



October 29, 2020

Email: regionalclerk@york.ca

Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor:

**Re: Richmond Hill Resolution – Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding Economic Development Opportunity**

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on October 28, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Provincial Growth Plan does not identify the lands described as 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East (the “subject lands”) as Provincially Significant Employment Lands; and

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill Council at its meeting of September 18, 2019 approved a Member Motion supporting a concept plan that proposed residential uses on the subject lands; and

Whereas, the City of Richmond Hill Council at its meeting of February 26, 2020 recommended to the Region of York its support of an Employment Lands conversion for the subject lands; and

Whereas, The Region of York Council at its meeting of October 22, 2020 approved an Employment Lands conversion for the subject lands; and

Whereas, Treasure Hill, on behalf of Rice Commercial Group Ltd., has submitted a new concept plan prepared by Malone Given Parsons dated October 17, 2020 (the “plan”) and a draft Ministers Zoning Order for the subject lands; and

Whereas, the concept plan submitted by Treasure Hill, on behalf of Rice Commercial Group Ltd., fulfills City objectives including delivery of critical infrastructure and bringing natural heritage lands into public ownership; and

Whereas, new Long-Term Care facilities are needed in the Region of York and the City of Richmond Hill; and

Whereas, the concept plan proposes a new large Long-Term Care facility; and

Whereas, as a result of the global pandemic, the economy of the City of Richmond Hill and the Region of York has suffered; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has encouraged municipalities to plan for the economic recovery including getting projects shovel ready, see attached news release titled Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery Act, 2020 - Accelerating Infrastructure Projects dated Oct 22; and

Whereas, the proposed development will create significant short term and permanent jobs for the City and Region; and



## Corporate and Financial Services Office of the City Clerk

Whereas, the proposed development will generate significant Regional and City Development Charge revenue and significant long-term property tax revenue;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Council of the City of Richmond Hill has considered and approves the concept plan and draft Ministers Zoning Order submitted by Treasure Hill on behalf of Rice Commercial Group Ltd.; and

That the City formally request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to issue a Minister's Zoning Order, substantially in the form attached, to implement the proposed development; and

That the City Clerk be directed to, forthwith, forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as a statement of Council's request; and

That the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Region of York for their information.

Please find a copy of the Council endorsed resolution for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (905) 771-9996, ext. 2529.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Huycke".

Stephen M.A. Huycke  
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

Attachment

**Extract from Council Meeting  
C#44-20 held October 28, 2020  
Confirmatory By-law 132-20**

**14. Other Business**

**14.3 Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Economic Development Opportunity**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Moved by: Councillor Muench

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A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (7):       Councillor Muench, Councillor Beros, Councillor Chan, Mayor Barrow, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Liu, Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

Opposed: (2):       Councillor West, Councillor Cilevitz

Motion Carried (7 to 2)

## BACKGROUND

Attachment 1 - Member Motion -  
Economic Development Opportunity

# Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery Act, 2020: Accelerating Infrastructure Projects

October 22, 2020

[Office of the Premier](#)

Ontario is committed to advancing infrastructure to strengthen communities, create jobs and increase access to critical services in the province. The *Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery Act, 2020* aims to remove barriers in the planning, design and construction process for major projects such as public transit and highways.

To accelerate the delivery of priority infrastructure projects, the Ontario government is proposing a package of legislative measures, policy changes, and consultation opportunities.

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is seeking, through proposed legislative changes, to:

- Amend the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) to enable the extension of measures to other major provincial transit projects, which would be specified in regulation.
  - The BTFA includes measures that streamline project delivery and support the accelerated completion of the four priority transit projects.
- Amend the *Public Service Works on Highways Act* to include the court order for utility relocation provision in the BTFA. Inclusion would allow for stronger measures to enforce provisions related to the relocation of utilities for highway projects.
- Extend authorities under the *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020* (TOC Act) to other provincial transit projects, such as GO Heavy Rail and light rail transit which would be specified in regulation.
  - Amend the TOC Act to extend authority to provide exemptions from the Hearings of Necessity provisions in the *Expropriations Act* to other provincial transit projects for TOC.
  - Amend the TOC Act to provide authority to enter into new types of commercial arrangements for other provincial transit projects for TOC to the Minister of Transportation and provide the Minister of Transportation with the ability to delegate this authority by regulation to Metrolinx or other government agencies.

The **Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC)** and the **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)** are proposing to help address zoning and site plan approval concerns to expedite long-term care home development by leveraging support from the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator and by recognizing that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has existing authority to make Minister's Zoning Orders under the *Planning Act*.

The **Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD)** is proposing to leverage recently announced investments in the apprenticeship system aimed at building the skilled trades and professional workforce pipeline.

The **Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI)** is funding the expansion of broadband in unserved and underserved communities across the province and continues to help incentivize increased private sector investment to potentially accelerate broadband expansion.

The **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)** will consult with municipalities to identify what additional authorities or tools they may need to be granted/delegated to expedite the delivery of critical local infrastructure projects.

## Additional Resources

- [Ontario Takes Steps to Accelerate the Building of Key Infrastructure Projects](#)

## Related Topics

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