

Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number: 4
February 14, 2024, 1:00 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Ritch Lau	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Juanita Nathan Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Andrew Keyes
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of People Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Bryan Frois, Manager, Executive Operations & Strategic Initiatives Joseph Silva, Treasurer Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election/Council & Committee Coordinator	Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering Giulio Cescato, Director of Planning & Urban Design Darryl Lyons, Deputy Director, Planning & Urban Design Mark Visser, Senior Manager Financial Strategy & Investments Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability & Asset Management Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards Eddy Wu, Director, Environmental Services Michael Toshakovski, Deputy City Solicitor Stafford Hughes, Technology Support Specialist II Jason Yang, Technology Support Specialist

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Council convened at 1:25 PM on February 14, 2024. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron- Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti noted February 15 is also National Flag Day and encouraged residents to celebrate their Canadian heritage and reflect on the common values of our communities including equality, diversity and inclusion.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 COUNCIL MINUTES - JANUARY 31, 2024

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 31, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 FORBES LIST OF CANADA'S BEST EMPLOYERS IN 2024 - CITY OF MARKHAM

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, provided remarks and advised that City of Markham has been awarded a certificate for Best Employer for the fourth

consecutive year. It was also noted that City of Markham was the top municipal government on the list and was in the top 10 for all categories in Canada.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION - GAMEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT HUB (WARD 1) (3.21)

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

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 LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION - EXPRESSO 21 GALLERY & CAFE (WARD 3) (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

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUESTS (3.4)

Moved by Regional Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

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. SAVE SOIL DAY 2024, March 21, 2024.
 - b. NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH, March 2024.
 - c. MS DAY AT THE CITY OF MARKHAM, May 29, 2024.
 - d. ALS AWARENESS WEEK, June 9 - 15, 2024.
 - e. INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUGUST 15, 2024.
 - f. WEEK OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE IN THE CITY OF MARKHAM, August 25-31, 2024.
2. That the following requests for flag to be raised at the Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre flagpole, approved by the City Clerk in accordance with the City of Markham Community Flag Raisings & Flag Protocol Policy, be received for information purposes:
- a. HERITAGE WEEK IN MARKHAM; February 19 - February 25, 2024 (Organized by Heritage Markham Committee and Heritage Section Staff)
 - b. MS DAY AT THE CITY OF MARKHAM, May 29 - May 31, 2024; (Organized by York Region MY MS FAMILY)
 - c. CHATS FLAG RAISING FOR SENIORS, May 31 - June 7, 2024; (Organized by CHATS- Community & Home Assistance to Seniors)
 - d. ALS AWARENESS WEEK, June 9 - 15, 2024; (Organized by ALS Double Play)
 - e. INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY, August 15, 2024; (Organized by Canadian Intercultural Association for Community Development)

Carried

8. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

8.1 REPORT NO. 4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING (JANUARY 30, 2024)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

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

Carried

8.1.1 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, SARENA PROPERTIES LTD., APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO PERMIT OUTDOOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND ACCESSORY OFFICE USES WITHIN THE EXISTING BUILDING

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the report dated January 30, 2024, titled “PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION” Application by Sarena Properties Ltd. for Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit outdoor storage of vehicles on the subject lands and accessory office uses within the existing building on the subject lands for a 3-year period (File No. PLAN 23 141980), be received; and,
2. That the Record of the Public Meeting held on January 30, 2024, with respect to the proposed Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit outdoor storage of vehicles on the subject lands and accessory office uses within the existing building on the subject lands for a 3-year period (File No. PLAN 23 141980), be received; and,
3. That the application by Sarena Properties Ltd. to amend Zoning By-law 2551, as amended, to permit outdoor storage of vehicles on the subject lands and accessory office uses within the existing building on the subject lands for a 3-year period (File No. PLAN 23 141980), be approved; and,
4. That the proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 2551, as amended, be enacted without further notice; and further,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.2 REPORT NO. 5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (FEBRUARY 6, 2024)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

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

Carried

8.2.1 BAYVIEW AVENUE AND JOHN STREET VISIONING EXERCISE
(10.0)

Note: The notice of this motion was given to Development Services Committee at its meeting held on January 23, 2024.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

WHEREAS the City has received a number of residential – both high and low-density – development applications in and around the Thornhill Centre Area of Bayview Avenue and John Street, and anticipates the possibility of more, considering its proximity to future planned as well as already approved higher order public transit; and,

WHEREAS at the June 29, 2021, Council Meeting, Council directed “That Staff engage consultants determined by Staff to be necessary, such as urban design architects, TOC urban planners, transportation engineers, landscape architects and retail consultant to complete a secondary plan study for the lands shown on the attached Appendix A” which included the lands subject to this motion; and,

WHEREAS City staff have undertaken preliminary investigations of a local road and pathway network, land use plan, priority retail areas and areas of potential intensification in the context of Hazelview’s application for Thornhill Square at 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298 and 300 John St; and,

WHEREAS while Staff have determined that the area is not of sufficient size to constitute a secondary plan, particularly as the employment lands are not proposed to be converted in land use at this time, yet consider the area significant enough that a specific precinct plan is necessary in order to provide vision and policy guidance that includes determination of land

use permissions to better inform the public and the development community (developers and builders).

Therefore, now be it resolved:

1. That Markham Council directs Staff to undertake a visioning exercise for the Bayview Avenue and John Street area inclusive of publicly owned land as well as the surrounding residential and commercial properties that identifies potential new public roads, multi-use connections including, but not limited to, active transportation network, local trail network, new public parks, and an assessment for the need for additional community services and commercial amenities to support an appropriate mix of land uses for the lands of and surrounding the Thornhill Community Centre in order to achieve a “complete community” that serves existing and future residents; and,
2. That staff be directed to retain a moderator to facilitate a consultative process comprised of a series of three topic-specific public meetings on various aspects of the plan to seek public input on the visioning work; and,
3. **That staff be directed to develop a detailed workplan including required resources for this body of work and report back to Development Services Committee by Q2 2024; and,**
4. **That the deputations by Brian Fischer and Louis Olivera made at the February 6, 2024 Development Services Committee meeting be received; and further,**
5. 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 not notices of motion to reconsider.

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new/other business.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13. BY-LAWS - THREE READINGS

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That By-laws 2024-21 to 2024-25 be given three readings and enacted.

Carried

Three Readings

- 13.1 BY-LAW 2024-21, A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST “JOSEPH AND HELEN FREEMAN HOUSE”

The Joseph and Helen Freeman House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Carried

- 13.2 BY-LAW 2024-22, A BY-LAW TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MEADOWBROOK LANE

A by-law to close a portion of Meadowbrook Lane described as Part of Lot 10, Concession 6, designated as Parts 6 and 7, Plan of Survey 864 City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York. The Lands were dedicated as part of Meadowbrook Lane by By-Law 180-92.

Carried

- 13.3 BY-LAW 2024-23, A BY-LAW TO DEDICATE CERTAIN LANDS AS PART OF THE HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM (PLAN YR1372523)

The lands described as Part of Block 4, Plan 65M-2668, depicted as Parts 2 and 4 on Expropriation Plan YR1372523, Markham are hereby established and laid out as part of the public highways of the City of Markham and named South Town Centre Boulevard.

Carried

13.4 BY-LAW 2024-24, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2551, AS AMENDED

The lands affected apply to the lands within the Langstaff community. The lands are currently zoned Residential (R1) by By-law 2551, as amended.

The purpose of this by-law amendment is to permit outdoor storage and business offices on the lands noted above.

[Sarena Properties Ltd. 197 and 199 Langstaff Rd E. (Ward 1), File No. Plan 23 141980]

(Item 8.1.1, Report No. 4)

Carried

13.5 BY-LAW 2024-25, A BY-LAW TO DEEM CERTAIN LANDS NOT TO BE A REGISTERED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION 50(3) OF THE PLANNING ACT

The lands are located west of Cochrane Drive and south of Highway 7 (Lots 7 and 8, Plan 65M-2326). The purpose of this by-law is to allow the Owner of Lot 7 Plan 65M-2326, and Lot 8, Plan 65M-2326 to merge the properties to facilitate the development of three industrial buildings and two office buildings.(Markham Commercial Centre Ltd. West of Cochrane Drive, South of Highway 7, Lots 7&8, Plan 65M-2326)

Carried

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Juanita Nathan

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act*, Council resolve into a private session to discuss the following confidential matters (1:51 PM):

Carried

Council resumed in open session and approved the following at 3:23 PM:

14.1 COUNCIL

14.1.1 CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL MINUTES - JANUARY 31, 2024

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the confidential Council minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 31, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

14.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 6, 2024

14.2.1 OLT APPEAL – 8200 WARDEN AVENUE BY LIFETIME PANDA MRKM INC. (10.5)

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1. That the Confidential Report titled, “REQUEST FOR DIRECTION Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal by Lifetime Panda Mrkm Inc. - Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications to permit a high rise, mixed use residential development at 8200 Warden Avenue (Ward 8)”, be received; and further,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

Carried

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW - THREE READINGS

Moved by Councillor Juanita Nathan

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That By-law 2024-20 be given three readings and enacted.

BY-LAW 2024-20, A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024.

No attachment

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Carried

Kimberley Kitteringham

City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti

Mayor