



Special Council Minutes

April 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell (Arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist (Arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada (Virtual Attendance)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Hickey, Fire Chief
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement
Services/Town Solicitor
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
M. Dodge, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call To Order: The Mayor
 2. Call of the Roll: The Clerk
 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Presentations

- 4.1 S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives and K. Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc.

Re: Draft Community Strategic Plan

S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives and K. Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft Community Strategic Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of the former Whitby Community Strategic Plan developed in 2002 and the Culture, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Strategic Master Plan developed in 2006;
- benefits of a Community Strategic Plan that aims to develop a shared vision, direction and goals for the community;
- the Community Strategic Plan (2023-2026) project steering committee and achievements to date, including completion of the Draft Community Strategic Plan;
- a recommendation to adopt the existing corporate mission and core values;
- components of the Community Strategic Plan, including areas of focus defined within the strategic priorities;
- the two-phased engagement strategy to promote participation in the Community Strategic Plan, including an online survey;
- demographics of survey participants;
- a summary of key survey responses regarding unique features of Whitby, as well as the community's aspirations for Whitby;
- four pillars of the Community Strategic Plan, being healthy and inclusive neighbourhoods, a connected and resilient natural and built environment, an innovative and competitive economy, and government;
- a summary of the draft Community Strategic Plan;
- Phase 2 - Community Engagement objectives and strategy, including workshops and a survey; and,
- next steps in developing the Community Strategic Plan, including presentation of the final plan to Council in June 2023 and concluding with the public launch.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, K. Wianecki, and Staff regarding:

- clarification regarding the sequence of engagement sessions and survey intake period;
- promotion of the Community Strategic Plan through social media and other channels;
- addressing concerns regarding community safety;
- meeting community priorities by achieving all 63 action items in a timely manner;
- the importance of improving the waterfront by enhancing offerings, opportunities and experiences;
- the level of public consultation;
- measuring the progress and reporting on outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan;
- whether Phase 2 will include consultation with Durham Region Police Service (DRPS) and local school boards;
- consideration of Council priorities in the development of the Community Strategic Plan; and,
- collaborating with partners such as Queen's University and Lakeridge Health to increase access to family physicians in Whitby.

5. Items for Consideration

5.1 CAO 12-23, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: Draft Community Strategic Plan

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, K. Wianecki, and Staff regarding:

- clarification regarding the 2023-2026 term of the plan and the anticipated completion date of action items;
- whether action items may be modified based on Council feedback; and,
- affordable improvements to the waterfront.

Resolution # 89-23

Moved by Councillor Leahy
Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

1. That Report CAO 12-23 be received for information;
2. That Council endorse the draft Community Strategic Plan and direct Staff to proceed with Phase 2 of the engagement process, as outlined in Report CAO 12-23; and,
3. That Staff be directed to prepare a final Community Strategic Plan 2023-2026 to be presented to Council in June 2023.

Carried

6. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 90-23

Moved by Councillor Shahid
Seconded by Councillor Leahy

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 April 24, 2023 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Bozinovski
Seconded by Councillor Lee

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor