



Special Council Minutes

February 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
M. Dodge, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call To Order: The Mayor
 2. Call of the Roll: The Clerk
 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Presentations

4.1 Michael Blois, Phil Fenech, and Andrew Frontini, Perkins + Will

Re: Whitby Sports Complex – Final Design

Michael Blois, Phil Fenech, and Andrew Frontini, Perkins + Will, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Whitby Sports Complex – Final Design. Highlights of the presentation included:

- feedback received from the community regarding the Whitby Sports Complex design concept and program spaces;
- an overview of the key design principles;
- a summary of the program elements, including aquatics amenities, arenas, viewing spaces, gymnasium, walking track, and multi-purpose program spaces;
- outdoor programs and facilities included in the park design;
- goals achieved by a LEED/Net Zero Carbon sustainable design, which includes a District Energy System;
- a design inspired by Whitby's unique identity, culture, and natural landscape;
- the geographic location of the building site and its proximity to nearby trails and conservation areas;
- an overview of the site concept, including outdoor program spaces, parking, placement of the storm water management garden, and landscaping;
- visual renderings of the exterior and interior of the building;
- the strategic use of natural and artificial lighting to support sustainability targets;
- details of the ground floor layout and program spaces, including a t-shaped atrium, reception counter, accessible ramp, unisex washrooms, and public art;
- key features of the aquatics and arena facilities, which include accessible changerooms and viewing spaces for spectators;
- details of the upper floor layouts, including an extension of the accessible ramp, sustainable features, and recreational amenities;
- the use of public art in program spaces and engagement with STEPS Art Consultants to lead an Indigenous Art process; and,

- next steps in preparing for tendering the project.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Staff, M. Blois, P. Fenech, and A. Frontini regarding:

- the risks of proceeding with construction in the current market;
- increasing indoor event and meeting spaces;
- clarification regarding the 'low impact' stormwater management pond;
- opportunity for the installation of additional solar panels in the future;
- visibility of amenities from the reception counter;
- limitations on programs and amenities that may operate near the District Energy System;
- whether the wood ceiling beams removed from the original design as a cost savings measure may be reconsidered;
- clarification regarding the project budget, including the \$129 million facility cost estimate;
- flexibility of seating in the outdoor event plaza;
- the size of the playground and District Energy System, and whether these spaces may accommodate a variety of sports such as cricket;
- whether the indoor facilities may accommodate badminton and squash;
- the availability and placement of parking spaces;
- rationale for excluding a full-service restaurant from the design;
- the impact of implementing cost reduction strategies on the project timelines; and,
- certainty regarding cost estimates.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Items for Consideration

6.1 CMS 03-23, Community Services Department Report

Re: Final Design and Cost Estimate for the Whitby Sports Complex

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- expectations regarding the grant application submitted to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program, and opportunities for provincial grant funding;
- funding for the District Energy System and the anticipated long term financial savings;
- the impact of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, on the Whitby Sports Complex project timelines and cost estimates; and,
- offsetting ongoing operating costs through the acquisition of a naming rights sponsorship.

Resolution # 52-23

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by Councillor Lee

1. That Council approve the proposed final design for the Whitby Sports Complex and park, attached to this report as Attachment A;
2. That Staff be authorized to issue the final design documentation to the pre-qualified general contractors for bid submission; and,
3. That Staff report back to Council with the tender results for Council's direction.

	For	Against	Conflict
Mayor Roy	X		
Councillor Bozinovski		X	
Councillor Cardwell	X		
Councillor Leahy	X		
Councillor Lee	X		
Councillor Lundquist		X	

Councillor Mulcahy	X		
Councillor Shahid	X		
Councillor Yamada	X		
Results	7	2	0

Carried on a Recorded Vote (7 to 2)

7. Closed Session

7.1 CAO 07-23, Confidential Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report
Re: Appointment of Fire Chief

It was the consensus of Council to consider Staff Report CAO 07-23 regarding the Appointments of Fire Chief in open session.

Members of Council acknowledged Michael Hickey for his accomplishments and congratulated him on being appointed as Fire Chief of the Whitby Fire and Emergency Services department.

Resolution # 53-23

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

1. That Confidential Report CAO 07-23, Appointment of Fire Chief, be received for information;
2. That Council confirm the appointment of Mr. Michael Hickey as the Fire Chief of the Whitby Fire and Emergency Services department pursuant to subsection 6 (1) of the Fire Prevention and Protection Act effective February 27, 2023; and,
3. That the Clerk be directed to bring forward an appointment by-law to the next Regular Council meeting on March 20, 2023.

Carried

8. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 54-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada
Seconded by Councillor Leahy

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on February 27, 2023 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Shahid
Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor