

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2013 -6:00 pm
Council Chambers
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Perkins (left at 6:05 p.m.)
Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Hanson
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roy

Also Present: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)
E. Belsey, Manager, Long Range Planning
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
S. Cassel, Legislative Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Emm

1. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest noted.

Resolution No. 114-13

Moved By Councillor Coe
Seconded By Councillor Montague

That Council move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Mayor Perkins left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. to attend to other Town Business outside of the building.

Councillor Montague assumed the Chair.

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

2.1 Planning Report, Item PL 30-13

Re: Official Plan Review - Proposed Draft Amendment to the Whitby Official Plan (OPA-2007 W/04)

E. Belsey, Manager, Long Range Planning, appeared before Council and provided an overview of the report and the Official Plan Amendment process undertaken thus far. Mr. Belsey advised that staff are ready to move forward with the review and have brought forward the proposed draft amendments for Council's consideration noting that the next public meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2013.

A detailed question and answer period ensued about the timing of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment in accordance with the Official Plan Review being undertaken by the Province. Mr. Belsey advised Council that once the Provincial review has been completed, there would be opportunity for the Town to revisit the Official Plan in consideration of any recommendations that may arise from the Province.

Questions were also raised regarding the section of the proposed plan dealing with housing needs. Discussion ensued with regard to the use of the word 'support' that is mentioned throughout the report in relation to housing needs. Council encouraged staff to look at other words that may have the same context and meaning such as 'encourage' or 'promote' so that there would be no confusion that the support is in any way interpreted as financial support. It was further noted that the role of the Town regarding housing needs is purely for land designation and zoning purposes and not for monetary or financial support. Council further stated that staff should look at having more rigorous conversations with the Region regarding the Social Housing Plans that are in place as the Town would have to conform to the housing plans adopted by Regional Council.

Further discussion ensued with regard to intensification and it was noted that the Regional Plan does not support intensification in stable residential areas.

Moved By Councillor Coe

1. That Planning Report Item No. PL 30-13 be received for information;
2. That Council endorse the schedule set out in Report Item No. PL 30-13 for the processing of amendments to the Official Plan related to the Official Plan Review; and,
3. That Council authorize the Planning Department to hold a public meeting under the Planning Act, on the basis of the Proposed Draft

Official Plan Amendment presented in Attachment #1 to Report Item
No. PL 30-13.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 115-13

Moved By Councillor Roy

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

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Coe assumed the Chair.

3. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

3.1 Confirmatory By-law 6717-13

Resolution No. 116-13

Moved By Councillor Montague
Seconded By Councillor Roy

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 March 18, 2013 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

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

4.1 Motion to adjourn.

Resolution No. 117-13

Moved By Councillor Montague
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Lorne Coe, Deputy Mayor