



# Central York Fire Services

## Minutes

### Joint Council Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM  
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Members Present: Councillor Gallo, Town of Aurora  
Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Vegh, Town of Newmarket  
Councillor Broome, Town of Newmarket  
Councillor Gilliland, Town of Aurora  
Councillor Bisanz, Town of Newmarket

Members Absent: Councillor Thompson, Town of Aurora

Staff Present: J. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Newmarket  
D. Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Aurora  
I. Laing, Fire Chief, Central York Fire Services  
R. Wainwright van Kessel, Director of Finance – Treasurer,  
Town of Aurora  
J. Inglis, Deputy Chief, Central York Fire Services  
R. Volpe, Deputy Chief, Central York Fire Services  
C. Duval, Assistant Deputy Chief, Central York Fire Services  
M. Mayes, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, Town of  
Newmarket  
D. Schellenberg, Manager of Finance & Accounting, Town of  
Newmarket  
K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Newmarket

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.  
Councillor Bisanz in the Chair.

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

None.

**2. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

**3. Presentations**

None.

**4. Deputations**

None.

**5. Items**

**5.1 A By-Law to Regulate Central York Fire Services**

The Deputy Fire Chief advised that this report and by-law have been presented to Joint Council Committee to seek their endorsement to Newmarket Council to adopt an establishing and regulating by-law. It was noted that this by-law is required of all fire services in Ontario, and is intended to outline service delivery, department structure, and programs provided.

Staff were queried about the process for review and consultation with both municipalities.

An alternate motion was presented and is noted in bold below.

Moved by: Councillor Gallo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor & Regional  
Councillor Vegh

- 1. That Fire Services Report JCC-2020-10 dated November 24, 2020 be deferred to the March 2021 Joint Council Committee meeting for consideration.**

**Carried**

**5.2 Renewal of Fire Dispatch Agreement**

The Deputy Fire Chief advised that the agreement with Richmond Hill Fire and Emergency Services (RHFES) for dispatch services expires at the

end of 2020. He noted that RHFES provides dispatching services to other municipalities in York Region. It was further indicated that the dispatching services has been working well and that a positive working relationship with RHFES has been developed.

An alternate motion was presented and is noted in bold below.

Moved by: Councillor Broome

Seconded by: Councillor Gallo

1. That Joint Council Committee recommend to Newmarket Council:
  1. That Fire Services Report JCC-2020-11 dated November 24, 2020 entitled Renewal of Fire Dispatch Agreement be received; and,
  2. **That the Fire Chief be authorized to negotiate the renewal of the Fire Dispatch Agreement with Richmond Hill Fire and Emergency Services (RHFES);** and,
  3. That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Fire Dispatch Agreement between the City of Richmond Hill and the Town of Newmarket once the agreement has finalized and agreed upon by the two fire services.

**Carried**

### **5.3 An Update to the Consolidated Fire Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket and the Corporation of Town of Aurora**

The Deputy Fire Chief advised Members that the consolidation agreement for Central York Fire Services was being reviewed as a best practice. Members were requested to review the agreement and present their feedback to Staff at a future Joint Council Committee meeting.

Staff were queried with respect to the timing of the agreement in relation to a new Master Fire Plan. It was noted that the agreement should be approved prior to a new Plan being adopted.

An alternate motion was presented and is noted in bold below.

Moved by: Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. **That Fire Services Report JCC-2020-12 dated November 24, 2020 entitled An Update to the Consolidated Fire Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket and the Corporation of Town of Aurora be deferred until the March 2021 Joint Council Committee meeting to allow further time for consideration of the proposed amendments.**

**Carried**

**6. Closed Session (if required)**

Councillor Bisanz advised that there was no requirement for a closed session.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Broome

Seconded by: Councillor Gilliland

1. That the Joint Council Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:10 AM.

**Carried**

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Councillor Bisanz, Chair

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Date