



Special Council Minutes

June 3, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell (Virtual Attendance, In-Person Attendance at 6:55 p.m.)
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada (Virtual Attendance, In-Person Attendance at 6:53 p.m.)

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. Douglas, Sr. 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. Presentations

4.1 Sarah Lam, Research Director, and Lorne Bozinoff, President, Forum Research (In-Person Attendance)

Re: 2024 Biennial Community Survey Results

Refer to Item 6.1, CAO 15-24

Erika Botond, Senior Manager of Communications & Creative Services, provided an introduction of the 2024 Biennial Community Survey conducted by Forum Research.

Sarah Lam, Research Director, and Lorne Bozinoff, President, Forum Research, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2024 Biennial Community Survey Results. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the goal of conducting a community survey to better understand the needs, expectations, priorities, and concerns of its residents;
- the survey methodology, participation rates, and margin of error;
- an overview of the community survey results, including top issues identified by residents;
- a summary of survey responses concerning satisfaction with living and working in Whitby, quality of life, quality of Town services, taxation, customer service, and the reliability and accuracy of information provided by the Town; and,
- participant demographics.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, S. Lam, L. Bozinoff, and Staff regarding:

- whether the demographics of telephone survey respondents was representative of Whitby residents and strategies for ensuring the sample size captured all age groups;
- results of the Town's survey compared to similar surveys conducted by other municipalities;
- top priority issues facing Whitby residents according to the survey results;

- whether the priority of a new hospital is unique to Whitby when comparing similar survey results of other municipalities;
- whether the survey offers insight into residents' understanding of the distinct roles of various tiers of government;
- resident satisfaction with the current level of taxation in Whitby;
- clarification regarding the margin of error;
- the influence of external sources such as media on survey results;
- the comparison between online and telephone survey results;
- whether the telephone survey included both landline and cellphone numbers;
- the telephone survey response rate;
- a comparison between the Community Survey and Community Strategic Plan survey results; and,
- opportunities for improving overall resident satisfaction ratings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Items for Consideration

6.1 CAO 15-24, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and Office of the Town Clerk Joint Report

Re: 2024 Biennial Community Survey Results

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding opportunities to acknowledge the service delivery accomplishments of Town Staff.

Resolution # 115-24

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That Report CAO 15-24 be received for information.

Carried

6.2 PDP 36-24, Planning and Development (Planning Services) Department Report

Re: Naming of Mid-Block Arterial Road (MBA)

Roger Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development, and John Taylor, Senior Manager of Zoning and Regulation, provided an overview of the proposed Mid-Block Arterial Road (MBA) naming. Mr. Saunders explained that a street name is required to register approved Industrial Plans of Subdivision in proximity to Baldwin Street South with frontage along the mid-block arterial and to advance the construction of the proposed round-a-bout in a timely manner at Baldwin Street South and the new mid-block arterial road. Mr. Taylor advised that staff, the Town's consultant, and Fieldgate Developments had several meetings with First Nations representatives to discuss the process of naming rights.

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

- whether proposing an alternate street name to 'Kent Mills' may impact the construction and project timelines;
- whether 'Meadoway' is included on the approved Town of Whitby Street Name Registry and the relevance of proposed street names to Whitby residents;
- opportunities for additional consultation with First Nations representatives;
- whether the street name 'Meadoway' may cause confusion for residents given recent discussions regarding the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study;
- consideration of the street name 'Gathering Place';
- consultation with First Nations representatives regarding the proposed street name 'Kent Mills';
- clarification regarding the street names to be reviewed during the proposed additional consultation with First Nations representatives, as requested by Council;
- whether additional consultation with First Nations representatives will delay construction timelines;

- whether the street name 'Gathering Place' has been approved through an emergency services approval process at the Region of Durham and by the Ministry of Transportation;
- clarification on implications should Council defer consideration of Staff Report PDP 36-24 on construction timelines, and the impact on the Town's relationship with Curve Lake First Nation;
- details about the consultant from Candevcon retained to consult with First Nations, including the related costs;
- Council direction to Staff to obtain the Region of Durham's approval of the street name 'Gathering Place' to be used for additional roads; and,
- Council direction to Staff to provide a copy of the approved Town of Whitby Street Name Registry to First Nations representatives.

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That Council approve the name Kent Mills for the un-named mid-block arterial road in south Brooklin.

Carried later in the meeting (see following motions)

Moved by Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That the main motion be amended as follows:

That Council approve the name Meadoway for the un-named mid-block arterial road in south Brooklin.

Motion Lost

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski

Seconded by Councillor Leahy

That consideration of Staff Report PDP 36-24 be deferred to the June 24, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Motion Lost

The main motion was then carried on a recorded vote as follows:

Resolution # 116-24

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That Council approve the name Kent Mills for the un-named mid-block arterial road in south Brooklin.

	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 (7 to 2)

7. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 117-24

Moved by Councillor Leahy

Seconded by Councillor Lundquist

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 June 3, 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 Lundquist
Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor