



# **Town of Newmarket**

## **Minutes**

### **Council**

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

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 Woodhouse  
Councillor Twinney  
Councillor Morrison  
Councillor Kwapis  
Councillor Broome  
Councillor Bisanz

Members Absent: Councillor Simon

Staff Present: I. McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer  
E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development & Infrastructure Services  
J. Payne, Commissioner of Community Services  
L. Lyons, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk  
K. Saini, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Town Clerk  
S. Granat, Legislative Coordinator  
E. Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.  
Mayor Taylor in the Chair.

## **1. Notice**

Mayor Taylor acknowledged that the Town of Newmarket is located on the traditional territories of the Wendat, Haudeno-saunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples and the treaty land of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous peoples whose presence here continues to this day. He thanked them for sharing this land with us. Mayor Taylor also acknowledged the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbours and friends, and that we work to ensure a cooperative and respectful relationship.

Mayor Taylor advised that the Municipal Offices are open to the public and that this meeting was streamed live at [Newmarket.ca/meetings](http://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](mailto: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**

The Clerk provided the following additions to the agenda:

- Four items of correspondence regarding item 9.1.11 – Christian Heritage Month Proclamation from: Sandra Mackenzie, Allison Stevens, Leslie Bertin, and Donna Holodryzuk; and,
- One deputation regarding item 9.1.11 – Christian Heritage Month Proclamation from David Kempen and Peggy Stevenson

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the additions to the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

## **3. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

## **4. Public Hearing Matter(s)**

There were no public hearing matters.

## **5. Presentations & Recognitions**

None.

## **6. Deputations**

### **6.1 Christian Heritage Month**

David Kempen and Peggy Stevenson provided a deputation regarding Christian Heritage Month regarding diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community, religious observance in Canada, and other issues to be considered.

Members of Council queried the deputants regarding clarity regarding the outlook on religion broadly and Christian Heritage Month singularly.

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

1. That the deputation provided by David Kempen and Peggy Stevenson regarding Christian Heritage Month be received.

**Carried**

## **7. Minutes**

### **7.1 Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Morrison

Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

1. That the Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

### **7.2 Council Workshop (Official Plan Review) meeting minutes of December 2, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Broome

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the Council Workshop (Official Plan Review) meeting minutes of December 2, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

## **8. Reports by Regional Representatives**

Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Vegh provided a Regional Report regarding Mayor Taylor chairing a Regional Council meeting, and the four Community Action Tables including an overview of the Community Action Tables, the services they provide, and funding.

Members of Council discussed the Community Action Tables and Provincial funding.

## **9. Consent Items and Recommendations from Committees**

### **9.1 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 2, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor & Regional  
Councillor Vegh

1. That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 2, 2024 be received and the recommendations noted within items 9.1.1 to 9.1.10 and 9.1.12 to 9.1.14 be adopted. See item 9.1.11 for motion and vote.

**Carried**

#### **9.1.1 Presentation - 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets**

1. That the presentation by Andrea Tang, Director, Financial Services / Treasurer regarding the 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets be received.

#### **9.1.2 Presentation - 2024 Recap Videos: Mulock Park, Community Events, and Year-end Accomplishments**

1. That the presentation - 2024 Recap Videos: Mulock Park, Community Events, and Year-end Accomplishments be received.

### **9.1.3 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets**

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor & Regional  
Councillor Vegh

1. That the report entitled Draft 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets dated December 2, 2024 be received; and,
2. That the Draft 2025 Operating Budget with expenditures of \$172,543,441 be approved, which is comprised of the following components:
  - a. \$ 106,881,590 for Town purposes; and,
  - b. \$ 22,908,214 for the Water Rate Group; and,
  - c. \$ 26,789,555 for the Wastewater Rate Group; and,
  - d. \$ 9,958,880 for the Stormwater Rate Group; and,
  - e. \$ 3,143,865 for the Building Permit Rate Group; and,
  - f. \$ 2,218,919 for the Planning Rate Group; and,
  - g. \$ 642,418 for the Development Engineering Rate Group; and,
3. That the Capital Spending Authority of \$136,504,909 as outlined in the report be established, being \$74,640,606 for 2025, \$54,252,303 for 2026, \$7,312,000 for 2027 and \$300,000 for 2028; and,
4. That the draft 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets be forwarded to the Council meeting of December 9, 2024 for final approval; and
5. That Council authorize the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer to:
  - a. Make any necessary adjustments within the total approved budget to reflect organizational changes and any other reallocation of costs; and,
  - b. Accept and adjust the budget for new provincial and/or federal funding provided there is no tax levy impact; and,

6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**Carried**

#### **9.1.4 2024 Third Quarter Financial Update**

1. That the report entitled 2024 Third Quarter Financial Update dated December 2, 2024 be received; and,
2. That Council approve changes to the 2024 capital budget as outlined in the report; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

#### **9.1.5 Stormwater Charge Exemptions**

1. That the report entitled Stormwater Charge Exemption dated December 2, 2024 be received; and,
2. That Council approve exemption of stormwater charge to cemeteries operated by registered charities and non-profit organizations as outlined in the report effective with the 2024 stormwater charge and future years; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

#### **9.1.6 Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Software Renewal**

1. That the report entitled Environmental Systems Research Institute ("ESRI") Software Renewal dated December 2, 2024, be received; and,
2. That ERSI software licensing along with related support and maintenance continue to be acquired on a non-competitive basis for the next three years from December 2024 to December 2027, at an approximate cost of \$272,566 plus HST per year; and,
3. That the Director of Information Technology and the Manager, Procurement Services be authorized to execute any agreements or documents that are necessary; and,

4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**9.1.7 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024**

1. That the Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024 be received.

**9.1.8 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024 be received.

**9.1.9 Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024**

1. That the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024 be received.

**9.1.10 Appointment Committee Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023**

1. That the Appointment Committee Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023 be received.

**9.1.11 Christian Heritage Month Proclamation**

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

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

1. **That the Christian Heritage Month Proclamation item be deferred to January 2025 for Council's consideration in conjunction with other religious heritage month proclamations.**

**Carried**

**9.1.11.1 Correspondence - Sandra Mackenzie - Christian Heritage Month Proclamation**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the correspondence by Sandra Mackenzie regarding Christian Heritage Month Proclamation be received.

**Carried**

**9.1.11.2 Correspondence - Allison Stevens - Christian Heritage Month Proclamation**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the correspondence by Allison Stevens regarding Christian Heritage Month Proclamation be received.

**Carried**

**9.1.11.3 Correspondence - Leslie Bertin - Christian Heritage Month Proclamation**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the correspondence by Leslie Bertin regarding Christian Heritage Month Proclamation be received.

**Carried**

**9.1.11.4 Correspondence - Donna Holodryzuk - Christian Heritage Month Proclamation**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse



1. That the correspondence by Donna Holodryzuk regarding Christian Heritage Month Proclamation be received.

**Carried**

**10. By-laws**

Moved by: Councillor Morrison

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That By-law 2024-68 be enacted.

**Carried**

**11. Notices of Motions**

None.

**12. Motions Where Notice has Already been Provided**

None.

**13. New Business**

None.

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

Council did not resolve into Closed Session.

**14.1 Council (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

1. That the Council (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

**14.2 Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Broome

Seconded by: Mayor Taylor

1. That the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

**14.2.1 Appointment Committee (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023**

Moved by: Councillor Morrison

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the Appointment Committee Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023 be received.

**Carried**

**14.2.2 Appointment Committee (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024**

**14.2.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That Kevin Mills be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**Carried**

**14.2.3 Municipal Park Naming**

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

1. That Closed Session Report CL-2024-08 dated December 2, 2024 be received; and,
2. That the recommendations in Closed Session Report CL-2024-08 dated December 2, 2024 be adopted.

**Carried**

#### **14.2.4 NT Power**

Mayor Taylor advised that Committee of the Whole resolved into Closed Session and received a confidential update regarding NT Power.

#### **15. Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by: Councillor Twinney

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That By-law 2024-67 be enacted.

**Carried**

#### **16. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 1:31 PM.

**Carried**

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John Taylor, Mayor

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Kiran Saini, Deputy Town Clerk