



# **Town of Newmarket**

## **Minutes**

### **Council Workshop - Electronic**

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Streamed live from the Municipal Offices  
395 Mulock Drive  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Members Present: Mayor Taylor  
Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Vegh  
Councillor Simon  
Councillor Woodhouse  
Councillor Twinney  
Councillor Morrison (1:15 PM - 3:02 PM)  
Councillor Kwapis  
Councillor Broome  
Councillor Bisanz

Staff Present: J. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer  
E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development & Infrastructure Services  
I. McDougall, Commissioner of Community Services  
K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk  
J. Unger, Director of Planning & Building Services  
A. Walkom, Legislative Coordinator  
J. Grossi, Legislative Coordinator

Guests: Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning & Development Services, York Region  
Scott Lister, Program Manager, Source Water Protection, York Region  
Melinda Bessey, Director, Planning, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.  
Mayor Taylor in the Chair.

**1. Notice**

Mayor Taylor advised that the Municipal Offices were closed to the public and that this meeting was streamed live at [Newmarket.ca/meetings](http://Newmarket.ca/meetings).

Mayor Taylor advised that in accordance with the Town's Procedure By-law, no decisions are to be made but rather this meeting was an opportunity for Council to have informal discussion regarding various matters.

**2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

**4. Items**

**4.1 Development and the Environment**

The Director of Planning & Building Services provided an introduction to the presentation and an overview of the local policy context which impacts development in the Town of Newmarket. He outlined how the Town, York Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority work together to protect the environment when considering development applications. Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning & Development Services, York Region provided an overview of York Region's role in plan review and transportation planning.

Scott Lister, Program Manager, Source Water Protection, York Region provided an overview of the sources for drinking water in Newmarket and the measures that are taken to protect drinking water from contamination. Melinda Bessey, Director, Planning, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) provided an overview of the role for the LSRCA in the review of planning applications including natural heritage, hydrogeology review and engineering review. The presentation concluded with an overview of the regulations which applications must comply with to be approved by the LSRCA.

Members of Council asked questions of the presenters regarding phosphorous offset, protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine, the impact of development on flood risk, regionally significant woodlots in Newmarket and the effect of development on the quality of drinking water.

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

- 1. That the presentation provided by the Director, Planning & Building Services, Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning & Development Services, York Region, Scott Lister, Program Manager, Source Water Protection, York Region, and Melinda Bessey, Director, Planning, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) regarding Development and the Environment be received.

**Carried**

**5. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

- 1. That the meeting be adjourned at 3:01 PM.

**Carried**

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John Taylor, Mayor

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Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk