



Stouffville

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Council Minutes

**February 19, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
111 Sandiford Drive**

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

Staff Present: Sunny Bains, Chief Administrative Officer
Dwayne Tapp, Commissioner, Development of Services
Jeremy Harness, Commissioner, Finance/Treasurer
Jack Graziosi, Commissioner, Engineering & Public Works
Claudette Banks, Director, Human Resources
Glenn Jackson, Corporate Communications Manager
Becky Jamieson, Commissioner, Corporate Services & Town Clerk
Margaret Wallace, CEO, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library
Davneet Rai, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lovatt called the meeting to order at 1:06 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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.50.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Minutes - February 5, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That the Regular Council Minutes of February 5, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

5. Recognitions

Prior to our first recognition, Mayor Lovatt introduced the new District 5, York Region of Police Stouffville Sub-Station Staff Sergeant Miguel Torres.

5.1 Achilles Lin Pierides - Jiu-jitsu Junior World Championship

Mayor Lovatt proudly recognized Achilles Lin Pierides who won the Silver medal at the 2024 Jiu-jitsu Junior World Championship. Achilles is a 13-year-old student from Summitview Public School. Last fall, Achilles represented Canada at the 2024 Jiu-jitsu World Championship in Greece where he competed in the U14, U44 kilo division where he won the Silver metal. Mayor Lovatt was excited to be able to recognize this young, talented athlete who showcased such hard work and dedication for his sport.

Mayor Lovatt presented Achilles with a certificate to honour his achievement in representing both our community and our Country.

6. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

7. Deputations

7.1 Aleem Kanji, Chief Advocacy Officer Canadian National Fireworks Association

Aleem Kanji, Chief Advocacy Officer Canadian National Fireworks Association, provided a presentation to council regarding the fireworks by-law report.

Moved by: Councillor Sherban

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That Council receive the deputation from Aleem Kanji, Chief Advocacy Officer, Canadian National Fireworks Association, regarding the new Fireworks By-law for information.

Carried

7.2 Nick Pileggi, White Owl Properties Landowners

Nick Pileggi, White Owl Properties Landowners, presented Council with a status update for the 12131 Woodbine Avenue Request for Draft Plan extension.

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That Council receive the deputation from Nick Pileggi, White Owl Properties Landowners, regarding the request for extension draft plan of subdivision approval for information.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

No items were dealt with on the Consent Agenda.

9. Action Items Requiring Separate Discussion

8.1 Report No. CPS-003-25 New Fireworks By-law

MAIN MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

1. That Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to prohibit the sale of fireworks and the discharge of family fireworks as contained in Attachment No. 1 and amend the AMPs By-law accordingly.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That the main motion be amended to add the following:

That the AMPs offence set penalty for 3.1 – Set off Family Fireworks on any day during the year be \$500 for first offence; \$800 for second offence and \$1,000 for third offence.

Carried

MOTION AS AMENDED

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

1. That Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to prohibit the sale of fireworks and the discharge of family fireworks as contained in Attachment No. 1 and amend the AMPs By-law accordingly; and
2. That the AMPs offence set penalty for 3.1 – Set off Family Fireworks on any day during the year be \$500 for first offence; \$800 for second offence and \$1,000 for third offence.

Carried

8.2 Report No. CPS-004-25 Clean Yards By-law Amendment

MAIN MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council approve the recommended changes as contained within the report; and
2. That Council direct staff to bring forward the appropriate By-law amendments.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That the AMPs offence set penalty for Section 5.1 and 5.2 (Number 17 and 18) be \$500 for first offence; \$600 for second offence and \$800 for third offence.

Carried

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

That Council direct staff to report back on further analysis on appropriate set fines within the next 12 months.

Carried

MOTION AS AMENDED

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council approve the recommended changes as contained within the report; and
2. That Council direct staff to bring forward the appropriate By-law amendments; and
3. That Council direct staff to report back on further analysis on appropriate set fines within the next 12 months.

Carried

8.3 Report No. CPS-005-25 Animal Services By-law Update

MAIN MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

1. That Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to repeal the existing Animal Services By-law (By-law #2019-047-RE) and replace this By-law with a newly proposed Animal Services By-law as generally contained within this report; and
2. Further that the Animal Services By-law be brought under AMPS.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

- That the AMPs offence set penalty for Section 5.3 (a) through (i) (number 33 to 43) be \$1,000 for first offence; \$1,000 for second offence and \$1,000 for third offence.

Carried

MOTION AS AMENDED

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

1. That Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to repeal the existing Animal Services By-law (By-law #2019-047-RE) and replace this By-law with a newly proposed Animal Services By-law as generally contained within this report; and
2. Further that the Animal Services By-law be brought under AMPS; and
3. That the AMPs offence set penalty for Section 5.3 (a) through (i) (number 33 to 43) be \$1,000 for first offence; \$1,000 for second offence and \$1,000 for third offence.

Carried

8.4 Report No. DS-002-25 Request for Extension to Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval (File No. 19T-90.001) – 12131 Woodbine Avenue

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

1. That Council extend Draft Plan Approval for Subdivision File No. 19T-90.001 for a period of two (2) years, with a revised lapsing date of March 4, 2027; and
2. That Council direct Staff to issue a Notice of Decision for the extension to Draft Plan Approval.

Carried

10. Member Motions

10.1 Member Motion, re: The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)

Moved by: Councillor Sherban

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

WHEREAS the Town receives a The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) from the Federal government annually that is for capital investments in essential infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, public transit, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and recreational facilities project categories; and

THAT the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer collects, manages and controls the fund; and

THAT the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Commissioner of Community Services creates the list of approved capital projects for this fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we are requesting that the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer provide the CCBF current balance and the 2024 tax fund amount received and an estimate of the 2025 tax fund; and

THAT the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and Commissioner of Community Services provide the list of capital projects and how they are prioritized for this fund, the list of the 2024 projects and those completed, and the current 2025 projects assigned to this fund; and

THAT the report to be completed and brought back to the Council Meeting of April 16, 2025.

Carried

11. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

That Council read the By-laws, Items 11.1 and 11.2 (inclusive), a first, second, and third time and passed.

Carried

11.1 2025-017-AP BEING A BY-LAW to appoint members to the Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee.

11.2 2025-018-RE BEING A BY-LAW to amend CAC Procedural By-law 2024-117-RE (Appendix G – Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee)

12. New/Other Business

There was no new/other business.

13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That Council recess into Closed Session at 2:32 p.m. to consider Items 13.1 to 13.4 (inclusive) with the following exceptions:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board - *Municipal Act*, Sec. 239(2)(e)
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- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - *Municipal Act*, Sec. 239(2)(k)

Carried

13.1 Closed Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2025

13.2 Report CM-004-25 Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing (OLT Case No. OLT-25-000005) for 45 Lloyd Street

13.3 Report No. CM-005-25 Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing (OLT Case No. OLT-25-000018) for 6165 Vivian Road

13.4 Confidential Update – Partnership

14. Reconvene in Public Session

Council reconvened in Public Session at 3:22p.m. All Members of Council were in attendance.

13.1 Closed Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Acton

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

1) That the Closed Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

13.2 Report CM-004-25 Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing (OLT Case No. OLT-25-000005) for 45 Lloyd Street

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Kroon

1. That Council direct Staff to take no position and not to attend the Ontario Land Tribunal hearing for OLT Case No. OLT-25-000005 regarding the decision of the Committee of Adjustment to refuse Minor Variance Application No. CA-24-47 for 45 Lloyd Street; and
2. That Council direct Staff to report back on delegated authority on fines for non-compliant applications.

Carried

13.3 Report No. CM-005-25 Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing (OLT Case No. OLT-25-000018) for 6165 Vivian Road

Moved by: Councillor Upton

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

- 1) That Council direct Staff to take no position and not to attend the Ontario Land Tribunal hearing for OLT Case No. OLT-25-000018 regarding the decision of the Committee of Adjustment to refuse Minor Variance Application No. CA-24-44 for 6165 Vivian Road.

Carried

13.4 Confidential Update - Partnership

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

- 1) That Council receive this confidential memorandum for information; and
- 2) That the Mayor be authorized to sign any documentation related to said partnership.

Carried

15. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Acton

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That Council read Confirmatory By-law 2025-019-MS a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That there being no further business, Council adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Carried

Iain Lovatt, Mayor

Becky Jamieson, Clerk