

L.2 Climate Wise Mayors' Challenge and Electric Bus Demonstration

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the Climate Wise Mayors' Challenge was launched this morning. This friendly competition, championed by Mayor Taylor and the Windfall Ecology Centre, is a unique opportunity for everyone to do their part to address climate change.

Following the Mayors' Challenge, Members of Council had the opportunity to tour one of the Region's new electric buses. Exploring the use of electric vehicles is one of the ways the Region is working to reduce its carbon footprint and achieve our goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2051.

L.3 Intelligent Community Forum

The Regional Chair announced that the Intelligent Community Forum has ranked York Region as 12th in the world for its sustainability efforts.

Sustainability remains a key pillar in many of the Region's guiding documents including Vision 2051, the Regional Official Plan and Corporate Strategic Plan. Guided by these strategic documents, the Region is reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing waste diversion, protecting our natural resources and improving the quality of life for residents.

L.4 9893 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

That Council permit consideration of a motion regarding 9893 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill.

Carried by 2/3 majority vote

Moved by Mayor Barrow

Seconded by Mayor Scarpitti

Whereas:

1. Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association (Carefirst) has owned 9893 Leslie Street since 2005, which is located within an Employment Area of the City of Richmond Hill and currently operates an Adult Day Centre, providing health-related services out of the existing building on site, with a complement of 20 staff, which includes, nurses, social workers, dietitians, physio and recreation therapist, and personal support workers, etc.

2. Carefirst is funded by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to provide various services to its clients. The Long Term Care (LTC) home is an institutional care facility that will be 100% funded by the Ministry of Long Term Care as a publicly funded operation.
3. The Regional Municipality of York, on April 19, 2018, adopted the following recommendations contained in the report dated March 23, 2018, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:
 1. The Regional Chair write to the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Seniors Affairs to:
 - a) Advocate and support the need for more Long-Term Care beds across York Region
 - b) Request that the methodology for projecting demand for Long-Term Care beds be revised to include factors such as the increasing prevalence of complex medical conditions that require long-term care, shifting demographics and waitlists
 - c) State its position that municipalities should not be responsible for health care costs
 - d) By 2026, the greatest need for Long-Term Care beds will be in the Richmond Hill and Markham areas
4. As of February 9, 2018, the Central Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN) advised that the Long-Term Care homes in its western (Richmond Hill and area) and eastern (Markham and area) sub-region planning areas had the greatest number of people on their waitlists. The CLHIN projects that by 2026, Richmond Hill will need another 1,004 beds, while Markham will need an additional 818 beds.
5. Carefirst is intent on submitting an application to the Ministry of Long Term Care in early March 2020, to create 100 Long-Term Care beds at 9893 Leslie Street. The deadline is end of March. The MOLTC expectation is to have the beds available by end of 2023.
6. The proposed Long-Term Care facility will employ approximately 117.5 full-time equivalent persons of various clinical and non-clinical backgrounds in 3 shifts around the clock (24hrs/7days), not including the staff establishment of the medical centre (Family Health Team). The number and ratios of positions and staff complement are mandated by the Long Term Care Home Act.

7. The proposal will result in the total employment levels on site to increase from 20 to approximately 150 employees due to the new development as well as introducing the needed Long-Term Care beds on site.
8. 9893 Leslie Street is located on a section of the road where the current land uses are predominantly “institutional” in nature.

Be it resolved that:

1. York Region supports the conversion of 9893 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, from Employment to Employment / Institutional uses, to permit the proposed community hub office space and Long Term Care facility.
2. York Region supports the position to exempt the site at 9893 Leslie Street from further Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process.
3. York Region advise the City of Richmond Hill that Carefirst can initiate all required planning applications needed at the local level, to facilitate the planning application review process.
4. Staff be directed to work in concert with local Richmond Hill staff to ensure the planning process is coordinated, but that the Richmond Hill planning review process is not delayed by the Regional MCR process.
5. The Regional Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Health, Minister of Long Term Care, and York Region MPPs.

Carried