

VIA E-MAIL

June 25, 2019

Mr. 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 – Langstaff/Richmond Hill Urban Growth Area

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on June 19, 2019, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated Langstaff / Richmond Hill Centre as an urban growth centre in 2006; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is undertaking the development of the Richmond Hill Secondary Plan; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill supports the Province of Ontario's decision to upload the responsibility for subway construction and urges the Province to proceed as expeditiously as possible to construct the Yonge Street Subway extension; and

Whereas the Provincial Government will be responsible for the planning, design and building for all new subway construction projects; and

Whereas on April 10, 2019, the Provincial Government announced that the Yonge Subway extension will be 1 of the 4 projects benefitting from Provincial investment in higher order transit; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has accelerated the target completion date for the Yonge Subway to be shortly after 2027; and

Whereas geotechnical and design work for the Yonge Subway extension has already commenced;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Staff be directed to enter into discussions with Hydro One and other stakeholders to incorporate the burying of the hydro wires and the storm water pond into the development of the Richmond Hill Secondary Plan – to ensure the greatest development potential for Richmond Hill Centre.

And that the Province of Ontario be requested to work in conjunction with the local municipalities and transit authorities to review and assess the following:

1. Existing and proposed infrastructure, including the feasibility of relocating storm water ponds, reconfiguring the Highway 407 interchange ramps for an urban and pedestrian friendly environment;
2. The land value uplift arising from greater intensification and to maximize the return on investment for public lands and infrastructure;
3. Opportunities for a public-private partnership including an unsolicited bid for the integrated transit destination hub and other government lands;
4. The potential re-designation of the lands west of Yonge Street, south of 407, for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) versus the proposed 2,000-car parking lot;
5. The benefits of a world class integrated development engaging a “best-in-class” architectural, engineering, planning and urban design firms;
6. Participating in a steering committee to coordinate development and infrastructure;

And further that the City of Richmond Hill requests the Provincial Government, as part of the environmental assessment updates for both the 407 Transitway (go to rail) and the Yonge Subway Extension, including the design and construction, consider the following:

An environmental assessment to bury the high-voltage hydro transmission lines from east of Bayview Avenue to west of Yonge Street to south of Highway 407 to create greater flexibility in urban planning and release additional development opportunity to the benefit of the province of Ontario;

That the Province of Ontario undertake these considerations without any delay to the planning, construction and delivery of the Yonge Subway Extension;

And forward this motion to the City of Markham and City of Vaughan Councils for their endorsement;

And further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to:

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The Hon Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks,
All York Region MPPs, and
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Please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed resolution for your records.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Huycke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

c: Regional and Local Councillor Di Paola
Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

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3. Scheduled Business

**3.2 Member Motion – Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola -
Langstaff/Richmond Hill Growth Area – (Referred from the June 11,
2019 Council meeting)**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

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Carried