

To: Richmond Hill Councils

From: Emily Yee Lee

Date: November 19, 2019

Re: Procedure By-Law #74-12 Meeting Time Change Motioned by Councilor DiPaola

I am Emily Lee and I have lived in ward 4 for the past two decades. As a resident, I am very concerned about the way Richmond Hill Councils operate at the current stage, particularly in this case where the Councilor DiPaola motioned the time change of the committee meeting from the evening 7.30 pm to day time.

Richmond Hill has grown tremendously over the years. As every councilor is aware, majority of the residents at the present stage are young families with two income earners per family. Most of us work fulltime. As such, attending meetings during day time has imposed lots of inconveniences and stress to the working folks.

We are the concerned residents; we want to attend the resident-friendly 7.30 pm evening meetings to be part of the communities, to voice our opinions and concerns on matters that are important and affecting the communities. By changing the committee meetings to day time, the council is directly sending the wrong and bad message to the residents. The councilors are people-councils, your mandate is to serve and look after the interest of the residents. By motioning the meeting time from evening to day time is not looking after the interest of the residents. **In this respect, I oppose strongly the motion set by Councilor DiPaola.**

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Lee
Ward 4 resident