fees in the calendar year 2020; and,
5. That the City continues to defer the April 1st, 2020 water rate increase; and,
6. That the City Treasurer be directed to monitor the economic climate and report back to Council as required with further information related to COVID-19, including any decisions by other levels of government and related financial implications for the Corporation, residents and business owners in the City of Markham; and,
7. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

6. BY-LAWS - THREE READINGS

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That By-law 2020-26 be brought forward for consideration following "Amendments to the City of Markham's Council Procedural By-law to Permit Electronic Meeting Participation During a State of Emergency".

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That By-law 2020-26 be given three readings and enacted.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That By-law 2020-27 be given three readings and enacted.

Carried

- 6.1 BY-LAW 2020-26 A BY-LAW TO AMEND PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2017-5 TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Carried

- 6.2 BY-LAW 2020-27 A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2019-113 A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM TAX LEVY IN 2020

Carried

7. CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

1. That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act*, Council resolve into a private session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees [Section 239 (2) (b)] at 12:24 PM.

Carried

That Council rise from confidential session at 1:15 PM.

Council had nothing to report out on this matter.

8. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That By-law 2020-25 be given three readings and enacted.

Carried

- 8.1 BY-LAW 2020-25 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELECTRONIC SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2020

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the Electronic Special Council meeting be adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Carried

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor