



Stouffville

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Council Minutes

March 19, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

111 Sandiford Drive

Members Present: Mayor Iain Lovatt (Virtually)
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
Hena Kabir, Manager, Development Planning
Rob Braid, Commissioner, Community Services
Jeremy Harness, Commissioner, Finance/Treasurer
Jack Graziosi, Commissioner, Engineering & Public Works
Glenn Jackson, Corporate Communications Manager
Cassandra Papas, Corporate Communications Supervisor
Monica Beattie, Council/Committee Coordinator
Margaret Wallace, CEO, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library
Davneet Rai, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lovatt called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Kroon

That the Regular Council Minutes of February 19, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

5. Recognitions

There were no Recognitions.

6. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

7. Deputations

7.1 Jim Thomas, Stouffville Resident- - WITHDRAWN

This deputation was withdrawn before the meeting.

7.2 Wilf Morley, Stouffville Resident

Mr. Wilf Morley, a Stouffville resident made a presentation expressing concerns with the direction the Town is going. A question-and-answer period from members of Council ensued.

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That Council receive the deputation from Wilf Morely, Stouffville resident, regarding Stouffville's direction for information.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Sherban
Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That staff be directed to prepare a report on available land for future commercial property to be built on and the overall tax impact.

Carried

7.3 David Hodgson, Stouffville Resident

A video received from David Hodgson was played. David Hodgson expressed his concerns regarding the Noise By-law.

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Upton

That Council receive the deputation from David Hodgson, Stouffville Resident, requesting amendments to the Noise By-law for information.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Acton

That Council approve Items 8.1 to 8.5, inclusive, on the Consent Agenda and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

8.1 Report No. DS-004-25 Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment at 6031 and 6037 Main Street (File Numbers: OPA24.001 and ZBA24.005)

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That staff bring forward an Official Plan Amendment By-law to amend the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Official Plan by including a new site-specific provision within the Western Approach Mixed Use Area; and
2. That staff bring forward a Zoning By-law to amend the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2010-001-ZO by applying Site-Specific zones; and
3. That Council confirm that notwithstanding that the proposed Official Plan amendment and Zoning By-law amendment as attached to this report is different than the Zoning By-law amendment as

proposed at the May 13, 2024, Public Meeting, the revisions are minor in nature and that no further Statutory Public meeting is required.

Carried

8.2 Report No. EPW-005-25 2024 Drinking Water Annual and Summary Reports for the Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake and Stouffville Drinking Water Systems and 2024 Top Management Review Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council endorse Version 11 of the Town's Operational Plan that serves to document the Town's Quality Management System and demonstrate conformance with the Provincial Drinking Water Quality Management Standard; and
2. That Council receive the 2024 Top Management Review Minutes for information.

Carried

8.3 Report No. FI-003-25 Strategy to Address the Impacts of U.S. Tariffs on the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Procurements and Interim Procurement By-law Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council increase the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) delegated award approval authority for non-competitive procurements from \$100,000 to align with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) thresholds as an interim measure to award contracts to non-U.S. contractors until January 2026; and
2. That Council authorize staff to leverage the Canada European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) thresholds to acquire Canadian goods and services through competitive bidding among Canadian contractors only; and
3. That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance to manage funding sources required to address any additional budget requirements, as a result of the impact of tariffs; and
4. That staff continue to assess the impacts and risks of tariffs on the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's current contracts and procurements and develop further procurement strategies in collaboration with other municipalities that minimize exposure to

tariffs, including assessing options for alternatives to U.S. goods and services where possible.

Carried

8.4 Report No. FI-001-25 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council-Appointed Committees

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council receive Report FI-001-25 for information.

Carried

8.5 Report No. FI-002-25 Pay-on-Demand Surety Bond and letter of Credit Policy

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Acton

1. That Council receives the report entitled "Pay-on-Demand Surety Bond and Letter of Credit Policies."
2. That Council approves the Pay-on-Demand Surety Bond Policy as set out in Attachment 1.
3. That Council approves the Letter of Credit Policy as set out in Attachment 2.

Carried

9. Action Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no action items requiring separate discussion.

10. Member Motions

10.1 Member Motion, re: Town Crier

A question-and-answer period with members of Council ensued.

Moved by: Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

Moved: Mayor Lovatt

Seconded: Councilor Bartley

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has a rich history, including the tradition of having a Town Crier; and

WHEREAS Marcel Bossi was Town Crier for over 25 years, but sadly passed away in 2016; and

WHEREAS the Town has not had a Town Crier since Marcel Bossi's passing; and

WHEREAS the reintroduction of a Town Crier could enhance community engagement, promote local events, and preserve the Town's historical traditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of reintroducing a Town Crier, including potential costs, local benefits, and that a selection process be formed for members of the community who may wish to be considered as Whitchurch-Stouffville's next Town Crier.

Carried

10.2 Member Motion, re Energy Audit & Strategy for Offsetting Energy Usage

A question-and-answer period with members of Council ensued.

Moved by: Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is committed to sustainability and reducing its environmental impact; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has published the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024-2029 which identifies opportunities for actions and potential savings where energy efficiency can be improved; and

WHEREAS developing a strategy for offsetting the Town's energy usage will contribute to the Town's sustainability goals and reduce its carbon footprint;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to conduct an energy audit of Town facilities and report back to council opportunities to offset the Town's energy usage, including potential costs, benefits, and implementation timelines and report back to council before the end of the year.

Carried

11. By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Kroon

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

Carried

11.1 2025-020-RD BEING A BY-LAW to provide for the numbering of buildings along highways and for affixing numbers to buildings and repeal By-law 2017-089-RD.

11.2 2025-021-TR BEING A BY-LAW to amend By-law 2008-147-TR to regulate traffic in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

12. New/Other Business

Council Upton thanked viewers for watching and listening to the meeting.

13. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items.

14. Reconvene in Public Session

15. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

That Council read Confirmatory By-law 2025-022-MS a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Acton

Seconded by: Councillor Sherban

That there being no further business, Council adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Carried

Iain Lovatt, Mayor

Becky Jamieson, Clerk