

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 29, 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  
Councillor Coe  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Emm  
Councillor Hanson (arrived at 6:10 pm)  
Councillor Mitchell (arrived at 6:04 pm)  
Councillor Montague  
Councillor Roy

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

STAFF PRESENT: P. LeBel, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner of  
Community & Marketing Services  
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor  
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk  
S. Cassel, Licencing Clerk

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

2. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.1 Paul Jones, resident of Brooklin, provided a presentation to Members of Council regarding the direct election of the Regional Chair. Mr. Jones outlined in his presentation various reasons as to why he was not in support of the direct election providing examples from other regions where he believes that direct election has not been a success. Mr. Jones stated that personalities of individuals in the position of the Chair could have an affect on the dynamics of Regional Council. In Mr. Jones' opinion even if the same regional council members were re-elected, including the Chair, he feels that the dynamics may not be the same. He further added that there may be conflict with having two elected heads over each municipality, meaning an elected Chair and an elected Mayor over each Municipality, both trying to serve the same constituents.

2.2 Stuart Green of Crocus Crescent, Whitby appeared before Council and stated that all members of public office should be elected by the constituents. Mr. Green stated that he believes the current method appoints the Chair as they are chosen by the members of the Regional Council and not elected by the constituents. He stated that this does not support democracy and that there were a significant number of residents in favour of electing the chair and that this cannot be ignored. He further

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stated that he is very passionate about the issue of direct election of the Regional Chair having spent most of his career working in or reporting on local government. Mr. Green added that local government has the most influence on the community and recognizes the importance of electing the Head of Regional Council. In summary, he advised that he is in favour of direct election of the Regional Chair.

- 2.3 Stacey Leadbetter of Sawdon Drive, Whitby appeared before Council and stated that she has been a resident of Whitby for 23 years. Ms. Leadbetter advised that the person who has the most power in the Region should be elected by the public. She stated that to not elect the Regional Chair would be an assault against democracy and feels that the head of the Region should go through the same scrutiny by the public that other elected officials go through. Ms. Leadbetter further advised that she is in favour of the direct election of the Regional Chair.

Linda Gasser, 111 Ferguson Street, Whitby appeared before Council and stated that she is in agreeance with the direct election of the Regional Chair and feels that it will provide the residents of Durham with an opportunity to get local issues on the Regional agenda instead of being filtered through local councillors. Ms. Gasser stated that she was looking for Whitby Council to vote in favour of supporting the direct election of the Regional Chair.

3. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report, Item CAO 03-12  
Re: Direct Election of the Regional Chair – Region of Durham  
By-law #19-2012
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Discussion ensued on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-12

COUNCIL DECISION:

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell  
Seconded by Councillor Coe

1. That Report CAO 03-12 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received;
2. That the Council of the Town of Whitby consents to By-law #19-2012 of the Regional Municipality of Durham; and,

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3. That the Town Clerk advise the Region of Durham and the area municipalities of Council's decision in this regard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
ON A RECORDED VOTE

4. BY-LAW

- 6622-12 By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2012 for Town of Whitby purposes and to set penalty and interest rates for unpaid taxes [Corporate Services Report, CS 50-12]

RESOLUTION NO. 151-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe seconded by Councillor Emm that leave be granted to introduce By-law No. 6622-12, and to dispense with the reading of the by-laws by the Clerk and that the same be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW NO. 6623-12

RESOLUTION NO. 152-12

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 May 29<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. 6623-12 considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 153-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

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Patricia Perkins, Mayor