

The meeting of the Council was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Mayor Van Bynen  
Regional Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Vegh  
Councillor Kerwin  
Councillor Twinney  
Councillor Hempen  
Councillor Sponga  
Councillor Broome-Plumley

Absent: Councillor Bisanz

Staff Present: R.N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Brouwer, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services  
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development and Infrastructure Services  
I. McDougall, Commissioner of Community Services  
L. Lyons, Acting Town Clerk  
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Van Bynen in the Chair.

## **Public Notices**

None.

## **Additions & Corrections to the Agenda**

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that administrative corrections to the Council Minutes of February 9, 2015 were circulated electronically and have been posted online for the benefit of residents.

## Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- a) Regional Councillor Taylor declared an interest with respect to Items 3 and 4 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 being a deputation by Mr. John Blommestein related to the Integrity Commissioner correspondence and correspondence from Ms. Suzanne Craig in relation to a Council Code of Conduct complaint received by the Chief Administrative Officer on December 1, 2014 as the matters relate to a potential Integrity Commissioner investigation against him.
- b) Councillor Broome-Plumley declared an interest with respect to Item 4 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 being correspondence from Ms. Suzanne Craig in relation to a Council Code of Conduct complaint received by the Chief Administrative Officer on December 1, 2014 as her employer is mentioned in the document.

## Presentations & Recognitions

None.

## Deputations

1. Mr. John Blommestein addressed Council regarding Council misconduct and summarized cases related to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and charitable donations from private businesses related to the Town of Newmarket. He also provided recommendations for items to be considered through the Code of Conduct update.

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin  
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the deputation by Mr. John Blommestein regarding Council misconduct be provided an additional 5 minutes.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(7 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Vegh  
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

THAT the deputation by Mr. John Blommestejn regarding Council misconduct be received.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(7 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

Regional Councillor Taylor took no part in the discussion or voting of the foregoing matter.

Deputations from Mr. Jack Blommestejn, Mr. Alexander Blommestejn and Mr. Nicolas Blommestejn were not required.

Mayor Van Bynen advised that Items 4 and 5 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 would be considered at this time.

2. Item 4 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 - Correspondence dated February 4, 2015 from Ms. Suzanne Craig in relation to a Council Code of Conduct complaint received by the Chief Administrative Officer on December 1, 2014.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh  
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the correspondence dated February 4, 2015 from Ms. Suzanne Craig in relation to a Council Code of Conduct complaint received by the Chief Administrative Officer on December 1, 2014 be received and referred to staff.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga

Opposed: (None)  
(6 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

Regional Councillor Taylor and Councillor Broome-Plumley took no part in the discussion or voting of the foregoing matter.

3. Item 5 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 - Chief Administrative Officer Report 2015-02 dated February 11, 2015 regarding Council Code of Conduct Update.

Discussion ensued and Recommendation iii) of the original motion was voted on separately.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen  
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

a) THAT Chief Administrative Officer Report 2015-02 dated February 11, 2015 regarding Council Code of Conduct Update be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT staff be directed to investigate best practices on policy issues such as Councillor supported community events/not for profit organizations and clarification of official e-mail address use;

ii) AND THAT findings be brought back as part of the draft Council Code of Conduct;

iv) AND THAT future Code complaints follow the Interim Code Complaint Process as outlined in this report until a new Council Code of Conduct has been adopted.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Hempen  
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

iii) AND THAT future Code complaints related to matters currently under review be held in abeyance until the review has been completed and reported on to Council.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga

Opposed: Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Broome-Plumley  
(5 in favour, 3 opposed)

### **Carried**

## **Approval of Minutes**

4. Council Minutes of February 9, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin

Seconded by: Councillor Vegh

THAT the Council Minutes of February 9, 2015, as amended, be approved.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh,  
Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen,  
Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)

(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

## **Correspondence & Petitions**

None.

## **Reports by Regional Representatives**

- a) Regional Councillor Taylor provided a synopsis of the Make Rental Happen Symposium that was held in Markham on February 27, 2015.
- b) Regional Councillor Taylor advised that York Region recently passed its budget. The Region has been able to reduce the proposed budget increase to 2.97% and provides for budget projections through to 2018.

## **Reports of Committees and Staff**

5. Council Workshop Record of February 9, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Broome-Plumley

Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

THAT the Council Workshop Record of February 9, 2015 be received.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh,  
Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen,  
Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley  
Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

6. Council Workshop Record of February 17, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh  
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the Council Workshop Record of February 17, 2015 be received.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh,  
Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen,  
Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley  
Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

7. Special Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the Special Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

8. THAT Joint CAO/Commissioners and Financial Services Report 2015-08 dated February 18, 2015 regarding the Preliminary Draft 2015 Budgets be received and staff be authorized to provide the public with details of the Preliminary Draft 2015 Tax-supported, Utility and Capital Budgets based on Option 2 as identified in Joint CAO/Commissioners and Financial Services Report 2015-08.

9. THAT Joint CAO/Commissioners, Community Services, Corporate Services and Development and Infrastructure Services Report 2015-01 dated February 11, 2015 regarding the 2015 Budget – Referred Items be received and the approach identified within the report be confirmed.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

10. Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen  
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 23, 2015 be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

11. Mr. Paul Ferguson, President, Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. addressed the Committee regarding Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. Annual General Meeting.

a) THAT the Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. Report of the President dated January 12, 2015 regarding the financial statements of Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. (the “Corporation”), the written resolutions of Newmarket – Tay Power Distribution Ltd. (“NT Power”) and appointment of the sole director and auditors be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket (the “Sole Shareholder”) is the sole shareholder of the Corporation;

ii) AND WHEREAS the Sole Shareholder by a Shareholder Declaration dated November 1, 2000 appointed the Mayor as its legal representative for the purpose of communicating any shareholder consent or approval required by either the terms of the Shareholder Declaration or the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the “*OBCA*”);

iii) AND WHEREAS the Corporation owns a majority of the common shares of NT Power;

iv) AND WHEREAS pursuant to s.102(2) of the *OBCA* where a body corporate is the shareholder of a corporation the corporation shall recognize any individual properly authorized by the body corporate to represent it at meetings of shareholders of the corporation;

v) AND WHEREAS pursuant to s.104 of the *OBCA* a written resolution dealing with all the matters required to be dealt with at a shareholders meeting and signed by the shareholders entitled to vote at that meeting satisfies all requirements of the *OBCA* relating to that meeting of shareholders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1) THAT the Mayor, as the Sole Shareholder's legal representative, is directed to sign the following Corporation Shareholder resolutions:

a) THAT the Corporation's financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2013 together with the report of the Corporation's auditors, Collins Barrow, thereon dated June 26, 2014 be approved and adopted.

b) THAT Collins Barrow, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders at such remuneration as may be fixed by the sole director and the sole director is authorized to fix such remuneration.

c) THAT R.N. Shelton be appointed as the sole director of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor is elected or appointed.

d) THAT R.N. Shelton, so long as he is the sole director of the Corporation, shall represent the Corporation at meetings of shareholders of NT Power;

e) AND THAT all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments elections and payments, enacted, made, done and taken by the sole director and sole officer of the Corporation to December 31, 2013, as the same are set out or referred to in the resolutions of the sole director, or in the financial statements of the corporation, are approved, sanctioned and confirmed;

2) AND THAT the Mayor, as the Sole Shareholder's legal representative, direct R.N. Shelton, the sole director and legal representative of the Corporation, to sign the following NT Power shareholder resolutions in lieu of an annual meeting:



a) THAT the financial statements of NT Power for the financial year ended December 31, 2013 together with the report of NT Power's auditors, Collins Barrow, thereon dated April 23, 2014 be approved and adopted.

b) THAT Collins Barrow, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors of NT Power to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders at such remuneration as may be fixed by the directors and the directors are authorized to fix such remuneration.

c) THAT T. Van Bynen, S. Warnock, P. Daniels, R. Betts, A. Ott, C. Prattas and P. Ferguson are elected directors of NT Power to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed;

d) AND THAT all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments elections and payments, enacted, made, done and taken by the directors and officers of NT Power to December 31, 2013, as the same are set out or referred to in the resolutions of the board of directors, the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors or in the financial statements of NT Power, are approved, sanctioned and confirmed.

12. THAT the presentation by Mr. Paul Ferguson, President, Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. regarding the Newmarket Hydro Holdings Inc. Annual General Meeting be received.

13. THAT the presentation by Mr. Andrew Walasek, Manager, Municipal Engagement, Government Affairs, and Mr. Chad Schella, Director of Government Affairs, Canada Post Corporation regarding changes to postal service and public engagement measures be received.

14. Correspondence from Ms. Beverly Verwey, Branch Council Chair, Region of York Branch of the Canadian Red Cross dated January 9, 2015 requesting proclamation of the month of March, 2015 as "Red Cross Month" in the Town of Newmarket.

a) THAT the correspondence dated January 9, 2015 from Ms. Beverly Verwey, Branch Council Chair, Region of York Branch of the Canadian Red Cross be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim the month of March, 2015 as "Red Cross Month";

ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca)

15. Correspondence from Ms. Tracey Nesbitt, Manager, OASW Central Ontario Branch dated January 28, 2015 requesting proclamation of the week of March 2 to 8, 2015 as "Social Work Week" in the Town of Newmarket.
- a) THAT the correspondence dated January 28, 2015 from Ms. Tracey Nesbitt, Manager, OASW Central Ontario Branch be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim the week of March 2 to 8, 2015 as "Social Work Week";
- ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca)
16. Correspondence from Mr. Peter Stojanov, Director, Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating, Ontario Region dated February 10, 2015 requesting proclamation of March 11, 2015 as "World Plumbing Day" in the Town of Newmarket.
- a) THAT the correspondence dated February 10, 2015 from Mr. Peter Stojanov, requesting proclamation of March 11, 2015 as "World Plumbing Day" be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim March 11, 2015 as "World Plumbing Day";
- ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca)
17. Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Minutes of September 2, 2014 and January 6, 2015.
- a) THAT the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Minutes of September 2, 2014 and January 6, 2015 be received.
18. Item 3 of the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Minutes of September 2, 2014 - Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services Report 2014-33 dated July 17, 2014 regarding the 2014 Central York Fire Services Budget Report - Second Quarter.
- a) THAT the Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services Report 2014-33 dated July 17, 2014 regarding the 2014 Central York Fire Services Budget Report - Second Quarter be received for information purposes;

b) AND THAT the Town of Newmarket be requested to transfer the balance in its Fire Training Reserve to Central York Fire Services' Asset Replacement Fund.

19. Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 6, 2015.

a) THAT the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 6, 2015 be received.

20. Newmarket Public Library Board Minutes of December 17, 2014.

a) THAT the Newmarket Public Library Board Minutes of December 17, 2014 be received.

21. List of Outstanding Matters.

a) THAT the list of Outstanding Matters be received.

22. Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-16 dated February 9, 2015 regarding Sidewalk Snow Clearing Operations.

a) THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-16 dated February 9, 2015 regarding Sidewalk Snow Clearing for All Sidewalks be received and the following recommendation be adopted:

i) THAT Council consider the proposed enhancement of winter sidewalk maintenance service levels to include all municipally owned sidewalks with priority to be given to schools, Main Street, Regional roads and primary transit locations as part of the 2015 draft budget deliberations.

23. Joint Development and Infrastructure Services, Public Works Services and Corporate Services - Financial Services Report 2015-17 dated February 10, 2015 regarding Advanced Metering Infrastructure Proposed Fixed Network System.

a) THAT Joint Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services and Corporate Services - Financial Services Report 2015-17 dated February 10, 2015 regarding Advanced Metering Infrastructure be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT Council consider the benefits of Advanced Metering Infrastructure as outlined in conjunction with the draft 2015 capital budget submission;

ii) AND THAT Council give consideration to initiating a Meter Replacement Program in the 2015 budget through a Request for Proposal process.

24. Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-12 dated January 29, 2015 regarding Northern Six Waste Collection Contract, 2017-2027 – Tender Preparation Update.

a) THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-12 dated January 29, 2015 regarding Northern Six Waste Collection Contract 2017-2027 – Tender Preparation Update be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT staff be directed to work collaboratively with the Northern Six municipalities on the preparation of the procurement documents and tender for a Northern Six Waste Collection Contract;

ii) AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Six Municipalities to provide governance and direction during the next Contract period;

iii) AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare the Tender for a Contract period of eight (8) to ten (10) years commencing from the expiry or termination of the existing contract;

iv) AND THAT Council continues to endorse the principles of the Region of York 2012 Integrated Waste Management Master Plan (SM4RT Living Plan) including waste reduction and the provision of a three stream waste diversion program with Blue Box Material recycling and Source Separated Organics recycling;

v) AND THAT Staff report back with opportunities to harmonize all Waste Collection By-laws in the Northern Six municipalities with the aim to improve efficiencies in the Contract Administration and customer service;

vi) AND THAT Staff report back to Council for direction with respect to opportunities for improvements in the service level(s) provided, range of services provided, opportunities for further waste diversion, and cost efficiencies;

vii) AND THAT staff report back to Council in one hundred and fifty (150) days analyzing performance levels with the existing contract and provide any additional information as deemed appropriate;

viii) AND THAT staff explore the option of providing customer service delivery through one of the municipal partners.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

25. Mr. John Blommestein addressed the Committee regarding the Integrity Commissioner's Report.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen  
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the deputation by Mr. John Blommestein regarding the Integrity Commissioner's Report be received.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(7 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

Regional Councillor Taylor took no part in the discussion or voting of the foregoing matter.

26. Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-18 dated February 17, 2015 regarding Snow Storage at Ray Twinney Complex.

Discussion ensued and an alternate motion was presented.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by: Councillor Vegh

a) THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report - Public Works Services 2015-18 dated February 17, 2015 regarding Snow Storage at Ray Twinney Complex be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT staff continue to try to secure temporary or permanent snow disposal site(s) for the remainder of the 2014/2015 winter and onwards, and work with partners such as York Region to establish alternates for the existing Ray Twinney Complex site;

ii) AND THAT staff limit the amount of snow storage at the Ray Twinney Complex parking lot site by limiting the operations to 4:00 p.m. whenever possible and depending on weather, 11:00 p.m. in rare and more extreme circumstances;

iii) AND THAT staff and contractors utilize the Eagle Street entrance as the primary route into and out of the complex, to minimize the use of the other entrances where possible;

iv) AND THAT staff, provide full security fencing and signage around snow holding area and provide daily checks for any breaches or concerns;

v) AND THAT staff establish regular garbage/debris pickups during melting periods;

vi) AND THAT staff communicate with drivers and contractors to minimize noise where possible;

vii) AND THAT staff be directed to request Regional support and assistance to facilitate use of 145 Harry Walker Parkway (former Snap-on Tools site) for temporary snow storage for the remainder of the winter season;

viii) AND THAT Council request Regional support to secure the 145 Harry Walker Parkway site for temporary snow storage.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

### **By-laws**

None.

### **Notices of Motions**

None.

## Motions

27. Regional Councillor Taylor regarding Earth Hour.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

WHEREAS climate change is the biggest environmental threat to our planet and a major concern for all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS at exactly 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015, major cities around the world will turn off their lights and electrical power for one hour to raise awareness about climate change and to symbolize that, working together, the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against global warming;

AND WHEREAS the event, called “Earth Hour”, began in Sydney, Australia in 2007 as 2.2 million people turned off their lights to take a stand against climate change;

AND WHEREAS since then, it has become an annual, globally observed event;

AND WHEREAS participating in Earth Hour sends a powerful message to every citizen and business around the world that it’s possible to take action on climate change and that switching off our lights and electrical power is just one simple action we can take to help make a difference;

AND WHEREAS in the last several years, Newmarket has been a leader in this effort, with one of the highest rates of reduction in electricity consumption in the GTA;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. THAT at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015, the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket will join other cities around the world in literally “turning out the lights” by shutting off all non-essential lighting and power in all of its facilities, where feasible, and without jeopardizing safety, for one full hour;

2. AND THAT the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket’s participation in Earth Hour will be widely promoted and publicized in order to raise awareness about this important issue and in order to encourage every individual, household and business in town to join in by turning off their lights and electrical power for one hour at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015;

3. AND THAT a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to every municipality in the GTA, encouraging them to participate in Earth Hour.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

### **Carried**

## **Announcements & Community Events**

- a) Councillor Vegh invited residents to attend the Ward 1 meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive. Attend to find out what's happening in the Town and your ward. For more information, contact Councillor Vegh at 905-953-5323 or e-mail [tvegh@newmarket.ca](mailto:tvegh@newmarket.ca)
- b) Councillor Kerwin invited residents to get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and enjoy afternoon tea from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive. Enjoy tea, snacks and good company! Admission is \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Call 905-953-5325 for further details.
- c) Councillor Kerwin advised that he will be unable to attend the March 30 Council meeting as he will be participating in an Ontario Municipal Board hearing on that day representing Ward 2 residents.
- d) Councillor Twinney advised that registration for the Town's leisure and aquatic spring programs begins Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 6:30 a.m. for residents and Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. for non-residents. Registration can be done online using Quik-e-Link at [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca), by faxing a completed registration form to 905-953-5135, or in person at the Municipal Office, 395 Mulock Drive, Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive, or at the Ray Twinney Complex, 100 Eagle Street West. Please call 905-895-5193 for further information.
- e) Councillor Twinney invited residents to participate in NewRoads Girls Night Out on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person with the proceeds to benefit the Women's Centre of York Region. For further information please visit [www.newroadsgno.com](http://www.newroadsgno.com)



- f) Regional Councillor Taylor advised that the Town is hosting its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Hour initiative on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All businesses and residents are encouraged to participate along with the Town and major communities around the world in this symbolic event by turning off your lights and non-essential electrical power for one hour to raise awareness regarding climate change and to symbolize that, working together, the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against global warming.
- g) Regional Councillor Taylor congratulated local resident Kevin Mills on his completion of a marathon in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Mills has a spinal cord injury and was the only participant to compete in a wheelchair at the event.
- h) Councillor Hempen advised that the Town of Newmarket is hosting a St. Patrick's Day event. Join the festivities at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive, on Tuesday March 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Enjoy live entertainment, spring crafts, fun games and activities. Admission is \$4.00 per child and parents and guardians are free. Don't forget to wear something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! For more information visit [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca) or call 905-895-5193.
- i) Councillor Sponga invited residents to drop in to the Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main Street South from Tuesday, March 17, 2015 to Saturday, March 21, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to participate in a variety of March Break activities. On March 17 and March 18 take part in Creative crafts. The cost is \$5.50 per participant per day. From March 19 to March 21 enjoy free games and activities during Museum Mayhem. These programs are suitable for children ages 4-10 years. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver 18 years of age or over. This is not a day camp and there are no lunchroom facilities. Please call 905-953-5314 or email [elmanmuseum@newmarket.ca](mailto:elmanmuseum@newmarket.ca) for further information.
- j) Councillor Sponga advised that a Ward 5 meeting will be held on March 24, 2015 at 40 William Roe Boulevard in the Community Room.
- k) Councillor Broome-Plumley invited residents to attend Zootek at the Newmarket Public Library on Thursday March 19, 2015. This highly interactive and educational program introduces children to a variety of fascinating animals. Two shows are available – at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This program is suitable for children ages four and up and registration is required. Admission is \$7.50 per child. Please call 905-953-5110 to register.

- l) Mayor Van Bynen advised that the Town of Newmarket's annual budget process is currently underway and Council wants to know how you would like to see your tax dollars invested. Get involved in the 2015 budget process by providing your feedback using the interactive budget survey on our website, attending or online viewing of Public Budget Meetings held in the Council Chambers on March 23, March 30, April 13, and April 20, or by contacting your Council representative. Visit [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca) for more information or call 905-895-5193.
- m) Mayor Van Bynen advised that the next Council meeting is Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

## **New Business**

- a) Regional Councillor Taylor advised that Council expenses for the last quarter of 2015 have been posted online. He indicated that a former Member of Council used their expense account to solicit personal legal advice and to place advertisements in local media and requested a report from staff on whether these are permitted expenses.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT staff prepare an Information Report advising whether former Councillor Maddie Di Muccio's use of her expense account for obtaining personal legal advice and for payment of advertisements while seeking the provincial nomination are permitted by Town policy.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

## **Closed Session**

Mayor Van Bynen advised that there was no requirement for a Closed Session.

## **Confirmatory By-law**

28. 2015-08 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council - March 2, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin

Seconded by: Councillor Broome-Plumley

THAT By-law 2015-08 be enacted.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

## **Adjournment**

29. Adjournment.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh

Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the meeting adjourn.

In Favour: Mayor Van Bynen, Regional Councillor Taylor, Councillor Vegh, Councillor Kerwin, Councillor Twinney, Councillor Hempen, Councillor Sponga, Councillor Broome-Plumley

Opposed: (None)  
(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

**Carried**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Tony Van Bynen, Mayor

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Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk