

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AT THE  
HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING

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PRESENT: Mayor Perkins

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

Councillor Coe  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Emm  
Councillor Hanson  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Montague  
Councillor Roy

STAFF PRESENT: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning  
A. Lam, Manager of Development Engineering Services  
K. Power, Manager, Planning Administration  
M. Cotton, Accessibility Coordinator  
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk  
S. Stones, Clerk/Stenographer

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

2. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 244-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with Mayor Perkins in the Chair to consider Planning Report, Item PL 58-12 Re: Proposed Amendment to Ontario Regulation 191/11– Integrated Accessibility Standards.

CARRIED

With the consent of Committee members, Item 2.2 – Proposed Federal Electoral Districts Readjustments, was dealt with first.

2.2 Proposed Federal Electoral Districts Readjustments

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the item. He referred to two pieces of information that had been provided for Council's review, one being an excerpt of population, households and employment forecasts

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from ROPA 128 and the second item being the Regional Municipality of Durham Report, No. 2012-A-34, dated September 19, 2012, regarding Proposed Federal Electoral District Readjustments.

General discussion ensued with respect to population forecasts for the Region of Durham over the next 20 years and it was noted the anticipated growth for the region is considerable.

Extensive discussion further ensued with reference to the logistics of realigning the electoral boundaries, the potential impact on the residents of Whitby and the importance of defining a community. It was noted that historically linear north/south boundary divisions are preferred over east/west divisions for ridings.

Based on the discussion, Mayor Perkins indicated she would present the comments of Council members to the Regional Task Force on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

MOVED by Councillor Coe

WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario has proposed a new electoral map for consideration at public hearings this fall;

AND WHEREAS the stated approach to reviewing the electoral districts was to respect existing municipal boundaries (where possible);

AND WHEREAS the proposed boundary changes appear to unnecessarily fragment Durham Region and place Brooklin in the same electoral district as Pickering, separate from Whitby;

AND WHEREAS the proposed boundary changes do not appear to take into consideration the significant population growth anticipated in Durham Region in either the short or long term;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Durham has established a Task Force comprised of the Regional Chair and interested municipal Mayors' to review the proposed federal electoral district readjustments, develop a submission and make a presentation at the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Perkins has agreed to participate on the above noted Task Force;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Perkins be requested to bring Council's concerns to the Task Force regarding the proposed electoral districts that would separate Brooklin from Whitby and place it in

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the same electoral district as Pickering;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Perkins be requested to bring Council's concerns to the Task Force regarding the proposed electoral districts which do not appear to take into consideration the significant population growth anticipated in Durham Region in either the short term or long term.

CARRIED

Councillor Emm assumed the Chair at 6:12 p.m.

2.1 Planning Report, Item PL 58-12  
Re: Proposed Amendment to Ontario Regulation 191/11  
- Integrated Accessibility Standards

R. Short, Commissioner of Planning, introduced the report. He explained the government recently circulated a proposed amendment to the Integrated Accessibility Standards regulation (Ontario Regulation 191/11) under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and that the Ministry of Community and Social Services is seeking comments on this proposed amendment to the Regulation to include Design of Public Spaces (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment). He further explained all comments received prior to October 1, 2012 will be considered as part of the decision-making process by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the summary of the amendments. R. Short outlined that the standards cover seven different areas relating to the design of public spaces including recreational trails and beach access routes, outdoor public-use eating areas (such as rest stops or picnic areas), outdoor play spaces, exterior paths of travel (i.e. sidewalks and ramps); accessible parking (on and off-street), obtaining services (such as fixed queuing lines and waiting areas) and maintenance. He advised the standards for public spaces will only apply to new construction and planned redevelopment and that enhancements to accessibility in buildings will happen at a later time through Ontario's Building Code.

Clarification regarding the timing of when the new standards will come into effect was also discussed and, as noted in the report, staff expressed disappointment with the lack of standardized requirement details provided in the proposed amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

MOVED by Councillor Montague

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1. That Planning Report No. PL 58-12 be accepted as the Town's comment to the proposed amendments to the Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11 including Design of Public Spaces Standard (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment);
2. That the Clerk forward Planning Report No. PL 58-12 to the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as the Town of Whitby comments on the proposed amendments to the Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11; and,
3. That the Integrated Accessibility Standards Project Team (IAS) receive a copy of Planning Report Item No. PL 58-12 and that the IAS bring forward a report with a strategy for policy development, implementation and estimated cost impacts for the consideration of the Planning and Development Committee and Council, when the amended Regulation 191/11 comes into force.

CARRIED AS AMENDED  
LATER IN THE MEETING  
[See Following Motions]

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

That the main motion be amended by adding the following as Item 2 and renumbering Item 2 and 3 accordingly;

That the Ministry of Community and Social Services be requested to clarify the process and timelines for approvals of exceptions.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Coe

That Item 3 of the main motion be amended by deleting the words "comes into force" and inserting the words "when the proposed requirements are established in regulation".

CARRIED

The main motion, as amended was then CARRIED.

Mayor Perkins resumed the Chair at 6:51 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 245-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That Council rise and ratify the actions from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW NO. 6650-12

RESOLUTION NO. 246-12

MOVED by Councillor Emm, seconded by Councillor Montague, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and that the same be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

CARRIED

By-law No. 6650-12 considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 247-12

MOVED by Councillor Montague  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

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Patricia Perkins, Mayor