



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Special Committee of the Whole – Electronic (Planning Legislative Changes)

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Streamed live from the Municipal Offices
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Members Present: Mayor Taylor
Councillor Simon
Councillor Woodhouse
Councillor Twinney
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Kwapis
Councillor Broome (10:30 AM to 12:14 PM)
Councillor Bisanz (10:05 AM to 12:14 PM)

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Vegh

Staff Present: E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development & Infrastructure Services
L. Lyons, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk
K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk
W. Bennett, Director of Corporate Communications
J. Unger, Director of Planning & Building Services
A. Cammaert, Manager of Planning Services
M. Mayes, Director of Financial Services/Town Treasurer
A. Mollicone, Senior Solicitor
C. Service, Acting Commissioner of Community Services
M. Haggerty, Senior Advisor, Community and Government Relations

K. Huguenin, Legislative Coordinator
S. Granat, Legislative Coordinator

For consideration by Council on February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM

Mayor Taylor in the Chair.

The Special Committee of the Whole recessed at 10:44 AM and reconvened at 10:53 AM.

1. Notice

Mayor Taylor advised that the Municipal Offices were open to the public, and that members of the public could attend this meeting in person or view the live stream available at [Newmarket.ca/meetings](https://newmarket.ca/meetings). Residents who would like to provide comment on an item on this agenda were encouraged to provide their feedback in writing through email to Legislative Services at clerks@newmarket.ca or by providing a deputation electronically or in-person. He advised residents that their comments would form part of the public record.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations & Recognitions

4.1 The New World of Land Use Planning: Understanding the Impacts of Recent Changes

The Director, Planning and Building provided an introduction. Kim Mullin, Wood Bull LLP, provided a presentation that outlined changes to the Planning Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Conservation Authorities Act, and the Development Charges Act.

Members of Council queried the presenter regarding internal approval processes, inclusionary zoning, affordable housing, resulting changes to the Town's internal application processes, and changes to official plan approvals.

1. That the presentation provided by Kim Mullin, Wood Bull LLP and Jason Unger, Director, Planning and Building Services regarding The New World of Land Use Planning: Understanding the Impacts of Recent Changes be received.

4.2 Potential Tax Impact of Legislative Changes to Planning

The Director of Financial Services provided a presentation which outlined the potential tax impact of planning legislative changes and municipal comparators.

Members of Council asked questions regarding the impact on current planned capital enhancements to parks and trails, and discussed the provincial pledge to keep municipalities whole.

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

1. That the presentation provided by Mike Mayes, Director, Financial Services regarding Potential Tax Impact of Legislative Changes to Planning be received.

Carried

4.3 Feedback and Advocacy: Provincial Housing Planning Policy Changes

The Senior Advisor, Community and Government Relations provided a presentation on advocacy efforts and municipal policy positions.

Members of Council discussed public communications efforts related to the impact of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

1. That the presentation provided by Matthew Haggerty, Senior Advisor, Community & Government Relations regarding Feedback and Advocacy: Provincial Housing Planning Policy Changes be received.

Carried

5. Deputations

None.

6. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Simon

1. That the Special Committee of the Whole resolve into closed session to discuss the following matter: Planning Legislative Changes - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose as per Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

The Special Committee of the Whole resolved into Closed Session at 11:41 AM.

The Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Minutes are recorded under a separate cover.

The Special Committee of the Whole resumed into Open Session at 12:14 PM.

6.1 Planning Legislative Changes

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Simon

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Carried

John Taylor, Mayor

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk