



**CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 7, 2025**

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CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025
MINUTES

Council convened in Committee Rooms 242/243, City Hall and via electronic participation in Vaughan, Ontario, at 3:10 p.m.

The following members were present:

Steven Del Duca, Mayor, Chair
Regional Councillor Linda Jackson, Deputy Mayor
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri
Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate
Councillor Adriano Volpentesta
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
Councillor Gila Martow

MOVED by Regional Councillor Jackson
seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

THAT Section 6.2 of Procedural By-law 7-2011 be waived with respect to 24 hours written notice for a Special meeting of Council.

CARRIED

55. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Volpentesta
seconded by Councillor Iafrate

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

56. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

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57 UPDATES TO THE CITY'S TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW AND TREE PROTECTION PROTOCOL

(Committee of the Whole (Working Session), Report No. 20, Item 1, May 7, 2025)

MOVED by Councillor Martow
seconded by Councillor Iafrate

That the following recommendation from the May 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole (Working Session), be approved.

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated May 7, 2025, be approved;
- 2) That City staff advise York Region that the City of Vaughan will be assuming jurisdiction over woodlots, and that City staff bring forward the necessary By-law amendments, including the repeal of By-law 229-2005;
- 3) That Vaughan City Council request York Region to delegate the authority to regulate forestry-related matters pursuant to 135(8) of the Municipal Act, as well as any other forestry matters that York Region currently has authority over, and that staff be authorized to execute any agreements and bring forward any necessary By-law amendments required to the satisfaction of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works and Office of the City Solicitor;
- 4) That Vaughan City Council waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law and call a Special Council meeting immediately following the May 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting;
- 5) That the presentation by Shanon Kalra-Ramjoo, Director, Parks Forestry and Horticulture Operations and Miles Peart, Manager, Urban Forestry, Parks Forestry and Horticulture Operations, and Communication C1., presentation material titled "*Tree Protection By-law and Tree Protection Protocol*" be received; and
- 6) That Communication C3., from Robert A. Kenedy, President of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association, dated May 6, 2025, be received.

Recommendations:

1. That Council authorize repealing Tree Protection By-law 052-2018, as amended, and replacing it with the By-law substantially in the form of Attachment 1, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services;

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2. That Council authorize the updated Tree Protection Protocol in Attachment 2;
3. That Council direct staff to explore streamlining and transitioning governance related to tree protection from York Region to the City with a view of enhancing

CARRIED

58. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Martow
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

THAT By-law Number 104-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on May 7, 2025, be passed.

CARRIED

59. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Volpentesta
seconded by Councillor Martow

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:18 p.m.

CARRIED

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk