



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Council Workshop - Electronic

Date: Monday, April 26, 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
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
L. Lyons, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk
K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk
F. Scott, Manager of Regulatory Services
J. Unger, Director of Planning & Building Services
M. White, Senior Planner - Community Planning
J. Bond, Manager of Parks & Property Services
J. Hettmann, Supervisor of Forestry
A. Walkom, Legislative Coordinator
J. Grossi, Legislative Coordinator

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.

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 Private Tree Protection By-law

The Director of Planning & Building Services provided an introduction to the presentation and outlined the collaboration between many Town departments and external agencies in working on the issue.

The Senior Planner began the presentation with an overview of the history of the issue in Newmarket and the results of public consultation which has been conducted to date. She provided an outline of the proposed approach to a private tree protection by-law, which is made up of a three-tier approach. She explained that the philosophy of the by-law includes a customer service focus and a recognition of the value of Newmarket's trees. She advised that trees of a 20cm diameter at breast height would not be able to be removed under the proposed by-law. She explained the permit process which would allow the removal of these trees under certain circumstances.

The Forestry Supervisor advised of the role of the Town arborist in the proposed process. The Senior Planner provided an overview of the costs proposed under the developed framework. The Manager of Regulatory Services provided an outline of the enforcement strategy which would accompany the proposed by-law. The presentation concluded with an

overview of the implementation plan for the proposed by-law and next steps for staff and Council.

Members of Council asked questions of clarification regarding tree canopy coverage requirements from York Region, requirements for the replacement of specific tree species, timelines for the proposed by-law to come into effect, attempts to bypass the by-law through tree pruning, compensation for dead or dying trees, increased costs for the removal of large trees, alternate permit processes for dead or dying trees, preservation of trees after a property is sold and the amount of fines which would be incurred as a penalty under the by-law.

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

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

Carried

John Taylor, Mayor

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk