

The meeting of the Council was held on Monday, February 29, 2016 in Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

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

Absent: Councillor Twinney

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

Open Forum

None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Van Bynen in the Chair.

Public Notices (if required)

None.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Presentations & Recognitions

None.

Deputations

1. Ms. Lynn Conforti, Manager, Philanthropy & Engagement, and Ms. Erin Rogers, Event Specialist, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation addressed Council with a PowerPoint presentation updating Council on programs and services offered at Southlake Regional Health Centre, their needs and fundraising initiatives and invited Members of Council to participate in the 2016 Run or Walk for Southlake.

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin

Seconded by: Councillor Vegh

THAT the deputation by Ms. Lynn Conforti, Manager, Philanthropy & Engagement, and Ms. Erin Rogers, Event Specialist, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation be provided an additional five minutes.

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

Opposed: (None)

(8 in favour, 0 opposed)

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Broome-Plumley

Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the deputation by Ms. Lynn Conforti, Manager, Philanthropy & Engagement, and Ms. Erin Rogers, Event Specialist, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation regarding Southlake Foundation's fundraising activities and 2016 Run or Walk for Southlake be received.

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

Carried

2. Ms. Gigi O'Brien addressed Council with an invitation to the MS Walk on May 1, 2016 and requested that Council encourage Town staff to create a team to participate in the MS Walk. In addition, she requested that Council proclaim May, 2016 as 'Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month'.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga
Seconded by: Councillor Hempen

a) THAT the deputation by Ms. Gigi O'Brien, York Region MS Chapter regarding an invitation to the MS Walk on May 1, 2016 and to request proclamation of May, 2016 as 'Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month' be received;

b) AND THAT the correspondence and request for proclamation of May, 2016 as 'Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month' be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim May, 2016 as 'Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month';

ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website www.newmarket.ca

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

Carried

Approval of Minutes

3. Council Minutes of February 8, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

THAT the Council Minutes of February 8, 2016 be approved.

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

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

Carried

Reports by Regional Representatives

- a) Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor provided an update on the Municipal Comprehensive Plan Review and Official Plan Review currently being undertaken at the Region and provided background information on the review, including current population targets assigned by the Province, the Region's position on the intensification targets and impacts on Newmarket.
- b) Mayor Van Bynen advised that the Regional Chair led a delegation to Parliament Hill to promote York Region's infrastructure priorities and to seek funding from the Federal Government. The delegation met with Prime Minister Trudeau and representatives from the Departments of Finance, Environment and Climate Change, Infrastructure and Innovation, Science and Economic Development. The Mayor summarized the Region's infrastructure priorities, being extending the Yonge subway line, completion of the final four legs of the Viva rapidway, increased social infrastructure, support for the infrastructure costs associated with water reuse in the Lake Simcoe basin and support for public sector broadband initiatives.

Reports of Committees and Staff

- 4. Memorandum dated February 25, 2016 from the Deputy Clerk regarding the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

THAT the Memorandum dated February 25, 2016 from the Deputy Clerk regarding the Code of Conduct for Members of Council be received.

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

Carried

5. Council Workshop Record of February 22, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the Council Workshop Record of February 22, 2016 be received.

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

Carried

6. Council Workshop (Closed Session) Record of February 22, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Broome-Plumley

THAT the Council Workshop (Closed Session) Record of February 22, 2016 be received.

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

Carried

7. Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 22, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 22, 2016 be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

8. THAT the deputation by Mr. Naccarato regarding construction timing associated with the proposed Rita's Avenue/Yonge Street Walkway be received and referred to staff.
9. THAT the deputation by Ms. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd. regarding the scheduling associated with a statutory public meeting and site plan review process with respect to an Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for the properties known as 429/445 Harry Walker Parkway South be received.
10. a) THAT Development and Infrastructure Services - Planning and Building Services Report 2016-08 dated February 11, 2016 regarding Application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
 - i) THAT the Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment as submitted by the Regional Municipality of York for lands being municipally known as 429 and 445 Harry Walker Parkway South be referred to a public meeting to be scheduled at the earliest possible opportunity;
 - ii) AND THAT following the public meeting, issues identified in this report, together with comments of the public, Committee and those received through the agency and departmental circulation of the application, be addressed by staff in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole, if required;
 - iii) AND THAT staff be authorized to proceed in tandem with the statutory public meeting and the Site Plan Review process;
 - iii) AND THAT Ms. Lauren Capilongo, Malone, Given Parsons Ltd., 140 Renfrew Drive, Suite 201, Markham, ON L3R 6B3 be notified of this action.
11. THAT the deputation and photograph slide show by Mr. Glenn Wilson and Ms. Anne Martin, Chair and Co-Chair of Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management regarding 'BIA Year in Review' be received.

12. Corporate Services Report - Legislative Services 2016-07 dated February 8, 2016 regarding Carnival - D.A. Campbell Amusement Ltd. - Upper Canada Mall.
- a) THAT Corporate Services Report - Legislative Services 2016-07 dated February 8, 2016 regarding Carnival - D.A. Campbell Amusement Ltd. - Upper Canada Mall be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the application be approved subject to the following terms:
- ii) THAT the license be issued for a period of seven consecutive days from May 10 to May 16, 2016 to permit the setting up and dismantling of amusement devices;
- iii) AND THAT the actual operation of the carnival not exceed five consecutive days within that permitted time period.
13. Corporate Services Report - Financial Services 2016-07 dated February 22, 2016 regarding the delegation of authority for a tax relief application.
- a) THAT Corporate Services Report - Financial Services 2016-07 dated February 22, 2016 regarding the delegation of authority to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the attached By-law be approved;
- ii) AND THAT a certified copy of the By-law be forwarded to the Registrar of the Assessment Review Board.
14. Correspondence dated January 21, 2016 from Ms. Karen Beaulieu, Fundraising Specialist, Canadian Cancer Society requesting an exemption from the Noise By-law on June 24, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the 2016 Relay for Life event at Pickering College.
- a) THAT the correspondence dated January 21, 2016 from Ms. Karen Beaulieu, Fundraising Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society requesting an exemption from the Noise By-law for the 2016 Relay for Live event at Pickering College on June 24, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. be received and approved subject to notification being provided to area residents:
- i) AND THAT Ms. Beaulieu be notified in this regard.

15. Newmarket Public Library Board Minutes of December 16, 2015.
 - a) THAT the Newmarket Public Library Board Minutes of December 16, 2015 be received.
16. Appointment Committee Minutes of February 8, 2016.
 - a) THAT the Appointment Committee Minutes of February 8, 2016 be received.
17. Item 2 of the Appointment Committee Minutes of February 8, 2016 regarding Resignation from the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee.
 - a) THAT staff be directed to advertise the vacancy on the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee in accordance with the Committee Public Appointment Policy.
18. Item 3 of the Appointment Committee Minutes of February 8, 2016 regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee.
 - a) THAT staff be directed to advertise the vacancy on the Accessibility Advisory Committee in accordance with the Committee Public Appointment Policy.
19. Item 4 of the Appointment Committee Minutes of February 8, 2016 regarding Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee.
 - a) THAT the Council Extract regarding Item 7 of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of October 6, 2015 be received;
 - b) AND THAT the current composition of Heritage Newmarket be maintained and that community volunteers be engaged to assist with special projects, where possible, to educate those volunteers on the role of Heritage Newmarket and in an effort to build capacity for future years.
20. Correspondence dated January 25, 2016 from Mr. Michael Dukart, Tournament Chairman, Newmarket House League Hockey Committee requesting proclamation of March 16 to March 19, 2016 as 'House League Hockey Week'.
 - a) THAT the correspondence from Mr. Michael Dukart, Tournament Chairman be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
 - i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim March 16 to 19, 2016 as 'House League Hockey Week';
 - ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website www.newmarket.ca

21. Correspondence dated January 19, 2016 from Ms. Tracey Nesbitt, Manager, OASW Central Ontario Branch requesting proclamation of March 7 to 13, 2016 as 'Social Work Week' in the Town of Newmarket.
- a) THAT the correspondence from Ms. Tracey Nesbitt, Manager, OASW Central Ontario Branch be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim March 7 to 13, 2016 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
22. Development and Infrastructure Services - Planning and Building Services Report 2016-05 dated February 22, 2016 regarding Development Charge Credits and Tri-Party Agreements.
- a) THAT Development and Infrastructure Services - Planning and Building Services Report 2016-05 dated February 22, 2016 regarding development charge credits and tri-party agreements be received and the following recommendation be adopted:
- i) THAT the position taken by staff relative to mutually-beneficial Tri-Party Agreements in the floodplain be approved as it relates to Development Charges.
23. Correspondence dated February 3, 2016 from Ms. Claudia Cozza, Executive Director, Epilepsy York Region requesting proclamation of March, 2016 as 'Epilepsy Awareness Month' and March 26, 2016 as 'Purple Day' in the Town of Newmarket.
- a) THAT the correspondence from Ms. Claudia Cozza, Executive Director, Epilepsy York Region be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
- i) THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim March, 2016 as 'Epilepsy Awareness Month' and March 26, 2016 as 'Purple Day';
- ii) AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website www.newmarket.ca

24. Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Minutes of January 12, 2016.

THAT the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Minutes of January 12, 2016 be received.

25. Item 2 of the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Minutes of January 12, 2016 regarding Fire Services Report 2015-09 dated December 14, 2015 regarding Fire Master Plan Staffing Strategy.

a) THAT the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee (JCC) recommend Option 4 as the preferred staffing strategy;

b) AND THAT JCC request the release of operating budget funds from a Town of Newmarket reserve account in order to initiate a multi-year hiring program which will enable Central York Fire Services to appropriately deal with emergency situations in Aurora and Newmarket.

26. Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 12, 2016.

THAT the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 12, 2016 be received.

27. List of Outstanding Matters.

a) THAT the list of Outstanding Matters be received.

28. THAT the PowerPoint Presentation by the Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk regarding Joint Office of the CAO and Corporate Services - Legislative Services Report 2016-02 dated January 28, 2016 with respect to Appointment of Municipal Ombudsman be received.

29. Joint Office of the CAO and Corporate Services - Legislative Services Report 2016-02 dated January 28, 2016 regarding Appointment of Municipal Ombudsman.

a) THAT Joint Office of the CAO and Corporate Services - Legislative Services Report 2016-02 dated January 28, 2016 regarding 'Appointment of Municipal Ombudsman' be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT Council appoint ADR Chambers, Inc. as municipal ombudsman for the Town of Newmarket and applicable local boards and Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Limited for the period of March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020;

ii) AND THAT a by-law be brought forward to Council appointing ADR Chambers, Inc. as municipal ombudsman for the Town of Newmarket and applicable local boards and Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Limited for the period of March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 in accordance with Section 223.13 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

iii) AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with ADR Chambers Incorporated to provide Ombudsman Services on a fee for service basis for the period March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020;

iv) AND THAT staff provide an information update report after a 6 month period once the agreement has been executed;

v) AND THAT the Clerk provide Ms. Barbara Finlay, Acting Provincial Ombudsman and Mr. Paul Ferguson, President, Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Limited the York Region municipalities with a copy of Council's resolution on this matter for their information.

30. THAT the PowerPoint Presentation by the Deputy Clerk regarding Corporate Services Report - Legislative Services 2016-05 dated February 11, 2016 with respect to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council be received.

31. THAT the deputation by Mr. John Heckbert regarding the Code of Conduct be received.

32. Corporate Services Report - Legislative Services 2016-05 dated February 11, 2016 regarding Draft Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

a) THAT Corporate Services Report - Legislative Services 2016-05 dated February 11, 2016 regarding Draft Code of Conduct for Members of Council be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT Council approve the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Council, as presented in Appendix B of the report, amended to reflect further housekeeping/editorial revisions intended to clarify wording; and to initiate a Code of Conduct complaint the alleged violation shall have taken place within sixty (60) days of filing the complaint with the Integrity Commissioner;

ii) AND THAT a By-law establishing a Code of Conduct for Members of Council be considered at the February 29, 2016 Council meeting;

iii) AND THAT in addition to general public notice, individuals who previously provided input on the Code, and where contact information is available, be notified directly.

33. Correspondence dated February 2, 2016 from Mr. Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora regarding Council Resolution of January 26, 2016 - Motion - Ontario Municipal Board Jurisdiction.

a) THAT the correspondence dated February 2, 2016 from Mr. Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora regarding Council Resolution of January 26, 2016 - Motion - Ontario Municipal Board Jurisdiction be received.

34. THAT staff report back on the feasibility and suitable location for the installation of a community welcome entrance sign at the intersection of Longford Drive and Davis Drive;

AND THAT staff also provide a suitable design for the welcome sign. The cost of the sign will be covered by private fundraising.

35. THAT staff report back within 90 days outlining directions and potential priorities for anticipated federal infrastructure funding applications.

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

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

Carried

By-laws

36. By-laws 2016-07, 2016-08, 2016-09 and 2016-10

2016-07 A By-law to Appoint a Municipal Ombudsman for the Town of Newmarket (ADR Chambers Inc.)

2016-08 A By-law to provide an exemption to By-law 2004-94, as amended, being a by-law to prohibit and regulate unusual noise or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Town of Newmarket.

2016-09 A By-law to authorize the Assessment Review Board to exercise certain powers and functions of Council pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 S.357 (1) (d.1)

Moved by: Councillor Sponga
Seconded by: Councillor Vegh

THAT By-laws 2016-07, 2016-08 and 2016-09 be enacted.

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

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

Carried

2016-10 A By-law to establish a Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

THAT By-law 2016-10 be enacted, as amended by removing the words "or processed" in Section 12.2 c).

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

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

Carried

Notices of Motions

None.

Motions

None.

Announcements & Community Events

- a) Councillor Vegh invited residents to attend a Ward 1 meeting on Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive. Further information can be obtained from Councillor Vegh at 905-953-5323 or tomvegh@gmail.com

- b) Councillor Kerwin advised of an upcoming Ward Meeting being held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Pickering College. He encouraged residents who live in Ward 2 and nearby Ward 5 residents to attend and learn more about a proposed expansion at Pickering College.
- c) Councillor Kerwin advised of an upcoming Public Information Centre on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive regarding the proposed reconstruction of Arnold Crescent. Project drawings will be on display and representatives from the Town's Engineering Services Division and the Town's consulting engineers will be available to answer questions and provide information. Further information is available by contacting Tom Ungar, Capital Projects Coordinator at 905-953-5300 ext. 2504 or tungar@newmarket.ca
- d) Councillor Kerwin advised of the Active Living and Information Fair for Adults 55+ on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive. The fair includes presentations, active living demonstrations, vendors, refreshments and a light lunch. For more information call 905-953-5325.
- e) Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor advised that the 10th Annual Earth Hour will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. The Town is running a "War of the Wards" contest - Wards 1 through 7 will battle to see which Ward can register the most pledges to conserve energy this Earth Hour for a chance to win a ward party. Visit www.newmarket.ca/EarthHour to sign up.
- f) Councillor Hempen invited residents to attend Discovery and Adventure Night on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, 200 Doug Duncan Drive.
- g) Councillor Sponga advised of the upcoming March Music and Magic event, being held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive. Tickets are available for purchase online. Volunteers interested in helping out with the event can sign up at www.newmarket.ca/volunteer
- h) Councillor Sponga encouraged Ward 5 residents to participate in Earth Hour and pledge online at www.newmarket.ca/EarthHour
- i) Councillor Sponga provided an update on ongoing tree inventory initiatives on Park Avenue and advised that the inventory is part of a watermain construction project that is currently in the design phase.

- j) Councillor Sponga advised of a Food Truck Challenge that will take place on September 9 and September 10, 2016 in Quaker Hill Park. For further information and to volunteer, contact jsponga@newmarket.ca or at 905-953-5300 ext. 2025.
- k) Councillor Sponga provided an update on the Bank of Montreal closure on Main Street and advised that work is being done to ensure that an ATM is provided in the area of Main Street and Timothy Street.
- l) Councillor Broome-Plumley advised that the Newmarket Sports Hall of Fame is calling for applications for 2016. Applications for eligibility for 2016 in the Athlete, Team or Builder categories can be submitted until March 31, 2016 to the Recreation and Culture Department at the Municipal Offices, 395 Mulock Drive. Applications can be obtained at the Newmarket Sports Hall of Fame on the lower level of the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive or by emailing Dave Sheridan at dsheridan@newmarket.ca
- m) Councillor Bisanz advised that the Dave Kerwin Trail is closed until March 18, 2016 to accommodate the removal of ash trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer. For more information call 905-895-5193.
- n) Councillor Bisanz advised that she will be cohosting an information session on a new Headstart for Young Women program on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Ray Twinney Recreation Centre in Lounge 1. The purpose of the session is to increase the ability of young women to develop leadership skills so that they can become engaged in civic, political and community life in Canada. Women aged 16 to 24 are invited to attend and for further information, contact headstartqta@gmail.com or cbisanz@newmarket.ca
- o) Councillor Kerwin provided an update on plans to extend the Dave Kerwin Trail to Green Lane.
- p) Mayor Van Bynen expressed congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Newmarket House League Hockey Tournament, the longest continually running house league hockey tournament in Ontario. The tournament will take place from Wednesday, March 16 to Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex.
- q) Mayor Van Bynen advised that the Town Offices will be closed for to observe Easter on Friday, March 25, 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday, March 29, 2016
- r) Mayor Van Bynen advised that the next Council meeting is Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

- a) Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor advised Earth Hour, being held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor & 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 19, 2016, 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 continued to be 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 19, 2016, 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 19, 2016;

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

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

Carried

- b) Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor provided an update on whistle cessation being suggested in Markham and the Region's current position on train whistle cessation and advised of a forthcoming report from Metrolinx on the matter.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

a) THAT staff provide a report to Council on grade separation and whistle cessation within 90 days of the Metrolinx report on grade separation;

b) AND THAT the report take into consideration the experience of other communities and provide options and cost implications.

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

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

37. Confirmatory By-law.

2016-11 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council - February 29, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

THAT By-law 2016-11 be enacted.

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

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

Carried

Adjournment

38. Adjournment.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga
Seconded by: Councillor Broome-Plumley

THAT the meeting adjourn.

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

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

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Tony Van Bynen, Mayor

Andrew Brouwer, Town Clerk