



Special Council Minutes

June 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

Regrets: Councillor Mulcahy

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Hickey, Fire Chief
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement
Services/Town Solicitor
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
M. Dodge, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Douglas, Sr. Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call To Order: The Mayor
 2. Call of the Roll: The Clerk
 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Presentations

4.1 S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives and K. Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc.

Re: Community Strategic Plan

Refer to Item 6.1, CAO 18-23

1. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives and K. Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc. provided a presentation regarding the Community Strategic Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:
 - the importance of a Community Strategic Plan;
 - an overview of tasks completed in phase one and two of the Community Strategic Plan;
 - the mission and core values;
 - an overview of the engagement strategy and a summary of participation rates and demographics;
 - key themes identified by community engagement participants that informed the vision statement;
 - feedback regarding Pillar 1, which focusses on the safety, health, and inclusivity of Whitby's neighbourhoods;
 - feedback regarding Pillar 2, which focusses on a connected and resilient natural and built environment;
 - feedback regarding Pillar 3, which focusses on an innovative and competitive economy;
 - feedback regarding Pillar 4, which focusses on an accountable and responsive municipal government;
 - an overview of the proposed Community Strategic Plan;
 - proposed annual reporting on the progress of the Strategic Pillars and Actions to ensure transparency and accountability;
 - an overview of the 62 action items identified in the Community Strategic Plan, including budgetary considerations and the impact on work plans; and,

- next steps in the Community Strategic Plan, including public launch in June 2023 and continued reporting on progress.

Discussion ensued between Members of Council regarding the efforts of the project steering committee, the effective community engagement strategy, and achievements to date.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Staff, and K. Wiancki regarding:

- addressing concerns regarding community safety;
- strategies for measuring the progress and success of Action Items relating to economic development;
- justification for attracting a new hotel and convention centre;
- metrics that inform proposed government outreach programs and engagement strategies focused on marginalized communities;
- the effective engagement strategy;
- whether ensuring that commercial vacancy rates remain below 5% is an achievable measure of progress;
- clarification regarding the goal of implementing 20% of the action items identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as part of the Community Strategic Plan;
- addressing concerns regarding homelessness; and,
- effective consultation with the community, Members of Council, staff, and other stakeholders.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Items for Consideration

6.1 CAO 18-23, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report

Re: Community Strategic Plan

Resolution # 140-23

Moved by Councillor Leahy

Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

1. That Council endorse the 2023-2026 Community Strategic Plan;
2. That staff be directed to report annually on the progress of the Community Strategic Plan; and,
3. That staff be directed to implement the Actions identified in the Community Strategic Plan by presenting the required budget annually and developing work plans accordingly.

	For	Against	Conflict
Mayor Roy	X		
Councillor Bozinovski	X		
Councillor Cardwell	X		
Councillor Leahy	X		
Councillor Lee	X		
Councillor Lundquist	X		
Councillor Shahid	X		
Councillor Yamada	X		
Results	8	0	0

Carried (8 to 0)

7. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 141-23

Moved by Councillor Yamada

Seconded by Councillor Shahid

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on June 19, 2023 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Cardwell

Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor