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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - CW#09-10

Monday, May 17, 2010
4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Richmond Hill Town Hall
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario

Chair Godwin Chan
Ward 6 Councillor

MINUTES

A meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Town of Richmond Hill was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following Members of the Committee present:

Councillor Chan (Chair)
Mayor Barrow
Regional and Local Councillor Hogg
Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora
Councillor Warner
Councillor Cohen
Councillor Foster
Councillor Papa

Regrets:
Councillor Beros

The following members of Staff were present:

J. Anderton, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Melitzer, Town Solicitor
S. Baker, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Bassios, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services
I. Brutto, Commissioner of Environment and Infrastructure Services
D. Miller, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
D. Dick, Acting Director Financial Services/Treasurer

P. Lee, Director of Planning and Policy
G. Manderson, Director of Strategic Initiatives
P. Freeman, Manager of Policy
T. Myatt, Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
D. Olding, Manager of Grants and Strategic Initiatives
D. Sanna, Manager of Real Estate
C. Stone, Manager of Revenue Services
J. Baker, Enforcement Officer
B. DeFreitas, Planner 1
D. McLarty, Town Clerk
L. Sampogna Council/Committee Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed for Private Kevin Thomas McKay (age 24), from Richmond Hill and the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who was killed on May 13, 2010 by an improvised explosive device in the Panjwayi District of Afghanistan.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Papa

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: Councillor Cohen

That the following Items be approved and recommended to Council:

1. Minutes – Mayor's Endowment for the Arts Application Review Committee – MEA#03-09 of June 15, 2009

That the minutes of the Mayor's Endowment for the Arts Application Review Committee meeting MEA#03-09 of June 15, 2009 be adopted.

3. Minutes – Youth Action Committee meeting of April 21, 2010

That the minutes of the Youth Action Committee meeting held on April 21, 2010 be adopted.

5. Economic Stimulus Infrastructure Projects Update – 1st Quarter 2010 – (SRCAO.10.16)

That SRCAO.10.16 regarding the status of the Economic Stimulus Infrastructure Projects be received for information purposes.

6. Application for Funding – Municipal Bridge Data Collection – (SRCAO.10.17)

Rec. 1 That staff be directed to apply to the Ontario Good Roads Association for funding for the purpose of collecting, collating, compiling and formatting bridge asset and condition data, and agree to submit bridge asset and condition data for inclusion in Municipal DataWorks by March 31, 2011.

7. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club License Agreement Renewal – (SRCS.10.33)

Rec. 2 That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club upon the written recommendation of the Commissioner of Community Services.

11. 2010 Oak Ridges Fair – (SRCS.10.34)

- Rec. 3**
- a) **That the Oak Ridges Fair be held at Sunset Beach Park for the period from June 18, 19 and 20, 2010;**
 - b) **That Olde Bayview Avenue from south of North Lake Road to Bayview Park Lane be closed to through traffic for the period starting June 19, 2010 at 7 a.m. to June 20, 2010 midnight for the Oak Ridges Fair;**
 - c) **That Bethesda Road be closed to through traffic from west of Bayview Avenue to Olde Bayview Avenue starting June 19, 2010 at 7 a.m. to June 20, 2010 midnight for the Oak Ridges Fair;**
 - d) **That “local traffic only” be maintained to the Boat House and boat launch ramp;**

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- e) **That “local traffic only” be maintained to Vanek Park Road from the south only;**
- f) **That “local traffic only” be maintained from North Lake Road for residential properties fronting on Olde Bayview between North Lake Road and the access to the Boat House;**
- g) **That the appropriate agencies and authorities be notified of the road closures;**
- h) **That notices for the road closures be placed in the Liberal newspaper;**
- i) **That the radar message boards be deployed on Olde Bayview for one week starting June 11, 2010 to advise the motorists of the closures;**
- j) **That staff be required to place appropriate pedestrian and vehicular barriers at Sunset Beach Park for the period from June 19 to June 20, 2010;**
- k) **That emergency no-parking signs be placed on the west side of Olde Bayview Avenue from North Lake Road to Capelle Street,**
- l) **That emergency no-parking be placed on the west side of Fergus Avenue and Moray Avenue for a distance of 50 m from North Lake Road northerly;**
- m) **That satisfactory insurance be obtained by the proponents of the Oak Ridges Fair to the satisfaction of the Town’s Risk Manager;**
- n) **That Council provides approval for the Oak Ridges Fair/Oak Ridges Community Network to operate a liquor licensed area at the location of Sunset Beach Park as part of the 2010 Oak Ridges Fair.**

12. Minutes – Richmond Hill Arena Association regular meeting of March 25, 2010

That the minutes of the Richmond Hill Arena Association regular meeting held on March 25, 2010 be received.

13. Minutes – Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area 2009 and 2010 Meetings of the Board of Management

- a) That the minutes of the Business Improvement Area regular meetings held on January 22, February 5, March 5, April 2, June 4, July 9, September 10, October 8, November 5 and December 3, 2009, be received;

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- b) That the minutes of the Business Improvement Area regular meetings held on January 11, February 11 and March 4, 2010, be received.

14. *York Region Pride Week* – June 6 to 13, 2010

Rec. 4 That the week of June 6 to 13, 2010 be proclaimed *York Region Pride Week* in the Town of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Cohen presented Rick Singh with a 2010 Volunteer Achievement Award in recognition of his involvement with the Richmond Hill Soccer Club for over 20 years and sitting on the board of Directors as a volunteer Referee Coordinator/Head Referee. Mr. Singh spends countless hours recruiting, scheduling and organizing Referee Clinics for new referee certification courses and his involvement with the York Region Soccer Referee Association on the Board as “Registrar”, all on a volunteer basis.

Mr. David Clark, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation provided an update on the Yonge Street Rapidways in the area of Highway 7 to Gamble Road. The update included matters related to parking demand, parking pressures, funding, and alignment within the Town’s Official Plan, Vivastation design elements, wayfinding and accessibility, boulevard treatments, property acquisitions and public information consultation.

Moved by: Councillor Papa

That the presentation by David Clark, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, regarding an update on the Yonge Street Rapidways in the area of Highway 7 to Gamble Road be received.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Alan Breznick, 16 Mayvern Crescent, expressed his concerns regarding the sale of the two vacant lots of land, one located on Mayvern Avenue and the other on Law Crescent.

Mike Goldlist and Amy Kerr, 56 Penwick Crescent, addressed Committee regarding permission to build an 8 foot privacy fence that would provide them with more privacy and would prevent their dog from jumping a fence of this height.

4. Proposed Fence Amendment – 56 Penwick Crescent – Plan M1435 Lot 21 – (SRPRS.10.60)

Moved by: Councillor Papa

- Rec. 5 That the request to amend Chapter 973 of the Municipal Code by the property owner at 56 Penwick Crescent to permit a wood fence having a height of 8 ft (2.44m) along the south, west, and north sides of the property as outlined in SRPRS.10.60 be denied.**

Carried Unanimously

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2. Minutes – Richvale Park Redevelopment Project Steering Committee – RPR#01-10 of March 31, 2010

Moved by: Councillor Papa

That the minutes of the Richvale Park Redevelopment Project Steering Committee meeting RPR#01-10 of March 31, 2010 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

8. Local Improvement Project – Treasurer Report, Special Assessment for Bent Crescent, Maralim Road and Fernleigh Circle North and South – (SRCFS.10.020)

Moved by: Councillor Warner

- Rec. 6**
- a) **That the special charges allocated to each lot as set out in the Local Improvement Roll, as certified by the Treasurer in Appendix ‘C’ to SRCFS.10.020, for the reconstruction of Bent Crescent, Maralim Road and Fernleigh Circle North and South be approved;**
 - b) **That properties exempt from property taxation continue to be liable for special charges relating to Local Improvement Projects;**
 - c) **That the Local Improvement rate be set at \$149.30 per meter frontage for lump sum payments, or an annual payment of \$17.96 per meter frontage per year paid over ten (10) years;**
 - d) **That By-law No. 47–10, attached as Appendix ‘A’ to SRCFS.10.020, be enacted.**

Carried Unanimously

9. 2010 Heritage Village Festival Event – Street Closure Request – (SRCS.10.32)

Moved by: Councillor Papa

- Rec. 7**
- a) **That the 2010 Heritage Village Festival Event to be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. be approved;**
 - b) **That Council authorize the closing of Yonge Street from the north side of Major MacKenzie Drive to the south side of Crosby Avenue, and closing Centre Street from the east side of Yonge Street to the west side of Church Street, on Saturday June 12, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;**
 - c) **That the appropriate road authority be made aware of this closure.**

Carried Unanimously

10. Support for AMO’s Efforts on Joint and Several Liability Reform – (SRCAO.10.18)

Moved by: Local and Regional Councillor Spatafora

- Rec. 8**
- a) **That SRCAO.10.18 be received for information.**
 - b) **That a resolution in support of AMO’s efforts be passed as follows:**

“That the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill supports the efforts of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to seek joint and several liability reform in Ontario and calls on the Provincial Government to pursue much needed changes to the *Negligence Act* and related legislation.”;
 - c) **That a copy of this resolution and staff report be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their information and consideration.**

Carried Unanimously

15. Barefoot Challenge Day – June 1, 2010

Moved by: Councillor Foster

That correspondence from Bilaal Rajan, 47 Primont Drive, dated April 28, 2010 regarding *Barefoot Challenge Day* be received.

Carried Unanimously

16. Request for Proclamation regarding the *Rotary International Peace Community Program*

Moved by: Mayor Barrow

- Rec. 9**
- a) **That the correspondence from Bhuvana Venkat, President, Rotary Club of Richmond Hill, regarding the Rotary International Peace Community Program be received;**
 - b) **That Council declare the Town of Richmond Hill a Peace Community.**

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Moved by: Councillor Papa

That Committee of the Whole move into closed session to consider matters relating to a proposed disposition of municipal surplus lands for municipal purposes relating to Law Crescent and Mayvern Crescent; to consider matters relating to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting a request to recover York Region policing costs related illegal marihuana grow operations; and to consider matters relating to the security of the property of the municipality and to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege relating to a 2010 budget request.

Carried Unanimously

Committee moved into closed session and then returned to open session (6:58 p.m. to 7:52 p.m.)

A. Disposition of Surplus Land – Blocks 50, 51, 52 and 53, Plan 65M-2998 – File No. L04-BL – (SRS.10.15)

Moved by: Councillor Cohen

- Rec. 10**
- a) **That Council authorize the sale of Blocks 50 & 51, Plan 65M-2998 to the owner of the abutting property municipally known as 18 Mayvern Crescent subject to the following:**
 - i) **That the consideration for the lands be \$30,000.00;**
 - ii) **That the Town reserve a servicing easement to accommodate the existing catchbasin and related drainage services;**

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- iii) **That the Town remove the existing sidewalk and re-sod the area where the sidewalk is removed; and**
- iv) **That the Town remove the chainlink fence dividing these blocks from 18 Mayvern Crescent.**
- b) **That Council authorize the sale of Blocks 52 & 53, Plan 65M-2998 to the owner of the abutting property municipally known as 19 Law Crescent subject to the following:**
 - i) **The consideration for the lands be \$30,000.00;**
 - ii) **That the Town remove the existing sidewalk and re-sod the area where the sidewalk is removed.**
- c) **That Council waive the requirement to obtain an appraisal for Blocks 50, 51, 52 & 53, Plan 65M-2998 pursuant to Section 295.2.5 of the Municipal Code;**
- d) **That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute agreements related to the foregoing sales upon the written recommendation of the Manager of Real Estate.**

Carried Unanimously

- B. **Grow Op Cost Recovery By-law – Request from York Regional Police Services Board - File No. B02-GR - (SRS.10.18)**

Moved by: Councillor Cohen

- Rec. 11 a) **That, inasmuch as police services are the responsibility of the Region of York and not the local municipality, Council decline the request of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board to enact a by-law for the recovery of costs incurred by police in dismantling of indoor marihuana grow operations and other chemical clandestine laboratories;**
- b) **That Council direct staff to suggest to the Board that this request be redirected to the council of the Regional Municipality of York, which has jurisdiction over policing and which can enact its own by-laws for the recovery of charges done by or on behalf of it.**

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.