

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell  
Councillor Coe  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Emm  
Councillor Glead  
Councillor Leahy (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

**Also Present:** R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer  
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services  
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
B. Rice, Acting Commissioner of Public Works  
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning  
D. Speed, Fire Chief  
A. Biggart, Solicitor, Ritchie, Green & Ketcheson LLP  
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk  
S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk

**Regrets:** None noted

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**Resolution # 177-15**

Moved By Councillor Coe  
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That Council move In-Camera in accordance with the provisions of  
Procedural By-law # 6794-13 and the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239  
(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including  
communications necessary for that purpose.

**Carried**

2. Presentations

**2.1** Verbal Update by the Chief Administrative Officer  
Re: Recent Fire, Downtown Whitby

A portion of this part of the meeting was closed to the public. [Refer to the In Camera minutes of the meeting - Town Clerk has control and custody.]

**Resolution # 178-15**

Moved By Councillor Coe  
Seconded By Councillor Leahy

That Council rise from the In Camera session of the Special Meeting of Council.

**Carried**

Council reconvened into the open session of the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

The Mayor recognized the response from Fire, Building Services, Commissioners and the CAO for their efforts in handling the fire over the Easter weekend.

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the events that had taken place which involved significant damage to 119 and 121 Brock Street South. He stated that only the façade remained on the buildings and that Brock Street was closed as a protective measure should the façade collapse and that the barriers would need to stay in place until the façade is fastened to adjacent buildings or demolished. Mr. Petrie stated that efforts were being made to restore hydro and gas to the surrounding areas but that this was dependent on ESA approvals. He encouraged business owners and residents to get in touch with their landlords as to next steps to move forward.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments from the public.

Peter Berezcki, 111 Dundas Street West, owner of Whitby Sewing, appeared before Council on behalf of Optical 20/20 who was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that Optical 20/20 was without hydro and questioned when the power might be restored. Mr. Berezcki further stated that since the incident hydro rates were irregular and questioned

why this was occurring.

Chris van der Vliet, 123 Brock Street, owner of Rawlicious, appeared before Council and requested timelines for when businesses would be able to reopen. She stated that her staff were unemployed and that they needed to make contingency plans to move forward. Ms. van der Vliet requested that if they had to relocate that the Town would provide support in any Planning processes that they would need to undertake for the relocation.

Karey Large, 125 Brock Street South, owner of Kake Kreations, appeared before Council and questioned the structural implications for her building stating that she had been told that the floor joists would need to be replaced.

Discussion ensued with respect to the ability to provide a listing of available spaces in the Town that businesses could temporarily relocate to and a communication on the Town's website to provide information to displaced residents on where they could obtain assistance.

#### **Resolution # 179-15**

Moved By Councillor Coe

Seconded By Councillor Drumm

1. That 119 Brock Street South and 121 Brock Street South, Whitby be removed from the Town of Whitby Official Heritage Register – Inventory of Listed Properties; and
2. That staff be requested to consult with the property owners of 119 Brock Street South and 121 Brock Street South, Whitby, along with their insurers in order to expedite the re-opening of Brock Street between Dundas Street and Colborne Street.

**Carried unanimously on a recorded vote as follows:**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Councillor Lorne Coe	x		
Councillor Joe Drumm	x		
Councillor Michael Emm	x		
Councillor Derrick Gleed	x		
Councillor Chris Leahy	x		
Councillor Elizabeth Roy	x		
Councillor Steve Yamada	x		

Mayor Don Mitchell	x		
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Discussion ensued with respect to the ability to salvage bricks from the façade to utilize in future rebuilds. Further discussion ensued regarding the state of the bricks in that there were old and it would have to be determined whether they could be salvaged for reuse. Staff were requested to look into these possibilities and reuse some of the bricks from the facades of the buildings if possible.

Mayor Mitchell called on D. Speed, Fire Chief to comment on the events. Mr. Speed stated that the fire prevention efforts that had been implemented for the last several years which identified areas in the Downtown core that needed changes to bring buildings up to code played a large part in the behaviour of the fire. He commended residents and business owners in their efforts to comply and stated that these efforts slowed the growth of the fire and allowed individuals to get out safely and prevented the fire from spreading to the north and south.

3. Confirmatory By-Law

3.1 Confirmatory By-law

**Resolution # 180-15**

Moved By Councillor Roy  
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

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 7, 2015, and that 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**

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

**Resolution # 181-15**

Moved By Councillor Drumm  
Seconded By Councillor Coe

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

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Don Mitchell, Mayor