

From: Ira Kirshen
To: Clerks Richmondhill
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Sent: Mon 5/20/2019 8:47 AM
Subject: Repeal of secondary plan

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am in favour of the repeal and sent a letter addressed to the clerk, the Mayor and to Councillor Muench before the April 3rd meeting and did not see it recorded in the minutes as part of the public record. Please insure the letter is available to the committee of the whole.

As a second concern I am disturbed that I received a notice for the May 22 meeting on Saturday morning May 18th. The Saturday of a long weekend expecting a response on a holiday Monday May 21, when the report was signed off on May 8. This is unacceptable and lacks transparency and shows contempt for the process of public consultation. If I did wish to appear on May 22 it would be impossible to arrange my schedule as it would be for almost everyone on the list in such short notice. This skews the debate and I hope this was not an attempt to stifle thoughtful reconsideration.

In regards to the historical preservation issues I ponder why when it came time to build the Performing Arts Center, no attempt at designing the facade on Yonge Street was made to align with the guidelines you give private corporations. Also, why the bus shelters in the Downtown core could not have had a railroad theme like the original stop we had in Richmond Hill. What is asked of the private businesses should be followed through for municipal and provincial corporations. I hope when City Hall moves back to the core the facade has a historical theme as am in favour of historical replication of ground level facades for the first 2 floors of new construction if there was a historically significant building standing.

Please insure these comments also make their way onto to the public record and minutes, as does my offer to volunteer to sit on the committee to revise at the secondary plan, as I am unable to attend The May 22 meeting.

Sincerely Yours,

Ira Kirshen

President Equity Capital