



Council Meeting

Minutes

C#10-26

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui
Councillor Shiu

Council Member present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
P. Masaro, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
D. Giannetta, Director, Development Planning
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
B. Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer

F. Suppa, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
L. Dejesus, Manager, Capital Infrastructure Programming
D. DiRuscio, Manager, Cultural Services
M. Kashani, Manager, Design and Construction
R. Rendon, Manager, Sustainability
S. Tu, Manager, Financial Reporting and Accounting
J. Wychreschuk, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
C. Park, Project Manager, Infrastructure Delivery
N. Whitley, Supervisor, Field Services
L. Chan, Communications Advisor
R. Katai, Senior Municipal Inspector
C. Sunny, Planner II
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
C. Connolly, Council/Committee Coordinator
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

Staff Members present via videoconference:

D. Guy, Director, Community Standards

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

We are gathering on lands that have been home to First Nations Peoples from time immemorial. We acknowledge that what we now call Richmond Hill is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. We also recognize that we are on part of the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron Wendat.

We would also like to acknowledge all First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples from across North America, also known as Turtle Island, who now reside in the City of Richmond Hill. We are committed to rebuilding constructive and cooperative relationships.

3. National Anthem

The National Anthem was played.

4. Public Forum (not exceeding fifteen minutes)

Audrey Burella, Shared Tower Inc., addressed the decision of Council in relation to the Radio-Communication and Broadcasting Antenna System Application for 1124 Elgin Mills Road East to highlight the importance of putting this type of critical infrastructure in place for the community and to respectfully request that the protocol be followed and a letter of concurrence be issued.

Joyce Fox, SFCT Richmond Hill, addressed the decision of Council in relation to the Radio-Communication and Broadcasting Antenna System Application for 1124 Elgin Mills Road East and reiterated reasons to support a decision of non-concurrence for the proposed telecommunications tower.

5. Council Announcements

Councillor Thompson acknowledged the Toronto Marlies for winning AHL Eastern Conference Championship and extended congratulations and good luck to Richmond Hill resident Ryan Tverberg and his teammates as they compete for the Calder Cup.

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola reminded everyone that registration was still open for the community barbeque he was hosting on June 20th at Richmond Green Park and extended an invitation for all to attend.

Councillor Liu announced that his annual Ward 3 Community Barbeque was held last Friday and extended his thanks to all of the staff, volunteers, sponsors, partners and attendees including fellow Members of Council who attended and contributed to a very successful event.

Councillor Davidson shared that the third outdoor concert was scheduled to take place tomorrow night at Lake Wilcox and extended an invitation for everyone to attend, reminding residents to get their parking pass in advance.

Regional and Local Councillor Chan advised that himself and Mayor West attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show over the weekend and shared how valuable and educational it was and that he had opportunity to discuss with the incoming President the issue of telecommunication antenna system applications.

Mayor West encouraged everyone to come out and attend the Pride Parade at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th in Newmarket along with himself and fellow Members of Council.

Mayor West also highlighted his and Regional and Local Councillor Chan's participation at the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton this

past weekend and shared how impactful it was meeting with other Mayor's and hearing the issues and experiences being faced by their municipalities.

6. Introduction of Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

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

7. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Shiu

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

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

a) Public Forum by Joyce Fox, SFCT Richmond Hill, regarding the decision of Council in relation to the Radio-Communication and Broadcasting Antenna System Application for 1124 Elgin Mills Road East - (Item 4.2);

b) Correspondence received regarding the Events Strategy - (Item 15.5).

Carried

8. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Agenda Item 15.3.1, the 2026 Community and Cultural Grant Program (Staff Report SRCS.26.04), as he is a Director on the Board of Management of The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area. Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor Cui declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Agenda Item 15.3.1, the 2026 Community and Cultural Grant Program (Staff Report SRCS.26.04), as he is a Director on the Board of Management of The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area. Councillor Cui left Council Chambers and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

9. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

9.1 Council Meeting C#09-26 held May 27, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

That the minutes of Council Meeting C#09-26 held on May 27, 2026, be adopted.

Carried

10. Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Council consented to separate items 15.3.1, 15.3.2 and 15.3.7 for discussion.

11. Adoption of the Remainder of Agenda Items

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

12. Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

13. Presentation(s)**13.1 Presentation by Bob Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery, to Mayor West and Members of Council on receiving the Ontario Public Works Association 2026 Environment Award**

Bob Levesque, Director, Infrastructure Delivery, shared that the City of Richmond Hill was awarded the Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) 2026 Project of the Year Environment Award for the Mill Street Altamira Road Drainage Improvement Project. He provided information on the OPWA and their awards program, and shared details of why the Mill Street Altamira Road Drainage Improvement Project was undertaken and what it entailed. B. Levesque highlighted that the Project exemplified excellence of public works delivery through sound engineering, environmental stewardship, effective management and responsive community engagement to deliver long term benefits to both the residents and the municipality, and invited Mayor West to receive the Award and have a picture taken with staff in attendance.

Mayor West acknowledged the work that was undertaken for the Mill Street Altamira Road Drainage Improvement Project and the overall benefit it made to the neighbourhood once completed and extended congratulations to all of the staff involved.

14. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

15. Committee and Staff Reports**15.1 Minutes - Audit Committee meeting A#01-26 held May 19, 2026**

That the minutes of Audit Committee meeting A#01-26 held May 19, 2026, be approved as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.1.1 SRCFS.26.017 - 2025 Draft Consolidated Financial Statements - (Audit Item 5.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That the revised Draft 2025 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements included in Appendix "A" to the Memorandum of Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, dated June 2, 2026, be approved and published;
- b) That the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign the Financial Statements; and
- c) That the Draft 2025 Audited Richmond Hill Public Library Board Financial Statements (to be approved by the Library Board in May 2026) included in Appendix "B" to staff report SRCFS.26.017, be received for information purposes.

Carried

15.2 Memorandum from Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, dated June 10, 2026, regarding Revised Audited Financial Statements - (refer to Item 15.1.1)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That the memorandum from Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, dated June 10, 2026, regarding Revised Audited Financial Statements, be received.

Carried

15.3 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#08-26 held June 3, 2026

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#08-26 held June 3, 2026, be approved as circulated and the following recommendations approved:

15.3.1 SRCS.26.04 - 2026 Community and Cultural Grant Program - (CW Item 11.1)

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

a) That staff report SRCS.26.04 regarding Community and Cultural Grant Program, be received;

b) That Community and Cultural Grants totaling \$99,985 be provided to the following community and cultural organizations, and individual artists:

1. Caterina Ichkhanian, \$2,600.00
2. Community and Home Assistance for Seniors (CHATS), \$5,000.00
3. Dance Together Project, \$5,000.00
4. Greg Chiykowski, \$760.00
5. Howard Wong, \$2,500.00
6. ICTC Youth Foundation, \$5,000.00
7. International Psychology Association of Canada, \$3,650.00
8. Inventor Academy, \$5,000.00
9. Learning Disabilities Association of York-Simcoe, \$4,800.00
10. Luminis Choir, \$5,000.00
11. Mastermind Dragon Robotics, \$4,500.00
12. Play Forever, \$5,000.00
13. Richmond Hill Group of Artists, \$2,500.00
14. Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra, \$3,000.00
15. Richmond Hill Winter Carnival, \$5,000.00
16. Robin Hesse, \$4,675.00
17. Sean Cisterna, \$2,500.00
18. Shadowpath Theatre, \$5,000.00
19. The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area, \$5,000.00
20. The World Path, \$500.00
21. Toronto Asian Art Museum, \$5,000.00
22. UPlus Toastmasters Inc., \$2,500.00

- 23. Victory Chess Club, \$5,000.00
- 24. York Region Educational Services, \$2,500.00
- 25. York Region Food Network, \$5,000.00
- 26. York South Family Network, \$3,000.00

Carried

15.3.2 SRCS.26.06 - Events Strategy - (CW Item 11.2)

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

- a) That staff report SRCS.26.06 regarding Events Strategy, be received;
- b) That the Events Strategy attached to staff report SRCS.26.06 as Appendix 1, be endorsed;
- c) That all comments on the proposed new City Events be referred back to staff for consideration, and that funding required for these new events be requested through the annual operating and capital budget process;
- d) That the 2027 Operating Budget include an additional \$50,000 allocation from the Community Vitality and Economic Enhancement Reserve Fund, to create a new community cultural events stream within the Community and Cultural Grant Program;
- e) That staff report back on how environmental sustainability, as an objective identified throughout the Events Strategy, will be reflected within the implementation of the Strategy, including opportunities for sustainability-focused programming and events.

Carried

15.3.3 SRCS.26.07 - Fireworks By-law Review Key Findings and Directions - (CW Item 11.3)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRCS.26.07 regarding Fireworks By-law Key Findings and Directions, be received;

- b) That all comments on the key directions and draft Fireworks By-law be referred to staff.

Carried

15.3.4 SRIES.26.10 - Authorization to Execute Servicing Agreement - 16th Avenue Sanitary Crossing - Subdivision File 19T-15009 - (CW Item 11.4)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRIE.26.010 regarding Authorization to Execute Servicing Agreement for the 16th Avenue Sanitary Crossing within Subdivision File 19T-15009, be received;
- b) That upon the written recommendation of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Engineering Services, the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute a servicing agreement with 2233721 Ontario Inc. for the design and construction of a municipal sanitary sewer within 16th Avenue and within Subdivision File 19T-15009;
- c) That the acquisition of lands or easements required pursuant to a condition of a servicing agreement with 2233721 Ontario Inc., be authorized.

Carried

15.3.5 SRPBS.26.022 - Resilient Richmond Hill Program Progress Report - (CW Item 11.5)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That Staff Report SRPBS.26.022, regarding Resilient Richmond Hill Program Progress Report be received, and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried

15.3.6 SRPBS.26.023 - Home Energy Retrofit Financing Program Feasibility Study - (CW Item 11.6)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRPBS.26.023 regarding the Home Energy Retrofit Financing Program Feasibility Study be received;
- b) That staff be directed to develop an Education and Outreach Plan for home energy retrofits as outlined in staff report SRPBS.26.023, with funding for implementation to be requested through the annual budget process, as necessary; and
- c) That staff be directed to continue to explore opportunities for collaboration at the Regional and/or Municipal level for a home retrofit financing program.

Carried

15.3.7 SRPBS.26.029 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-Law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivisions Applications - 2867515 Ontario Inc. - 282 and 292 Elgin Mills Road West - City File D02-19018 and SUB-22-0004 (Related City File D06-21008) - (CW Item 11.7) - (By-laws 42-26 and 43-26)

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That the Zoning By-Law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 2867515 Ontario Inc. for lands municipally known as 282 and 292 Elgin Mills Road West, City Files D02-19018 and SUB-22-0004, be approved, subject to the following:
 - i. that the subject lands be rezoned from “Residential Single Family Eight (R8) Zone” to “Residential Multiple Family One (RM1) Zone” with site-specific development standards under By-law 190-87, as amended, as outlined in Appendix “A” to Staff Report SRPBS.26.029;
 - ii. that the “Neighbourhood Mixed Use (NMU) Zone” under Zoning By-law 93-25, as amended, be further amended to establish site-specific development standards for the subject

lands, as outlined in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPBS.26.029;

- iii. that the draft amending Zoning By-laws attached hereto as Appendices “A” and “B” be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and brought forward to the June 10, 2026, Council meeting for consideration and enactment;
- iv. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-law Amendments to implement the proposed development on the subject lands.
- v. that the Plan of Subdivision as depicted on Map 6 be draft approved subject to the conditions as outlined in Appendix “C” to Staff Report SRPBS.26.029; and,
- vi. that prior to draft approval being granted, the applicant pay the applicable processing fees in accordance with the City’s Tariff of Fees By-law.

Carried

15.3.8 SRPBS.26.032 - Request for Approval - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - 2717632 Ontario Ltd. - 491 Elgin Mills Road West - City File ZBLA-25-0016 - (CW Item 11.8) - (By-laws 57-26 and 58-26)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
 Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by 2717632 Ontario Ltd. for lands municipally known as 491 Elgin Mills Road West, City File ZBLA-25-0016 be approved, subject to the following:

- i. that the subject lands be rezoned from Single Family Six (R6) Zone to Fourth Density Residential (R4) Zone under By-law 2523, as amended, and establish site-specific development standards as outlined in Appendix “A” to Staff Report SRPBS.26.032;

- ii. that the Neighbourhood Mixed Use (NMU) Zone of Zoning By-law 93-25, as amended, be further amended to establish site-specific development standards for the subject lands, as outlined in Appendix “B” to Staff Report SRPBS.26.032;
- iii. that the draft amending Zoning By-laws attached hereto as Appendix “A” and “B” be finalized to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning and Building Services and brought forward to the June 10, 2026, Council meeting for consideration and enactment; and,
- iv. that pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, Council deem that no further notice be required with respect to any necessary modifications to the draft Zoning By-law Amendment to implement the proposed development on the subject lands.

Carried

15.3.9 SRCFS.26.018 - Member of Council Expense Policy Update - (CW Item 11.9)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
 Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That staff report SRCFS.26.018 regarding Member of Council Expense Policy Update, be received; and
- b) That the updated Member of Council Expense Policy in Appendix A, to Staff Report SRCFS.26.018, to take effect on January 1, 2027, be approved.

Carried

15.3.10 SRCFS.26.019 - Non-Competitive Acquisition, Water Meter Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Reading - (CW Item 11.10)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
 Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- a) That a contract for the provision of water meter supply, installation, maintenance and reading be awarded non-competitively to Neptune Technology Group Canada Co. pursuant to section 10.3 b) v) of the Procurement By-law 76-25;

b) That the contract award be for an acquisition value not exceeding \$4,700,000 exclusive of H.S.T., pursuant to and for a term of two years, commencing January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2028; and

c) That the Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services be authorized to execute any necessary documentation to effect the contract.

Carried

15.3.11 Correspondence received regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivisions Applications submitted by 2867515 Ontario Inc. for 282 and 292 Elgin Mills Road West - (CW Item 11.11)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following correspondence regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivisions Applications submitted by 2867515 Ontario Inc. for 282 and 292 Elgin Mills Road West, be received:

1. James Bruce Rhodes, 3 Tollbar Court, dated June 2, 2026.

Carried

15.3.12 Correspondence received regarding Fireworks By-law Review Key Findings and Directions - (CW Item 11.12)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following correspondence regarding the Fireworks By-law Review Key Findings and Directions, be received:

1. Pat Pollock, Mayvern Area Residents Group, 67 Drumern Crescent, dated June 2, 2026.

Carried

15.4 Memorandum from Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, dated June 10, 2026, regarding the July 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting - Special Rules of Procedures

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That the memorandum from Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, dated June 10, 2026, regarding the July 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting be received; and

b) That Council, pursuant to Article 3.3 of the Procedure By-law 125-23, as amended, apply the Public Participation rules in Article 8, Paragraph 8.8 of the Procedure By-law to the July 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting, notwithstanding any requirements of Paragraph 6.1.6 to the contrary.

Carried

15.5 Correspondence received regarding the Events Strategy - (refer to Item 15.3.2)

Moved by: Councillor Davidson
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

That the following correspondence regarding the Events Strategy, be received:

1. Nimisha Raja, York-Durham Plant Based Treaty team, dated June 8, 2026.
2. Sheri-Anne Harrison, Shared Abundance, dated June 8, 2026.
3. Elizabeth Liu, Climate Ac-on Richmond Hill, dated June 8, 2026.

Carried

16. Other Business

There were no other business items.

17. Emergency/Time Sensitive Matters

There were no emergency/time sensitive matters.

18. By-laws

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

That the following By-laws be approved:

By-law 42-26 - A By-Law to Amend By-law 190-87, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 43-26 - A By-Law to Amend By-law 93-25, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 57-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 2523, as amended, of the former Township of Vaughan

By-law 58-26 - A By-law to Amend By-law 93-25, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

Carried

19. Closed Session

There were no closed session items.

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

20.1 By-law 62-26

Moved by: Councillor Cui
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That By-law 62-26, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

David West, Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk