



Committee of the Whole Minutes

November 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

- Present: Mayor Roy (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Bozinovski (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Cardwell (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Leahy (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Lundquist (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Mulcahy (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Shahid (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Yamada (Virtual Attendance)
- Regrets: Councillor Lee
- Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Hickey, Fire Chief
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
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 Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Consent Agenda

5. Planning and Development

Councillor Leahy assumed the Chair.

5.1 Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2 Delegations

5.2.1 Samantha Chow, Whitby Taunton Holdings Limited (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDP 39-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services)
Department Report

DEV-20-23: Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z-05-23),
Whitby Taunton Holdings Limited., 4330 Coronation Road

Refer to Item 5.4.1, PDP 39-23

Samantha Chow, Whitby Taunton Holdings Limited, expressed her support for the Staff recommendations and stated that she was available to answer questions.

5.2.2 Wenda Abel, Resident (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDE 13-23, Planning and Development (Engineering Services)
Department Report

Update Traffic By-law 1862-85, Watson Street

Refer to Item 5.4.4, PDE 13-23

Wenda Abel, Resident, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding traffic safety concerns in the Port Whitby area. Highlights of the presentation include:

- support for the proposed designation of Watson Street West as a Community Safety Zone;
- a request to expand traffic calming measures and the proposed Community Safety Zone to surrounding streets in the Port Whitby area;
- existing traffic-related safety concerns in the Port Whitby area, including illegal parking, speeding, and failure to obey street signs;

- the impact of new development and the increased use of the waterfront trail on vehicle and pedestrian traffic in Port Whitby; and,
- a petition signed by Port Whitby residents.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Wenda Abel regarding:

- consultation between the Town and Port Whitby residents; and,
- a desire to address additional traffic safety concerns in the Port Whitby area at a future meeting.

It was the consensus of Committee to hear Item 5.4.4, PDE 13-23, at this time.

5.2.3 Evelyn Kee, Resident (Virtual Attendance)

Re: PDE 13-23, Planning and Development (Engineering Services) Department Report

Update Traffic By-law 1862-85, Watson Street

Refer to Item 5.4.4, PDE 13-23

Evelyn Kee, Resident, appeared before Committee noting that there are a significant number of pedestrians and cyclists in the Port Whitby area. She noted that there is a high-volume of traffic, including heavy traffic in the area, which is often in conflict with pedestrians and cyclists. She noted that there is a lack of traffic enforcement in Port Whitby and suggested additional traffic calming measures to address concerns with traffic safety in the Port Whitby area.

It was the consensus of Committee to resume consideration of Item 5.4.4, PDE 13-23, at this time.

5.3 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5.4 Staff Reports

5.4.1 PDP 39-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: DEV-20-23: Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z-05-23),
Whitby Taunton Holdings Limited., 4330 Coronation Road

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the amendment to Zoning By-law # 1784, (File No. Z-05-23), as outlined in Planning Report No. PDP 39-23;
2. That a by-law to amend Zoning By-law # 1784 be brought forward for consideration by Council; and,
3. That the Clerk forward a Notice to those parties and agencies who requested to be notified of Council's decision, including the Region of Durham's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development.

Carried

5.4.2 PDP 40-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: DEV-25-22: Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z-17-22),
Inuka Developer Inc., 1 Ferguson Avenue

Note: This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

5.4.3 PDP 41-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: DEV-22-23: Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (SW-2023-01), Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z-06-23), Frontdoor Developments (Garrard) Inc., Garrard Road & Eric Clarke Drive

Note: This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

5.4.4 PDE 13-23, Planning and Development (Engineering Services) Department Report

Re: Update Traffic By-law 1862-85, Watson Street

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

- extending the Community Safety Zone beyond the proposed area of Watson Street West; and,

- the impact of the proposed Community Safety Zone designation on traffic in surrounding areas.

It was the consensus of Committee to hear Item 5.2.3, Delegation from Evelyn Kee, Resident, at this time.

Following the delegation from Evelyn Kee, Resident, a question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- investigating additional traffic calming measures in the Port Whitby area given the number of parks;
- consultation with the Region of Durham regarding the installation of automated speed cameras in the Port Whitby area;
- a timeline for installing automated speed cameras on Regional roads, including on Brock Street South;
- the application of area specific speed enforcement throughout Whitby; and,
- a timeline for implementing a Traffic Calming Policy that would include the broader Port Whitby area.

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the proposed amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, to incorporate the changes to Schedule “B” and Schedule “W” of the By-law, as identified in Attachment No. 2;
2. That a By-law to amend the Traffic By-law 1862-85 be brought forward for the consideration of Council; and,
3. That Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of Report PDE 13-23 to the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS).

Carried

5.4.5 PDP 42-23, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: 780 Garden Street – Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

Moved by Councillor Leahy

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate the property identified as the Mayfield House, located at 780 Garden Street in Whitby, be published per section 29 (1.1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as amended;
2. That, after the 30-day Objection period has passed per Section 29 (6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, Council consider passing a by-law designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,
3. That, after the passing of the by-law, if no appeals to the Tribunal are received during the 30-day appeal period per Section 29 (12) of the Ontario Heritage Act, and the designation by-law comes into full force and effect under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, that a commemorative plaque be installed in a form and location to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Policy & Heritage Planning, or designate.

Carried

5.5 New and Unfinished Business - Planning and Development

5.5.1 New and Unfinished Business - Planning and Development

6. General Government

Councillor Yamada assumed the Chair.

6.1 Presentations

There were no presentations.

6.2 Delegations

There were no delegations.

6.3 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.4 Staff Reports

6.4.1 FS 28-23, Financial Services Department Report

Re: Q3, 2023 Procurement Awards \$250,000 and above

Moved by Councillor Yamada

That Report FS 28-23, which outlines procurement awards \$250,000.00 and above for second quarter of 2023, be received as information.

Carried

6.4.2 CLK 07-23, Office of the Town Clerk Department Report

Re: 2026 Municipal Election Voting Method

Moved by Councillor Yamada

1. That further to By-law #7241-17 authorizing the use of optical scan vote tabulators for municipal elections in the Town of Whitby, Council hereby reaffirms the use of vote tabulators for the 2026 Municipal Election;
2. That Council hereby authorizes an alternative voting option of Special Mail-in Ballots for the 2026 Municipal Election and directs the Clerk to bring forward the necessary by-law; and
3. That the revised cost estimate for the 2026 Municipal Election, in the amount of \$710,000, be approved with annual operating budget funding increasing from \$160,000 per year to \$195,000 starting in 2025.

Carried

6.5 New and Unfinished Business - General Government

6.5.1 New and Unfinished Business - General Government

6.5.2 Funding for West Whitby Schools

Discussion ensued between Members of Committee regarding:

- funding needs for West Whitby Schools;
- concerns regarding the ability for "holding schools" in the surrounding community to accommodate the growth in students from West Whitby;

- consultation between Members of Council, the Durham District School Board (DDSB), Members of Provincial Parliament, and the community;
- the impact on traffic in "holding school" neighbourhoods;
- the timely need for a new school in West Whitby;
- consultation between school board staff and Ministry of Education staff;
- the priority ranking of West Whitby schools in accordance with historical Capital Priorities Program submissions to the Ministry of Education;
- the 2023-2024 Capital Priorities Program submission deadline;
- the process for school boards to apply for construction project funding through the Capital Priorities Program and construction timelines; and,
- the need for West Whitby schools as identified in the DDSB Accommodation Plan.

Moved by Councillor Cardwell

Whereas West Whitby is rapidly growing and is projected to be home to an additional 26,000 residents. Currently, the West Whitby area that borders Highway 412 has no elementary or secondary school; and,

Whereas students from West Whitby are currently attending nine (9) "holding schools" and 41 portables are being used to accommodate the growth in students from West Whitby; and,

Whereas student enrollment in Whitby exceeds the capacity to offer quality education in an appropriate learning environment; and,

Whereas there is currently no capital funding approval for construction of a school in West Whitby, with the Durham District School Board (DDSB) being unsuccessful in securing the funds needed to begin construction over the last two funding cycles despite the Board naming this a priority project; and,

Whereas this remains a priority project for the DDSB and for the residents who want their children to be able to attend schools that

support their children's academic success and their sense of connection to the community.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby Council supports the Durham District School Board in its priority request for funding to build schools in West Whitby in order to accommodate the growth in that community and subsequent increase in student enrolments; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be shared with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Education and all Durham MPPs to express the urgent need for an elementary school in West Whitby and urging them to provide the capital funding required to begin construction.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.