



Open House and Special Meeting of Council

June 22, 2020 "Virtual" Open House

June 29, 2020 Electronic Special Meeting of Council

Concerning two draft official plan amendments initiated by the City as part of its Official Plan Update to: (1) permit new automotive related land uses in all or some employment areas and (2) permit the conversion of specific lands designated "Employment Area" to a designation that permits new and/or expanded institutional, office, and small scale retail uses

Pursuant to the *Planning Act* (Section 17 and Section 26)

An **Open House** is scheduled for **Monday, June 22, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** to provide the public with information about the proposed Official Plan amendments. In support of the efforts of our public health partners and the Province of Ontario to stop the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be held using electronic video conference technology. You can view the livestream of the meeting at Richmondhill.ca/OPUpdate. The session will commence with a staff presentation and followed by a question and answer period. You may submit your questions prior to the meeting or live to OPUpdate@richmondhill.ca. Following the event a recording of the session will be available at Richmondhill.ca/OPUpdate.

A **Special Meeting of Council** is scheduled for **Monday, June 29, 2020 starting at 7:30 p.m.** to notify the public and receive comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendments. In support of the efforts of our public health partners and the Province of Ontario to stop the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be held using electronic video conference technology. Details on how you can participate in the meeting are included in this notice. You can also view the livestream of the meeting at RichmondHill.ca/CouncilMeetings.

Inquiries Refer To:

OPA 18.1 – Automotive uses in employment lands

City Files: D01-20005 • City Planner: Andrew Crawford, Planner
Telephone: 905-771-9996, x. 5528 • Email: OPUpdate@richmondhill.ca

OPA 18.2 – Conversion of Employment Area to permit new and/or expansion of existing institutional, office and small scale retail uses

City Files: D01-20006 • City Planner: Brian DeFreitas, Senior Planner
Telephone: 905-771-9996, x. 5431 • Email: OPUpdate@richmondhill.ca

Subject lands:



Purpose and Effect: The City has initiated the proposed amendment to the Official Plan to permit the development of new and/or to expand existing institutional, office, and small scale retail uses on the subject lands, while also protecting the subject lands from incompatible land uses. The City's Official Plan (OP) sets out the vision for complete communities and related community, retail and office uses.

The proposed amendment will implement the broader principles and policies of the Official Plan related to the provision of community, office, and small-scale retail uses that are appropriate for the subject area wherein these uses presently exist.

Lands Containing Seven (7) or More Residential Units: A copy of this notice must be posted by the owner of any land that contains seven (7) or more residential units in a location that is visible to all of the residents.

Any person, subject to the below notice regarding the Covid-19 Emergency, may attend the meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments. Written comments by any person unable to attend the meeting should be made by email to clerks@richmondhill.ca, or by mail to the City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 3P4, or fax to 905-771-2502, and is to be received no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, June 29, 2020. Please ensure that you include your name and address so that you may be contacted if necessary.

COVID-19 Emergency: During the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency (declared by the Province of Ontario and the City of Richmond Hill under the provisions Section 7.0.1 and Section 4(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, respectively) the City of Richmond Hill Council is holding electronic meetings, and in-person meeting attendance is restricted to electronic attendance only. Any person, who wishes to make a verbal presentation is required to do so electronically via the internet or telephone, and is required to register with the Office of the Clerk by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the date of the meeting. Registrations can be submitted by email to clerks@richmondhill.ca. The Clerk will provide any such person with instructions on how to make their electronic delegation.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill in respect of the adoption the proposed Official Plan Amendment 18.1 (Automotive uses in employment lands) and/or Official Plan Amendment 18.2 (Employment area conversion to permit new and/or expansion of existing institutional uses), you must make a written request to the City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3P4 or by e-mail at clerks@richmondhill.ca.

Notice of Collection: Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 and may be contained in an appendix of a staff report, published in the meeting agenda, delegation list and/or the minutes of the public meeting and made part of the public record. The City collects this information in order to make informed decisions on the relevant issues and to notify interested parties of Council's decisions. It may also be used to serve notice of a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal hearing. Names and addresses contained in submitted letters and other information will be available to the public, unless the individual expressly requests the City to remove their personal information when submitting their written comments. The disclosure of this information is governed by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56. Questions about this collection and disclosure should be directed to the Office of the Clerk at 905-771-8800 or by e-mail at clerks@richmondhill.ca.

Additional information: For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact the Office of the Clerk at 905-771-8800 or by e-mail at clerks@richmondhill.ca.

Questions respecting the information and recommendations contained in the staff report regarding the proposed amendment related to the proposed amendments should be directed to planner noted for each amendment. As of June 9th, the Draft Official Plan Amendments and related information are available for inspection at the City's Official Plan Update website: richmondhill.ca/OPUpdate. The Staff Report will be available on Monday, June 22, 2020 after 3 PM. You can email the Office of the Clerk at clerks@richmondhill.ca for an electronic copy. It will also be available on RichmondHill.ca. To find it, select the Calendar and click on the relevant meeting for a list of items.

City of Richmond Hill 225 East Beaver Creek Road Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3P4
 Telephone: 905-771-8800 • Fax: 905-771-2502 • E-mail: clerks@richmondhill.ca
 Dated This 21st Day of May, 2020

Subject lands:



Purpose and Effect: The City has initiated the proposed amendment to the Official Plan to permit a range of automotive uses, including the sale of automotive vehicles, within lands presently designated Employment, Employment Corridor, and Office in the Official Plan. The City's Official Plan (OP) sets out a vision for employment lands to be used predominantly for a range of employment uses such as manufacturing, warehousing, research and development, and office uses. In response to requests to broaden permitted uses within these designations and to permit more automotive related uses, including sales of automotive vehicles, the City is initiating an amendment to the Official Plan.

The proposed amendment will implement the broader principles and policies of the Official Plan related to economic development and prosperity for businesses and residents in the city.