



## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**C#14-22**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**225 East Beaver Creek Road**

**Richmond Hill, Ontario**

An electronic hybrid Council meeting, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West  
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Councillor Beros  
Councillor Muench  
Councillor Sheppard  
Councillor Chan

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Councillor Liu  
Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, Interim City Manager  
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services  
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure  
T. Steele, Acting Commissioner of Community Services  
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor  
M. Makrigiorgos, Local and Regional Councillor - Chief of Staff  
G. McCallum, Community Liaison Officer  
G. Ekhtiari, Community Outreach Assistant

M. Yan, Administrative Clerk  
S. Huycke, City Clerk  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer  
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning  
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning  
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture  
M. Dobbie, Manager, Park and Natural Heritage Planning  
K. Ash, Manager, Recreation Programs  
D. Giannetta, Manager, Development Site Plans  
D. Beaulieu, Manager, Development Subdivisions  
M. Flores, Manager, Development Subdivisions  
A. Patsalides, Planning Technician  
K. Bates, Sustainability Coordinator

**1. Call to Order/National Anthem**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Council consented to recess between:

- 12:10 p.m. and 1:10 p.m.;
- 4:07 p.m. and 4:23 p.m.; and
- 5:44 p.m. and 6:46 p.m.

Mayor West transferred the Chair to Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola between:

- 2:51 p.m. to 4:06 p.m. during consideration of Items 14.1 and 14.3.

**2. Public Forum (not to exceed 15 minutes)**

**2.1 Jennifer Adams, Vice President of Philanthropy, Margaret Bahen Hospice**

Jennifer Adams, Vice President of Philanthropy, Margaret Bahen Hospice, described the services provided by Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice, shared information on the Tee-off for Hospice and Hike

for Hospice fundraising events and encouraged Council to share the information through their networks.

**3. Council Announcements**

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola thanked those wearing pink in solidarity and support of individuals that were bullied, and recognized that bullying made victims of us all and would not be tolerated.

Councillor Cilevitz thanked Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola for his words and to those who wore pink. She wished all residents a happy and blessed Easter, and a happy Passover to Jewish residents.

Councillor Chan extended best wishes to the Muslim community during the holy month of Ramadan, noting that he looked forward to meeting them in the mosque and in the community to break bread.

**4. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters raised by Members of Council.

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following additions:

- a) Delegation by Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill - (Item 12.1);
- b) Delegations received regarding the Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations - (Item 12.2);
- c) SRPI.22.057 - Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations - (Item 13.9);
- d) Correspondence submitted by Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, dated April 11, 2022, regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill – (Item 13.10);
- e) Correspondence submitted by Sam Foti, Oak Ridges Soccer Club, dated April 1, 2022, regarding Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations - (refer to Item 13.11).

Carried Unanimously

**6. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli declared a pecuniary interest on Closed Session Item 17.1 c), regarding the consideration of matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to confidential staff report SRS.22.02, and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (*Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001*), as he was named. Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli left the hybrid meeting and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

**7. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

**7.1 Special Council Meeting C#10-22 held March 22, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Chan  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Special Council Meeting C#10-22 held March 22, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**7.2 Council Meeting C#11-22 held March 23, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Chan  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#11-22 held March 23, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**7.3 Council Public Meeting C#12-22 held March 30, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Chan  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the minutes of Council Public Meeting C#12-22 held March 30, 2022 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**8. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Council consented to separate items 13.6, 13.7, 13.9, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4 for discussion.

**9. Adoption of Remainder of Agenda Items**

On a motion of Councillor Beros, seconded by Councillor Muench, Council adopted those items not identified for separate discussion.

**10. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**11. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**12. Delegations**

**12.1 Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 13.7)**

Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, remarked on the growth of pickleball in Canada and North America, and advised of the report prepared by volunteers that highlighted issues facing municipalities that have embraced pickleball, which was included on the Revised Agenda as Item 13.10. He shared details included in the report with respect to how other municipalities have responded to the growth of the sport, and testimonials of how it changed people's lives. Mr. Bowcott shared his belief that the City follow the approach of investing resources into building a large 20-court facility, and addressed some of the temporary solutions outlined in the staff report. He asked that a motion be brought forward by Council to request staff to study the feasibility of building a world-class 20-court pickleball facility in Richmond Hill.

**12.2 Delegations received regarding Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations - (refer to Item 13.9)**

Diramuid Salvadori, President of the Richmond Hill Soccer Club, provided background information on the club, including its programming, partnerships with local schools and other not-for-profit organizations and the subsidies they offered. He shared their vision, recognition and awards they received, and financial contributions made to the City over the years. Mr. Salvadori recognized the need and expressed support of the priority to construct an additional indoor facility, and introduced several of their Richmond Hill alumni. He acknowledged the growth of the sport, shared his belief that it was a game of immigrants, and that soccer facilities were essential to the integration of newcomers to the City.

Lutfi Askandar, on behalf of KickOff GTA, began by advising that more soccer facilities were needed in the City. He noted that KickOff GTA was a

for-profit organization that believed in doing the right thing. He described the operational challenges faced during the pandemic, their five star reviews on Google, and the benefits sport had on children. Mr. Askandar remarked on previous efforts to seek a field to provide services for their members, noting that the motion considered today was three years in the making. He acknowledged that while other Richmond Hill clubs needed more fields and more time, they had nothing and wanted something. Mr. Askandar advised of their previous commitment to a substantial amount of weekly hours at the new facility if constructed, their financial offer made to the City, and asked Council to make a decision that was in the best interest of the City and keep families local.

Brenda Fernandes, 16 Parsell Street, described the positive benefits that KickOff GTA had on her son, and other participants, and questioned why they had to drive all over York Region to play and could not host their own games in their own City. She noted that it was easy to find dance, hockey and volleyball facilities locally, but not fields for their soccer club. Ms. Fernandes shared her request for a place for their children to play in Richmond Hill, and advised of the needed facility to attract and develop the best talent.

Luguo Huang, 18 Bracknell Avenue, Markham, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Lisa Balsamo, 145 Sweet Water Crescent, advised that they were part of the KickOff GTA family for over five years, and shared her experience of building a shared community based on their love for soccer. She shared her opinion that more soccer clubs was beneficial as it created increased competition, which would lead to growth of the soccer community in Richmond Hill. Ms. Balsamo advised that one club should not be given the monopoly to operate while KickOff GTA was being prohibited from growing due to a lack of opportunity in accessing facilities. She concluded by urging Council to act on the request for additional soccer facilities.

Alex Kluchuk, 71 Miles Hill Crescent, advised that Richmond Hill needed a second soccer bubble. He remarked on the amount of travelling that was required due to the lack of readily available local soccer fields, noting that it was taxing on kids, coaches and their families. He advised of the popularity of soccer in Canada, and the significant interest and demand from the public in Richmond Hill for a second dome in order to have a reliable all-season soccer facility. He shared his opinion that a second

bubble would help children's physical development, improve their mental health, and be a very good investment for the residents of Richmond Hill.

Lara Assal, 50 Lambert Road, Markham, advised of the reasons for enrolling her children in the KickOff GTA club. She remarked on the lack of stability and field access they encountered within the last four years, and the significant travel time required to access available fields within the GTA. She shared her opinion that one dome that was predominately used by one soccer club did not serve the community properly, and that for a small business such as KickOff GTA to succeed, another dome was vital. Ms. Assal advised that as a small business owner, she wanted to see other hard working small business owners succeed, and shared her opinion that it was the responsibility of City Council to create the infrastructure and opportunities for hard working citizens to succeed.

Michael Balsamo, 145 Sweet Water Crescent, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Jennifer Da Silva, 78 Marsden Court, Newmarket, advised that they had been with KickOff GTA for over nine years, and shared the benefits the program had on the development of her children. She shared the difficulty in not having a home field, and the considerable driving that was required to access available fields. She shared her opinion that KickOff GTA deserved a fair and equal chance to touch the lives of more children in Richmond Hill and to not be forced out of City. Ms. Da Silva conveyed the importance of creating a large space that would meet the needs of a local 10-year-old business, and shared her belief that it was about giving children a warm and consistent space close to home, to get together with friends to play the sport they love.

Sarah Almasraf, 1116 Yonge Street, described her affiliation with KickOff GTA, and advised that the lack of stability of field access had been the biggest inhibitor of business growth. She shared KickOff GTA's goals as it pertained to the development of its participants, and described how the business changed its programming during the pandemic to promote the health and well-being of its kids. Ms. Almasraf shared her opinion that KickOff GTA needed a fair chance to grow and to stay local in Richmond Hill.

Nour Askandar, 71 Yorkland Street, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Marie Caruso, 220-51 Baffin Court, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Homa Alammanesh, 45 Elgin Street, Thornhill, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Jorge Ceron, 50 Parktree Drive, Maple, advised that his children had been involved with KickOff GTA for nearly five years. He shared how he heard about the club, spoke highly about the coach and the program, the benefits he had witnessed in his children, and shared his desire that the business succeed. Mr. Ceron advised of the need for a home facility in Richmond Hill, noting that it would draw investment into the city. He shared his opinion that Richmond Hill could produce Canada's next soccer star, but that it could not happen unless there was investment in small businesses like KickOff GTA.

Paolo Volpe, 165 Richmond Street, submitted an application to appear as an electronic delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Silky Tsang, 36 Duke of York Street, advised that she echoed the comments of the previous speakers, described how she heard about the club, and the benefits she witnessed in her son due to the program run by KickOff GTA. Ms. Tsang noted that the lack of field space was inhibiting the growth of the small business, and shared her belief that a home field in Richmond Hill would help the boys feel a sense of belonging, and be an investment in soccer and the wellbeing of children.

### **13. Committee and Staff Reports**

#### **13.1 Minutes - Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#02-21 held September 21, 2021**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That the minutes of Official Plan Update Committee meeting OPUC#02-21 held September 21, 2021 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

#### **13.2 SRCS.22.05 - Parking By-law Amendment to Clarify the Framework for Parking Enforcement on Provincial Lands**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

- a) That Staff Report SRCS.22.05 regarding Parking By-law Amendment to Clarify the Framework for Parking Enforcement on Provincial Lands, be received;
- b) That By-law 18-22 (Attachment 1 to Staff Report SRCS.22.05) be enacted to amend the Parking Regulation By-law 402-89 (Municipal Code Chapter 1116); and
- c) That By-law 44-22 (Attachment 2 to Staff Report SRCS.22.05) be enacted to amend Schedule 'A' of the Administrative Penalties By-law 69-16.

Carried Unanimously

**13.3 SRCS.22.07 - Indigenous Action Committee**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

- a) That Staff Report SRCS.22.07 regarding the Indigenous Action Committee be received; and
- b) That staff continue to work with Indigenous Action Committee to provide sites for their events free of facility rental fees and report back at the end of the 1 year pilot period.

Carried Unanimously

**13.4 SRPI.22.043 - Request to Approval Street Naming Application – 9089802 Canada Corp. - 0, 40 and 60 Harris Avenue - City File AA-22-0007**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

- a) That Staff Report SRPI.22.043 regarding the Private Street Naming Application submitted by 9089802 Canada Corp. for the lands known as Part of Lots F and G, Registered Plan 1916 (Municipal Addresses: 0, 40 and 60 Harris Avenue) be approved subject to the following:
  - (i) that the proposed private street name Roland Green Lane (P) be approved in accordance with Staff Report SRPI.22.043; and,

- (ii) that staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to a regularly scheduled Council meeting to implement the approval of the private street name upon approval of the development applications for the proposed residential development.

Carried Unanimously

**13.5 SRPI.22.016 – Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Xiukai Zhu – 19 Pearson Avenue - City File D02-20023**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That the revised Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Xiukai Zhu for lands known as Part of Lot 11, Plan 3403 (Municipal Address: 19 Pearson Avenue), City File D02-20023, be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Second Density Residential (R2) Zone to Third Density Residential (R3) Zone under By-law 2523, as amended, with site specific provisions as set out in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPI.22.016; and,
- ii. that the amending Zoning By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration and enactment.

Carried Unanimously

**13.6 SRPI.22.033 – 2021 Greening the Hill Progress Report and Draft Environment Strategy Update**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

a) That Council receive staff report SRPI.22.033 and the attached Environment Strategy 2021 Progress Tracker, Environment Strategy 2021 Accomplishments leaflet, and Draft Environment Strategy Update for information; and

b) That the attached draft Environment Strategy Update be made publicly available on the City’s website for a review and comment period before finalization of the updated Environment Strategy.

Carried

**13.7 SRPI.22.049 - Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Seconded by: Councillor Beros

a) That staff be directed to study and report back before the summer recess on options to build a world-class 20 court pickleball facility including: possible locations that would ensure between 50m and 100m distance from residents; a location preferably near major transit hubs such as regional roads; the costs, if required, to acquire land to provide a suitable facility that meets these criteria; and options to provide either an outdoor facility (with the option for a bubble) and or indoor/outdoor facility.

**An Amendment was:**

Moved by: Councillor Chan  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That the following clauses be added to the main motion:

b) That Staff Report SRPI.22.049 – Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill be received for information;

c) That staff undertake neighbourhood consultation regarding the proposed re-lining of 2 tennis courts in Morgan Boyle Park and 3 tennis courts in Grovewood Park to facilitate combined tennis/pickleball play by Q3 2023 if possible;

d) That staff facilitate the design and installation of approximately 10 “pop-up” pickleball courts in the snow storage area of Richmond Green Park to facilitate play by Q3 2022 if possible;

e) That staff add no volley zone lines to the badminton courts at Rouge Woods and continue to review indoor recreation programs and add further pickleball opportunities where feasible;

f) That funding in the amount of \$172,850.00 be approved for use in 2022 to facilitate the execution of items (c),(d) and (e) above;

g) That staff continue to move forward to deliver 4 purpose-built pickleball courts as part of the Bayview Hill Park Phase 1 Revitalization to facilitate play by Q3 2024.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (3): Councillor Chan, Mayor West, Councillor Beros

Opposed: (6): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu

Motion to Amend Failed to Carry (3 to 6)

**Main Motion:**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Seconded by: Councillor Beros

a) That staff be directed to study and report back before the summer recess on options to build a world-class 20 court pickleball facility including: possible locations that would ensure between 50m and 100m distance from residents; a location preferably near major transit hubs such as regional roads; the costs, if required, to acquire land to provide a suitable facility that meets these criteria; and options to provide either an outdoor facility (with the option for a bubble) and or indoor/outdoor facility.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (4): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu

Opposed: (5): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Muench, Mayor West

Motion Failed to Carry (4 to 5)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Staff Report SRPI.22.049 regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill be received for information;

b) That staff undertake neighbourhood consultation including the proposed re-lining of 2 tennis courts in Morgan Boyle Park and 3 tennis courts in Grovewood Park to facilitate combined tennis/pickleball play by Q3 2023 if possible;

c) That staff facilitate the design and installation of approximately 10“ pop-up” pickleball courts in the snow storage area of Richmond Green Park to facilitate play by Q3 2022 if possible;

d) That staff add no volley zone lines to the badminton courts at RougeWoods and continue to review indoor recreation programs and add further pickleball opportunities where feasible;

- e) That funding in the amount of \$172,850.00 be approved for use in 2022 to facilitate the execution of items (b), (c) and (d) above;
- f) That staff continue to move forward to deliver 4 purpose-built pickleball courts as part of the Bayview Hill Park Phase 1 Revitalization to facilitate play by Q3 2024; and,
- g) That staff investigate a suitable location for a purpose-built, multi-court, community pickleball hub and consider such an endeavor through the City's budgeting process as soon as possible.

**An Amendment was:**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

That Clause g) of the main motion be amended to read as follows:  
g) That staff investigate a suitable location for a purpose-built, multi-court, community pickleball hub(s), with an interim report presented to Council prior to summer recess, and consider such an endeavor through the City's budgeting process as soon as possible.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (5): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench

Opposed: (4): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Motion to Amend Carried (5 to 4)

**Main Motion as Amended:**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That Staff Report SRPI.22.049 regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill be received for information;
- b) That staff undertake neighbourhood consultation including the proposed re-lining of 2 tennis courts in Morgan Boyle Park and 3 tennis courts in Grovewood Park to facilitate combined tennis/pickleball play by Q3 2023 if possible;

- c) That staff facilitate the design and installation of approximately 10 “pop-up” pickleball courts in the snow storage area of Richmond Green Park to facilitate play by Q3 2022 if possible;
- d) That staff add no volley zone lines to the badminton courts at Rouge Woods and continue to review indoor recreation programs and add further pickleball opportunities where feasible;
- e) That funding in the amount of \$172,850.00 be approved for use in 2022 to facilitate the execution of items (b), (c) and (d) above;
- f) That staff continue to move forward to deliver 4 purpose-built pickleball courts as part of the Bayview Hill Park Phase 1 Revitalization to facilitate play by Q3 2024; and,
- g) That staff investigate a suitable location for a purpose-built, multi-court, community pickleball hub(s), with an interim report presented to Council prior to summer recess, and consider such an endeavor through the City’s budgeting process as soon as possible.

A recorded vote was taken on Clause a), f) and g) of the Main Motion as Amended:

In favour: (9): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Clause a), f) and g) of the Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

A recorded vote was taken on Clause b) of the Main Motion as Amended:

In favour: (6): Councillor Chan, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (3): Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros

Clause b) of the Main Motion as Amended Carried

A recorded vote was taken on Clause c) of the Main Motion as Amended:

In favour: (9): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Clause c) of the Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

A recorded vote was taken on Clause d) of the Main Motion as Amended:

In favour: (9): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Clause d) of the Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

A recorded vote was taken on Clause e) of the Main Motion as Amended:

In favour: (9): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Clause e) of the Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

**The complete motion to read as follows:**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That Staff Report SRPI.22.049 regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill be received for information;

b) That staff undertake neighbourhood consultation including the proposed re-lining of 2 tennis courts in Morgan Boyle Park and 3 tennis courts in Grovewood Park to facilitate combined tennis/pickleball play by Q3 2023 if possible;

c) That staff facilitate the design and installation of approximately 10 “pop-up” pickleball courts in the snow storage area of Richmond Green Park to facilitate play by Q3 2022 if possible;

d) That staff add no volley zone lines to the badminton courts at Rouge Woods and continue to review indoor recreation programs and add further pickleball opportunities where feasible;

e) That funding in the amount of \$172,850.00 be approved for use in 2022 to facilitate the execution of items (b), (c) and (d) above;

f) That staff continue to move forward to deliver 4 purpose-built pickleball courts as part of the Bayview Hill Park Phase 1 Revitalization to facilitate play by Q3 2024; and,

g) That staff investigate a suitable location for a purpose-built, multi-court, community pickleball hub(s), with an interim report presented to Council prior to summer recess, and consider such an endeavor through the City’s budgeting process as soon as possible.

Carried

**13.8 Proclamation - Apraxia Awareness Day - May 14, 2022**

Moved by: Councillor Beros  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That May 14, 2022, be proclaimed as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in the City of Richmond Hill.

Carried Unanimously

**13.9 SRPI.22.057 - Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That SRPI.22.057 regarding the provision of an additional indoor soccer facility in Richmond Hill be received, and

b) That staff continue to investigate opportunities and locations for indoor soccer facilities and report back in Q3 of 2022.

**An Amendment was:**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Seconded by: Councillor Beros

That the following clause be added to the main motion:

c) That staff report back prior to Summer Recess on how much it will cost to install a bubble (and required amenities) over the west soccer field at Richmond Green, and/or the costs to remove the bubble over the east soccer field and install a single bubble (and required amenities) over both the east and west soccer fields at Richmond Green.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (2): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Beros

Opposed: (7): Councillor Chan, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Motion to Amend Failed to Carry

**Main Motion:**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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In favour: (9): Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (0): None

Carried Unanimously (9 to 0)

**13.10 Correspondence submitted by Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, dated April 11, 2022, regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill - (refer to Item 13.7)**

Moved by: Councillor Beros

Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That the correspondence submitted by Michael Bowcott, 435 Easy Street, dated April 11, 2022, regarding Response to Council Motion: Pickleball in Richmond Hill, be received.

Carried Unanimously

**13.11 Correspondence submitted by Sam Foti, Oak Ridges Soccer Club, dated April 1, 2022, regarding Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations - (refer to Item 13.9)**

Moved by: Councillor Beros

Seconded by: Councillor Muench

a) That the correspondence submitted by Sam Foti, Oak Ridges Soccer Club, dated April 1, 2022, regarding Indoor Soccer Facility Investigations, be received.

Carried Unanimously

**14. Other Business**

**14.1 Member Motion - Mayor West - Council Appointments - Remainder of the Current Term of Council**

Moved by: Mayor West

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Whereas, at its meeting on February 4, 2019, Council appointed Members of Council to its various committees, task forces and Boards for the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council as recommended in a Members Motion by Mayor Dave Barrow;

Whereas, then Ward 4 Councillor David West was appointed: as a Member of the Heritage Centre Advisory Committee (HCAC) and Heritage Richmond Hill Committee (HRH); Council Liaison to the Richmond Hill Board of Trade; and, Director of the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management;

And Whereas, David West was elected Mayor on January 24, 2022, and is in accordance with the various Terms of Reference and the Procedure By-law 74-12, as amended, an Ex-officio Member of all Council's Committees and Task Forces;

And Whereas, Council at its meeting on March 22, 2022, appointed Raika Sheppard as Ward 4 Councillor for the remainder of the current Term of Council;

And Whereas, as a result of these changes in Council, the appointments to Council's various Committees, Task Forces and Boards for the remainder of the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council requires updating.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Councillor Raika Sheppard be appointed to replace David West on the Heritage Centre Advisory Committee (HCAC) for the remainder of the current Term of Council;

2. That Councillor Raika Sheppard be appointed to replace David West on the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee (HRH) for the remainder of the current Term of Council;
3. That Councillor Godwin Chan be appointed to replace David West as Council's Liaison to the Richmond Hill Board of Trade for the remainder of the current Term of Council;
4. That Councillor Raika Sheppard be appointed to replace David West as one of Council's two Directors on the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the remainder of the current Term of Council.

Carried

**14.2 Member Motion - Councillor Beros - Lake Wilcox Parking**

Moved by: Councillor Beros

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

WHEREAS Lake Wilcox Park located in the heart of Oak Ridges attracts visitors from Richmond Hill and across the GTA for its sunning waterfront scenery and family-friendly amenities;

WHEREAS the residents of Richmond Hill can enjoy a waterpark that includes a playground, youth area with a skate park, beach volleyball courts and a boardwalk of the lake;

WHEREAS numerous residents have raised concerns regarding not enough parking spots available for Richmond Hill residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that fees for non-residents increase from \$4 per hour to \$10 per hour in the two Oak Ridges Community Centre lots and from \$5 per hour in the central parking lot adjacent to the splash pad to \$15 per hour for this year. For staff to report back on the impact at the end of the year.

**Motion to Refer:**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the Members Motion of Councillor Beros regarding Lake Wilcox Parking, be referred to staff for a report back to Council on the impacts of the implementation of the existing paid parking at Lake Wilcox, and the implications of the proposed parking rates in the motion.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (6): Councillor Chan, Councillor Muench, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Opposed: (3): Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Liu

Motion to Refer Carried (6 to 3)

**14.3 Member Motion - Mayor West - Municipal Campaign Contribution Rebate Program**

Moved by: Mayor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, Campaign contributions made by citizens to any municipal candidate are not eligible for either a provincial or federal tax credit; and

Whereas, the lack of a tax credit for contributions may be considered as an impediment which limits the ability of municipal candidates to raise funds for their campaign; and

Whereas, an increasing number of municipalities, including Markham, Oakville, Toronto, and many others in Ontario, have developed Campaign Rebate programs designed to encourage citizens to donate to candidates of their choice during the municipal election; and

Whereas, the majority of the current municipal Campaign Rebate programs are established at the beginning of a municipal election cycle, to enable the required funding to be accumulated over a four year budgeting cycle; and

Whereas, various municipalities have adopted different program elements including different rebate levels, different criteria for candidates to apply for the program, different criteria for citizens to qualify for the rebate program, etc.; and

Whereas, it is recognized that there would be a requirement to ensure that appropriate systems and staffing would be in place to manage any such Contribution Rebate Program for Richmond Hill.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Staff be asked to report back to Council on options to establish a Municipal Elections Campaign Contributions Rebate Program for municipal elections in Richmond Hill, starting with the 2026 Municipal Election; including:

- i. options on the structure of such a program, including recommendations and potential criteria for the various program elements (including, but not limited to, criteria to qualify for a rebate, and maximum rebate levels); and,
  - ii. potential costs, potential funding sources and any additional information to assist Council in assessing the viability of the program.
- b) That staff be requested to provide an interim report to Council in June, 2022, followed by a final report, incorporating any Council input, by December 2022.

**Motion to Defer:**

Moved by: Councillor Liu  
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

a) That consideration of the Member Motion of Mayor West regarding Municipal Campaign Contribution Rebate Program, be deferred to the first Council meeting of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (5): Councillor Beros, Councillor Muench, Councillor Liu, Councillor Chan, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Opposed: (4): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West

Motion to Defer Carried (5 to 4)

**14.4 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Securing Land for Off Leash Dog Park**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Seconded by: Councillor Muench

Whereas in 2013, the Parks Plan and Recreation Cultural Plan identified a need for 2 (1 in the Northern part of Richmond Hill and 1 South) off leash dog areas; and

Whereas two facilities were created and are both located in the North; and

Whereas an off leash dog park is desperately needed in the South; and

Whereas the ideal location is in proximity to our Yonge St. transit corridor; and

Whereas all existing parks are too far from the transit corridor; and

Whereas land close to Yonge St. has proven to be almost impossible to purchase for this purpose; and

Whereas a land owner, after having read specifically pg. 107 of 389 in the key directions report, has contacted my office giving the City first right of refusal on a piece of land that meets the above criteria before offering it to adjacent property owners for high density intensification where this opportunity would be lost forever;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City's real estate department in conjunction with all appropriate staff enter into negotiations with this landowner in attempt to secure it for an off leash dog park.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (3): Councillor Muench, Councillor Beros, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Opposed: (6): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Sheppard, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Mayor West, Councillor Liu, Councillor Chan

Motion Failed to Carry (3 to 6)

**15. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters**

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

**16. By-laws**

That the following By-laws be approved:

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

By-law 18-22 - A By-law to amend By-law 402-89, as amended being Chapter 1116 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code, relating to parking regulation

By-law 41-22 - A By-Law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume lands as public highway; establish lands as public highway

By-law 42-22 - A By-Law to assume aboveground and belowground municipal services; assume lands as public highway; establish lands as public highway

By-law 44-22 - A By-law to amend By-law 69-16 of the City

By-law 49-22 - A By-law to Amend By-law 137-09, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 63-22 - A By-law to Assign Names to Certain Private Roads

Carried

**17. Closed Session**

**17.1 Resolution to Move into Closed Session and General Nature Thereof:**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

That Council move into Closed Session:

a) To consider personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to the appointment of members for the Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee for the remainder of the current Term of Council, and the 2022 - 2026 Term of Council (Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001);

b) To consider personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to the appointment of a Director of the Board of Management of the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the remainder of the current Term of Council (Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001);

c) To consider matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to confidential staff report SRS.22.02, and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001).

Carried

**17.2 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session**

Council moved into closed and then returned to open session (6:50 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.)

**17.3 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from the Closed Session Meeting (if required)**

**17.3.1 SRPI.22.046 - Appointment of Members for the Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee - (Item A)**

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

a) That the following individuals be appointed to the City of Richmond Hill's Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee for the remainder of the current Term of Council, and the 2022 – 2026 Term of Council:

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| Cheryl Geness      | (representing the Richmond Hill Board of Trade)   |
| Gabe Di Martino    | (representing the Building Industry and Land Development Association)   |
| Ally Esmail        | (representing the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association, co-operative housing providers, and non-profit housing providers) |
| Kathleen Mochnacki | (representing the Supportive housing providers)   |
| Michael Clare      | (representing affordable housing advocates)   |

b) That the following Councillors be appointed to the City of Richmond Hill's Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation Committee for the remainder of the current Term of Council:

- Mayor West
- Councillor Muench

Carried Unanimously

**17.3.2 Confidential Memorandum – Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area Board of Management – Director Appointment - (Item B)**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That Penny Alexopoulos, selected by the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area Members at its Annual General Meeting held on November 22, 2021, be appointed as a Director of the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the remainder of the current Term of Council.

Carried

**17.3.3 To consider matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to confidential staff report SRS.22.02, and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001) – (Item C)**

The City Clerk advised that Council provided confidential direction to staff in Closed Session for Item C, and that there were no recommendations to be made in open session.

**18. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at this Meeting**

**18.1 By-law 62-22**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Chan

That By-law 62-22, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

**19. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Liu

Seconded by: Councillor Beros

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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David West, Mayor

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April 13, 2022

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk