



February 10, 2022

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Mr. Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor:

**Re: Member Motion submitted by Mayor West to Respond to the Infrastructure Ontario (IO) High Tech Transit Oriented Community Plan (Issued December, 2021)**

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on February 9, 2022, adopted the following resolution:

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- b. The lack of alignment with the draft Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan vision for mix of use within the High Tech TOC area;
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- d. The lack of a financial framework to support the High Tech TOC. and,

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Whereas, the Province is indicating that it is prepared to move to the issuance of a Ministerial MZO by March, 2022 in order to gain certainty for zoning for the High Tech TOC.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That a communication be issued to the Premier of Ontario, with copies to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Transportation (and others as noted below), that highlights the following:

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6. This motion to be sent to: Premier of Ontario; Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister, Ministry of Transportation; Minister of Infrastructure; President and CEO, Infrastructure Ontario; Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York; President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation; City Clerk, City of Markham; City Clerk, City of Toronto; City Clerk, City of Vaughan; Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; and, Local MPPs.

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the Mayor at 905-771-8800, ext. 3123.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

Attachment



# MEMBER MOTION

## Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

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<b>Submitted by:</b>	Mayor West

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Moved by:	Mayor West
Seconded by:	Councillor Chan