

The Council Workshop was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Mayor Van Bynen  
Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Vegh  
Councillor Kerwin  
Councillor Twinney  
Councillor Hempen  
Councillor Kwapis  
Councillor Broome  
Councillor Bisanz

Staff Present: R.N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
L. Lyons, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk  
K. Saini, Deputy Clerk  
L. Long, Supervisor, Municipal By-law Enforcement  
G. McIntosh, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer  
H. Leznoff, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Van Bynen in the Chair.

### **Notice**

Mayor Van Bynen advised that in accordance with the Town's Procedure By-law, no decisions will be made and that Council will receive information regarding the regulatory review.

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **Items**

### **1. Overview of Council Workshop**

The Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk provided an overview of the regulatory review, including background information on the proposed by-law amendments.

### **2. Property Standards By-law**

The Supervisor, Municipal Enforcement provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Property Standards By-law including new definitions for the following terms: certificate of compliance, fire code, sign heritage attributes, heritage property, heritage conservation district, heritage conservation district plan and heritage permit. She further advised of updated sections including yard maintenance, vacant properties and enforcement. She further provided information on the new sections that were added to the by-law addressing mold and heritage properties. She advised that a Public Information Centre was held on October 11, 2017 to receive the public's feedback with regards to this By-law. Lastly, she provided the timeline for next steps; the amended by-law will be brought to the November 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, with feedback received from Members of Council from the workshop incorporated before that time.

### **3. Clean Yards By-law**

The Supervisor, Municipal Enforcement presented the scope of the new Clean Yards By-law including definitions, property maintenance, derelict vehicles, composting, firewood, graffiti, standing water and boulevard maintenance. She further explained that the Clean Yards by-law will be a tool used to address the maintenance and land and non-structural related issues with the properties. The Clean Yards by-law may be used in conjunction with the Property Standards By-law and is intended to address issues related to health and safety concerns. She advised that a Public Information Centre was held on October 11, 2017 to receive the public's feedback with regards to this By-law. She further advised of the timeline for next steps; the Clean Yards by-law will be brought to the November 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, with feedback received from Members of Council from the workshop incorporated before that time.

#### **4. Noise By-law Review**

The Supervisor, Municipal Enforcement provided an overview of the Noise by-law review and outlined the scope of the amended by-law including the addition of a “quiet zone” section, and updated sections for the following: definitions, reasons for exemptions, the exemption process and enforcement. She provided background information regarding an online and in person survey that was conducted regarding the Noise By-law in 2015, as well as feedback received from the Public Information Centre held on October 24, 2017. She further advised of the timeline for next steps; the Noise By-law will be brought to the November 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting with feedback received from Members of Council and the public incorporated before that time.

#### **5. Sign By-law**

The Municipal Enforcement Officer provided an overview of the amended Sign by-law, including new sections such as the removal of election signs and the addition of a presumption section. He further discussed the updated sections of the by-law including definitions such as seasonal businesses, sight triangle and temporary signs. He provided an overview of updates to the general provisions and other housekeeping amendments including locations of signs, size of ground signs and banner signs. He advised that a Public Information Centre was held on October 24, 2017 to receive the public’s feedback with regards to this By-law. He further advised of the timeline for next steps; the Sign By-law will be brought to the November 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting with feedback received from Members of Council and the public incorporated before that time.

#### **6. Election Sign By-law**

The Deputy Clerk provided background information and an overview of a standalone Election Sign By-law. She advised that the creation of an Election Sign by-law was prompted by legislative changes involving third party advertisers and the election of the Regional Chair, in addition to the desire to have a unified by-law across all York Region municipalities. She further advised that a York Region working group created the Election sign by-law for the purpose of clarity and consistency throughout the Region, including unified specifications for dates for when signs can be erected and when they must be taken down, size of signs, regulations regarding private and public property and fee structure. She further discussed the fee structure, and the proposed amendments to include a nonrefundable fee, to align with York Regions’ fee structure. She advised that a Public Information Centre was held on October 24, 2017 to receive the public’s feedback with regards to this By-law. Lastly, she provided the timeframe for next steps; the Election Sign By-law will be brought to the November 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting with feedback received from Members of Council and the public incorporated before that time.

## **Adjournment**

Being no further business, the Council Workshop adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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Tony Van Bynen, Mayor

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Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk