



Stouffville

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Council Minutes

February 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

111 Sandiford Drive

Members Present: Mayor Iain Lovatt
Councillor Hugo Kroon
Councillor Maurice Smith
Councillor Keith Acton
Councillor Rick Upton
Councillor Richard Bartley
Councillor Sue Sherban

Staff Present: Sunny Bains, Chief Administrative Officer
Becky Jamieson, Commissioner, Corporate Services & Town Clerk
Dwayne Tapp, Commissioner, Development of Services
Rob Braid, Commissioner, Community Services
Jeremy Harness, Commissioner, Finance/Treasurer
Jack Graziosi, Commissioner, Engineering & Public Works
Claudette Banks, Director, Human Resources
Glenn Jackson, Corporate Communications Manager
Cassandra Papas, Corporate Communications Supervisor
Monica Beattie, Council/Committee Coordinator
Davneet Rai, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lovatt called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Town Land Acknowledgement

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville acknowledges this land is the treaty territory of the Williams Treaty First Nations. It is also the traditional territory of other Anishinaabeg peoples, the Wendat, and the Haudenosaunee. We also recognize the contributions of all Indigenous peoples to this place and commit to a

continued dialogue and greater respect for the land we have come to share. Recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our community.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Councillor Acton - Report No. EPW-004-25 Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources

Business owner in the Town of Stouffville.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Minutes - January 15, 2025

That the Regular Council Minutes of January 15, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

5. Recognitions

~~**5.1 Recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal**~~

This recognition was cancelled.

6. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

7. Deputations

There were no Deputations.

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Kroon

That Council approve Item 8.1 on the Consent Agenda and adopt the recommendation contained therein.

Carried

8.1 Report No. EPW-003-25 2024 Municipal Assumption Summary Report

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Kroon

1. That the 2024 Municipal Assumption Summary Report be received for information.

9. Action Items Requiring Separate Discussion

8.2 Report No. EPW-004-25 Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources

Councillor Acton declared a conflict on this item. (Business owner in the Town of Stouffville.) Councillor Acton did not participate in any discussion or vote on the item.

MAIN MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

1. That the Town no longer collect recycling, garbage and green bin material for non-eligible sources effective January 1, 2026; and
2. That staff be authorized and directed to proceed as required to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor Sherban

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That the main motion be amended to add the following:

- Understanding that residential collection will still need to occur for residents living above village businesses on Main St, be it resolved that staff be directed to assess options for garbage collection for village businesses and report back to council in Q2.

Carried

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

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2. That staff be authorized and directed to proceed as required to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution; and

3. Understanding that residential collection will still need to occur for residents living above village businesses on Main St, be it resolved that staff be directed to assess options for garbage collection for village businesses and report back to council in Q2.

Carried

10. Member Motions

There were no Member Motions.

11. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Acton

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That Council read the By-laws as contained in Items 11.1 to 11.8 (inclusive) a first, second, and third time, and passed.

Carried

- 11.1 2025-008-RD BEING A BY-LAW to assume municipal infrastructure for public use (Segment of Forsyth Farm Drive) (EPW-001-25).**
- 11.2 2025-009-RD BEING A BY-LAW to provide for the naming of streets in the Fieldgate Subdivision, being Draft Plan 19T(W)-22.002 (5731 Bethesda Road).**
- 11.3 2025-010-RD BEING A BY-LAW to provide for the naming of streets in the Greco Subdivision, being Draft Plan 19T(W)-16.003 (5262, 5270, 5286, 5318 Main St, 12371 Highway 48) (Lisandra Drive, Postal Way).**
- 11.4 2025-011-AP BEING A BY-LAW to appoint a Municipal Investigator / Livestock Valuer for The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and repeal By-law 2019-046-AP (CM-001-25).**
- 11.5 2025-012-FI BEING A BY-LAW to authorize certain new capital works of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for the submission of an application to OILC financing, temporary and long-term borrowing through the issue of debentures by York Region.**
- 11.6 2025-013-RD BEING A BY-LAW to provide for the numbering of buildings along highways and for affixing numbers to the buildings (52 Rose Avenue, formerly part of 56 Rose Avenue, Part 2 on Plan 65R-41220).**
- 11.7 2025-014-RD BEING A BY-LAW to provide for the naming of streets in the Treasure Hill Subdivision, being Draft Plan 19T(W)-22.001 (5481, 5551 Bethesda Road) (Harjones Avenue, Jadestone Drive, Bethridge Way, Sandpiper Crescent, Northcreek Street).**

11.8 2025-015-AP BEING A BY-LAW to repeal By-law 2022-121-AP, a By-law to appoint Deputy Mayors and Vice-Deputy Mayors in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

12. New/Other Business

The Mayor provided a detailed overview of the tradition of town criers in Canada, noting that approximately 50 town criers remain active across the country. The Mayor elaborated on the historical significance of town crying, tracing its origins back centuries and even millenniums, highlighting its primary role in disseminating news when literacy rates were low. Although commonly associated with medieval England, the practice was present in various cultures worldwide, including the Eyapaha of the North American Lakota First Nations. The rise of printed media and increased literacy rates nearly led to the extinction of town crying. However, the tradition has been revitalized in recent years. Today, town criers serve as city ambassadors, adding historic flair to special events, introducing dignitaries, and representing their communities at international competitions. Additionally, the Mayor commemorated Marcel Bossi, who served as Stouffville's town crier for 25 years until his unexpected passing on November 6, 2016.

13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Sherban

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That Council recess into Closed Session at 1:33 p.m. to consider Items 13.1 to 13.4 (inclusive) with the following exceptions:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes - *Municipal Act, Sec. 239(2)(c)*
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - *Municipal Act, Sec. 239(2)(b)*
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - *Municipal Act, Sec. 239(2)(d)*

Carried

13.1 Closed Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2025

13.2 Report No. CM-002-25 Land Value Appraisal for Proposed Sidewalk Over Portions of York Region Common Elements Condo Plan 967; 15301, 15307, 15343, 15327, and 15317 Highway 48

13.3 Report No. CM-003-25 Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee Recruitment Update

13.4 Teamsters Local 419 Collective Bargaining Update- Verbal Update

14. Reconvene in Public Session

Council reconvened in Public Session at 3:13 p.m. with the same members of Council in attendance.

Closed Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Acton

Seconded by: Councillor Kroon

1) That the Closed Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

Report No. CM-002-25 Land Value Appraisal for Proposed Sidewalk Over Portions of York Region Common Elements Condo Plan 967; 15301, 15307, 15343, 15327, and 15317 Highway 48

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

1) That Staff proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Carried

Report No. CM-003-25 Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee Recruitment Update

Moved by: Councillor Sherban

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

1) That Council direct Staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Carried

Teamsters Local 419 Collective Bargaining Update- Verbal Update

There was no action as a result of this item.

15. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

That Council read Confirmatory By-law 2025-016-MS a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That there being no further business, Council adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Carried

Iain Lovatt, Mayor

Becky Jamieson, Clerk