

January 21, 2019

Mayor David Barrow
Members of Town Council
c/o Office of the Clerk
Town of Richmond Hill
255 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

HAND DELIVERED

Re : Committee of the Whole — CW #01 -19

January 21, 2019

Agenda Item 12.1

Staff Report SRPRS.19.022

Response to Member Motion on Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication

I write in support of Member Councillor Muench's Motion of December 11, 2018 to establish a fix the rate per proposed housing unit for cash-in-lieu for parkland dedication (attached).

As a property owner with a development application proposing 540 units of mixed-use residential housing for the north end of Richmond Hill, I encourage Council to make choices to ensure housing stock in the Town is affordable.

I remain largely un-moved by the contents of Staff Report SRPRS.19.022 and encourage Council to return to the direction set forth in Councillor Muench's Motion and fix the rate for cash-in-lieu for parkland dedication at \$10,000 a unit, no matter what housing type is proposed (*emphasis added*).

Sincerely,



Yvonne Worden
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Richmond Hill, Ontario

Attachment – Councillor Muench Motion – December 11, 2018 – two pages.



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole X	Council
Meeting Date:	December 11, 2018	
Subject/Title:	Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication (Bridge Rate)	
Submitted by:	Councillor Muench	

To establish a fixed amount for cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication for Residential Units within a Multi Residential Building

Whereas on June 27, 2011, the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill adopted Bylaw 70-11, a bylaw which established a fixed amount payable per proposed dwelling unit of \$10,000.00, in lieu of a conveyance of land for parkland dedication; and

Whereas Bylaw 70-11 was repealed and replaced by Bylaw 58-13 (the "Current Parkland Dedication Bylaw") by the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill on May 2, 2013; and

Whereas the Town of Richmond Hill Bylaw 58-13 currently positions (some 5 ½ years after its introduction) the Town of Richmond Hill as the highest parkland dedication standard rate on a cost per unit basis (or cost per person) as compared to other 905 municipalities; and

Whereas the number of units where Development Charges have been collected since 2014 by the Town of Richmond Hill represents 10% of the development charges (971 of 9560) collected when compared to Markham and Vaughan when our population represents 23.5% of the three lower York Region Municipalities; and

Whereas the current Parkland Dedication Bylaw and rates proposed to be charged by the Town has deterred the construction of new Residential Units within new Multi Residential Buildings from proceeding within the Town's planned intensification corridors and acts as a significant disincentive for higher density developments, including those that have already been approved; and

Whereas an amendment to the Current Parkland Dedication Bylaw is required in order to support the Town's intensification strategy and housing affordability objectives;

(continued)

Now therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill enacts as follows:

Bylaw 58-13 is hereby further amended as follows:

1. That the following be added to section 10 of Bylaw 58-13 after the first sentence:

"Notwithstanding the preceding, for the period commencing December 1, 2018 through to December 31, 2020, the value of land shall be calculated at a fixed rate of \$10,000.00 per Multi Residential Dwelling Unit to be located within a Multi-Residential Building."

Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: