

Town Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting

Mayor A. Thompson (remote) Councillor I. Sinclair (remote) Councillor L. Kiernan (remote) Councillor J. Downey (remote) Councillor C. Early (remote) Councillor J. Innis (remote) Councillor N. deBoer (remote) Councillor A. Groves (remote) Councillor T. Rosa (absent)

Acting Chief Administrative Officer: D. Labrecque (remote) Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk: L. Hall (remote) Coordinator, Council Committee: R. Reid (remote)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor C. Early declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Urgent Business matter relating to the Ministry of Transportations project on the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor (Highway 413), as in addition to herself, her family owns land that may be impacted by the confirmed preferred route for the GTA West Corridor. Councillor C. Early left the electronic meeting at 6:09 p.m. and did not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter.

Moved by: Councillor A. Groves – Seconded	y: Councillor I. Sinclai	r 2020-005
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That Section 7.4 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit an urgent business matter regarding the Ministry of Transportations project on the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor (Highway 413).

A recorded vote was taken as follo	ows:			
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson		Х		
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan		Х		
Councillor J. Downey		Х		
Councillor C. Early			Х	
Councillor J. Innis		Х		
Councillor N. deBoer		Х		
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	2	5	1	1
				Lost.

Councillor C. Early rejoined the meeting remotely at 6:23 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor C. Early declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Urgent Business matter relating to the Ministry of Transportations project on the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor (Highway 413), as in addition to herself, her family owns land that may be impacted by the confirmed preferred route for the GTA West Corridor.

Mayor A. Thompson declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the deferred agenda item 7.1 Requesting the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 124, as his daughter-in-law is a nurse at Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Innis - Seconded by: Councillor Kiernan

2022-006

That the following minutes, be approved:

- December 14, 2021 Town Council Meeting; and
- January 25, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:				
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Moved by: Councillor A. Groves – Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair

2022-007

That Section 7.4 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit a delegation from Daniel Dittburner, on behalf of Unifor West GTA Regional Environment Council regarding the City of Markham's Resolution on the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413).

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT	
Mayor A. Thompson	Х				
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х				
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х				
Councillor J. Downey	Х				
Councillor C. Early	Х				
Councillor J. Innis	Х				
Councillor N. deBoer	Х				
Councillor A. Groves	Х				
Councillor T. Rosa				Х	
Total	8	0	0	1	
			Carried	d with two-thirds.	

Sharan K. Basran provided a delegation regarding agenda item 7.1 Requesting the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 124. Ms. Basran requested that Council support the request for the provincial government to repeal Bill 124, specifically due to the impacts to registered nurses, the community and the delivery of healthcare. Ms. Basran explained that Bill 124 imposes a cap of 1% of total compensation for nurses and other healthcare professionals for a three-year period. She highlighted that Bill 124 has a broader impact to public sector employees, however her focus is the impacts to the healthcare sector. Ms. Basran outlined the impacts the Bill has on hospitals, long term care facilities, primary home care and urgent care clinics. She highlighted the support and valuable contributions of all first responders and stressed that nurses are also first responders working in very dangerous circumstances, especially since the start of the pandemic. She presented statistical data and reports outlining direct linkages to Bill 124 in relation to staffing shortages and unsafe nurse to patient ratios. Ms. Basran provided an overview of existing full time, part time and temporary vacancies to neighbouring health centres including William Osler and Headwaters Healthcare. She highlighted that there is a high cost of living in Ontario with depressed wages causing healthcare professionals to explore employment opportunities out of province or internationally. Ms. Basran concluded her delegation noting support from other municipalities, healthcare professionals and requested that Council support the request to repeal Bill 124.

Members of Council asked several questions and received responses from Ms. Basran.

Jenni Le Forestier provided a delegation regarding agenda item 10.2.2 the City of Markham's Resolution on the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413). Ms. Le Forestier expressed support for the City of Markham's motion. She advised that in her opinion, it was fulsome and well thought out and reviewed by experts. It was her expectation that the Town of Caledon would vote on its position of the Ministry of Transportations Highway 413 project. She expressed that the Ministry of Transportation has lacked public engagement and consultation with First Nation communities on the project. In addition, she expressed concerns with the lack of initiation and engagement at the municipal and provincial level to advocate for a solution that provides commercial vehicles with a cost-effective toll agreement to utilize Highway 407. It is her opinion that permitting commercial vehicles on Highway 407 will provide immediate relief to abutting 400 series highways. Ms. Le Forestier concluded her delegation requesting that Council advocate to the Ministry of Transportation to allow commercial vehicles to use Highway 407. She expressed that in her opinion this is an economical solution and a viable alternative to the construction of the proposed Highway 413.

Irene Ford was not in attendance and did not provide a delegation at the meeting.

Gideon Forman, Climate Change and Transportation Policy Analyst, the David Suzuki Foundation provided a delegation regarding the agenda item 10.2.2 the City of Markham's Resolution on the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413). Mr. Forman expressed opposition to the proposed 413 Highway and urged Members of Council to register their own opposition to what he feels is an unnecessary project being presented by the Ministry of Transportation. He expressed concerns with the potential increase to existing traffic congestion and the climate crisis by encouraging the use of gas burning vehicles. He indicated that the purpose of the green belt is to capture and store carbon, paving the green belt will worsen the climate situation. He expressed further concern at the cost to build the proposed highway and highlighted that the funds could be better allocated to improving the healthcare sector, accessibility to public transit options and more schools. Mr. Forman advised members of Council of a recent survey that was conducted where aw question was asked about whether or not the green belt was adequately protected or deserves more protection. Approximately 7/10 of those surveyed indicated that the green belt needs more protection and is not the place for a 4-6 lane highway. Mr. Forman concluded his delegation reiterating his opposition for the 413 Highway and expressing that the green belt is not the appropriate location for this project.

Members of Council asked several questions and received responses from Mr. Forman.

Lana Goldberg, Ontario Climate Program Manager, Environmental Defence provided a delegation regarding agenda item 10.2.2. the City of Markham's resolution on the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413). Ms. Goldberg discussed the information contained within the City of Markham's resolution and encouraged Council to pass a similar motion. She expressed concerns in relation to travel times and that the Ministry of Transportation is stipulating that the Highway 413 would save approximately 30 minutes in travel time if constructed. She shared the results of a time saving study conducted by the City of Vaughan noting that travel times would increase by 35% with the construction of the highway. She further indicated that the Ministry of Transpiration argues that the highway is needed to reduce congestion. It is her opinion that the building of a new highway leads to more vehicles therefore contributing to congestion and is a well-studied phenomenon called induced demand. Ms. Goldberg highlighted that the same study conducted by the City of Vaughan indicated that congestion would increase by 40% with the construction of the highway. She referenced various studies with alternative solutions to move more people and therefore better prepare for population group, including subsidizing truck use on the Highway 407. In addition, she advised that another alternative solution would be widen existing highways to meet real demand based on growth (Highways 400, 401, 410 and 427). In her opinion, the proposed solution is to offer more access to public transportation. Ms. Goldberg concluded her delegation noting that the Highway, if constructed, will destroy the green belt and will add several million tons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. She requested that Council pass a motion that is in the best interest of the environment and their constituents.

Members of Council asked several questions and received responses from Ms. Goldberg.

Daniel Dittburner, on behalf of Unifor West GTA Regional Environment Council provided a delegation regarding agenda item 10.2.2 the City of Markham's Resolution on the GTA West Corridor (413 Highway). Mr. Dittburner expressed concern with respect to the potential pollution, economic and ecological impacts for the community. He urged Council to consider the alternative solutions brought forward by the other delegates and to oppose the construction of Highway 413.

Mayor A. Thompson noted that written comments were received from members of the public and published with the agenda forming part of the public record. Comments were received from Geoff Kettel on behalf of the Federation of Urban Neighbours, Sherry Draisey, Susan Beharriell, Debbie Valentine on behalf of the Unifor West GTA Regional Environmental Council, Andre Kalev, Kira Forward, Kate Hepworth, Michelle Meandro and Todd Sleeper regarding the City of Markham's Resolution on the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413). Comments were received from Karen Alison regarding the January 17, 2022 Planning and Development Committee Meeting Report in reference to the Proposed Official Plan Amendment, zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for 12245 Torbram Road, Ward 2. Comments were received from Joanna Valeriani and Joe McReynolds regarding the Request to the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 124.

DEFFERED ITEM

Mayor A. Thompson declared a pecuniary interest with respect to deferred item 7.1 Requesting the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 124 as his daughter-in-law is a nurse at Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville. Mayor A. Thompson left the electronic meeting at 8:01 p.m. and did not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter.

Acting Mayor L. Kiernan assumed the role of Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Requesting the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 124

Moved by: Councillor A. Groves – Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair 2022-008

Whereas on November 7, 2019, Bill 124, the Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act, 2019, received royal assent, imposing three year periods of salary moderation and compensation restraint measures that are applicable to unionized and non-unionized public sector employees;

Whereas Nurses and other Health Professionals are considered public sector employees if employed by a public sector employer;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the Registered Nurses Association, more than 8,000 nursing positions are unfulfilled in Ontario;

Whereas Nurses have come forward about the physical and emotional toll the pandemic has had as cases continue to surge and staff shortages become more apparent;

Whereas Nurses are leaving full-time positions to work at private staffing agencies where they are paid adequately with a balanced schedule;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Provincial government rescind Bill 124; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the Region of Peel and the Association of Municipalities in Ontario.

Council recessed at 8:33 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Amendment #1

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer – Seconded by: Councillor J. Downey

That the following paragraph be added after paragraph 5:

Whereas the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) has knowledge of the healthcare system;

And that the renumbered paragraph 7 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Now therefore be it resolved that the Provincial government be requested to review the cause of the shortage of staff within the healthcare system when they meet with representatives from the ONA in February.

Upon Amendment #1 being tabled, a point of order was declared in accordance with section 9 of Appendix A to the Procedural By-law on the basis that the amendment was contrary to the main motion. The Chair made a ruling on the point of order permitting the amendment. The ruling of the Chair was challenged, therefore a vote was called and conducted resulting in the ruling being upheld. Members voting in favour of the ruling were Councillor L. Kiernan, Councillor J. Downey, Councillor C. Early and Councillor N. deBoer. Members voting in opposition were Councillor I. Sinclair, Councillor J. Innis and Councillor A. Groves.

The discussion and debate on Amendment #1 continued.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson			Х	
Councillor I. Sinclair		Х		
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves		Х		
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	5	2	1	1
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Amendment #2

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer - Seconded by: Councillor C. Early

That the following paragraph be added:

Whereas Caledon supports all frontline workers.

A recorded vote was taken as follo	ws:			
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson			Х	
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves		Х		
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	6	1	1	1
				Carried.

Upon the question of the main motion moved by Councillor A. Groves and seconded by Councillor I. Sinclair as amended by Amendment #1 and Amendment #2 a recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson			Х	
Councillor I. Sinclair		Х		
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves		Х		
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	5	2	1	1
				Carried.

Following the vote on the main motion as amended, Mayor A. Thompson assumed the role of Chair.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by: Councillor L. Kiernan – Seconded by: Councillor C. Early

2022-009

That the January 17, 2022 Planning and Development Committee Meeting Report be received; and

That the January 17, 2022 Planning and Development Committee Meeting Report recommendations regarding the following consent items, be adopted:

- Heritage Caledon Committee Meeting Report, dated December 6, 2021,
- Staff Report 2021-0454: Notice of Intention to Designate 552 The Grange Sideroad, Ward 1,
- Municipality of Clarington's Resolution regarding Insurance and Designated Heritage Properties,
- Heritage Caledon Committee Meeting Report, dated January 10, 2022,
- Staff Report 2022-0007: Recommendation to Remove Property from Heritage Register – 2140 Charleston Sideroad, Ward 1,
- Staff Report 2022-0008: Notice Intention to Designate 16847 Heart Lake Road, Ward 1, and
- Notice of Motion for the Proposed Interim Control By-law Amendment for 8068 King Street, Ward 4.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Innis – Seconded by: Councillor deBoer

2022-010

That the January 18, 2022 General Committee Meeting Report recommendations regarding the following consent items, be adopted:

- Staff Report 2022-0015: Single Use Plastics Reduction Strategy,
- Staff Report 2022-0010: Peel District School Board License Agreement Caledon Central Public School Ice Rink, and
- Staff Report 2022-0005: Delegation of Property Tax Ratios from the Region of Peel.

A recorded vote was taken as follo	ws:			
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	8	0	0	1 Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Innis – Seconded by: Councillor L. Kiernan

2022-011

That the January 18, 2022 General Committee Meeting Report recommendation regarding the following items, be adopted:

- Naming of a Facility at the Caledon Seniors Centre Patterson and Nurden,
- Staff Report 2022-0012: Pinchin Pit and Charles Sauriol Conservation Area Management Plan,
- Staff Report 2022-0025: Visitor Management Strategy,
- Challenges Facing Provincial Offences Courts in Dufferin and Caledon,
- Presentation Request Non-Profit Community Organization Centre for Community Energy Transformation, and
- Presentation Request Canada HomeShare Program.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT	
Mayor A. Thompson	Х				
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х				
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х				
Councillor J. Downey	Х				
Councillor C. Early	Х				
Councillor J. Innis	Х				
Councillor N. deBoer	Х				
Councillor A. Groves	Х				
Councillor T. Rosa				Х	
Total	8	0	0	1	
				Carried.	

PRESENTATIONS

Canada HomeShare Program

At the time the presenter was called, Mayor A. Thompson was informed that they were no longer in the meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled to a future Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipality of Clarington's Resolution regarding Heritage Home Insurance

Moved by: Councillor L. Kiernan – Seconded by: Councillor J. Downey

2022-012

That Council support the Municipality of Clarington's resolution requesting the Minister of Heritage, Tourism, Sport and Culture Industries to engage with stakeholders to ensure alignment between the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, and the regulations governing insurance providers to better support owners of designated heritage properties;

That staff put communication on the Town's website to provide education to owners of designated heritage properties on insurance matters;

That staff be directed to develop a letter template for owners of designated heritage properties to submit to insurance providers, if required, advising Ontario Heritage Act requirements regarding property alteration and report, and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the Bolton Business Improvement Area Board of Management, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Municipality of Clarington.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

ANOUNCMENTS

Councillor L. Kiernan advised that Valentine's Day is coming up and recognized that everyone should be kinder to one another.

Councillor C. Early advised that Caledon Community Services is running their Coldest Day of the Year event on February 26. Further details are available on the Caledon Community Services website. All the funds raised go to the exchange in Bolton.

Mayor A. Thompson provided several announcements recognizing that January was Crime Stoppers Month, February is Black History Month, Heart Health Month and February 21 is Family Day.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Kiernan – Seconded by: Councillor deBoer

2022-013

That the following by-laws be read a first time and passed:

BL-2022-002 A by-law to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended, with respect to Part Lot 3, Concession 6 (Albion), being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 43R-3784, except RO947240, Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel municipally known as 12544 Highway 50, Ward 5, and

BL-2022-003	•	•	law 2007-1	vn Council Mee Tuesday, Febru 128, as amended Town of Caled	uary 1, 2022 Page 9 of 9 I, being a by-law
A recorded vote was taken	as follows:				
Recorded Vote		YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	1	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair		Х			
Councillor L. Kierna	า	Х			
Councillor J. Downe	У	Х			
Councillor C. Early		Х			
Councillor J. Innis		Х			
Councillor N. deBoe	r	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	3	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa					Х
Total		8	0	0	1
					Carried.

Moved by: Councillor L. Kiernan – Seconded by: Councillor C. Early 2022-014

That By-law 2022-004 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings for the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon at its Council Meeting held on the 1st day of February, 2022, be read a first time and passed.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:				
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х			
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х			
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х			
Councillor J. Downey	Х			
Councillor C. Early	Х			
Councillor J. Innis	Х			
Councillor N. deBoer	Х			
Councillor A. Groves	Х			
Councillor T. Rosa				Х
Total	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

ADJOURNEMNT

On a motion moved by Councillor J. Innis, Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

"Allan Thompson"

Allan Thompson, Mayor

"Laura Hall"

Laura Hall, Town Clerk