



Special Council Minutes

February 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee (Virtual Attendance) (Arrived at 5:37 p.m.)
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Hickey, Fire Chief
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness
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. Narraway, Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk (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. Closed Session

This portion of the minutes are closed to the public. [Refer to the Closed Minutes - Town Clerk has control and custody.]

Moved by Councillor Shahid
Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

That Council move in-camera in accordance with Procedure By-law # 7462-18, Closed Meeting Policy G 040, and the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

4.1 LS 01-24, Confidential Legal and Enforcement Services Department Report

Re: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal - Request for Direction - Bara Group (Whitby) Inc.

5. Rising and Reporting

Moved by Councillor Cardwell
Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

That Council rise from the closed portion of the meeting.

Carried

5.1 Reporting Out

Mayor Roy advised that during the closed portion of the meeting, Council received advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and provided direction to Staff pertaining to a matter before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

6. Presentations

6.1 F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer and M. Hickey, Fire Chief

Re: Financial considerations related to a new Whitby fire station and firefighter recruitment

F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer and M. Hickey, Fire Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding financial considerations related to a new Whitby fire station and firefighter recruitment. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of the five existing Whitby fire stations;
- the requirement for additional firefighters;
- Provincially mandated certification requirements, the establishment of a dedicated rescue truck, and challenges associated with certifying additional firefighters on rescue operations;
- details of the new West Whitby fire station, the need for which is identified in the Master Fire Plan;
- a timeline for completing construction of a new fire station;
- the proposed firefighter recruitment plan and timeline;
- the financial implications of executing the recruitment plan;
- the firefighter recruitment plan of neighbouring municipalities; and,
- projected 2025 to 2026 budget pressures.

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

- the status of the land acquisition for the new West Whitby fire station;
- overtime costs for Whitby Fire and Emergency Services and the reduction in overtime from 2022 to 2023;
- how a staged approach to firefighter recruitment allows the Town to balance the financial and human resources impacts of the recruitment; and,
- current response times to the West Whitby area.

7. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 27-24

Moved by Councillor Leahy

Seconded by Councillor Mulcahy

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 5, 2024 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

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor