

**3.5 SRPRS.19.025 - Request for Comments - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Richmond Hill Christian Community Church - 9640 and 9670 Bayview Avenue - File Number D02-18018**

Jeff Healey of the Planning and Regulatory Services Department provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit a two storey discipleship building and a four storey parking garage on the subject lands. Mr. Healey advised that staff's recommendation was that the staff report be received for information purposes only and all comments be referred back to staff.

Rebecca Tannahill, WSP Canada Inc., agent for the applicant, provided a description of the subject site, the existing zoning, and the proposed development. She advised that discipleship building is designed to directly front onto Bayview Avenue and Hillsvie Drive, and noted that it will screen the parking structure. Ms. Tannahill presented a conceptual rendering of the discipleship building, and highlighted that the design improvements urbanizes the frontage and appropriately addresses the intersection while integrating well with the existing church.

Paul Ting, Executive Pastor of the Richmond Hill Christian Community Church, advised that the church facility was used daily and that over 4000 people attend church services and programs on a weekly basis. He explained that the vision of the church was to enhance services to the Richmond Hill community by expanding the facility, which would enable them to train more people to grow in faith and serve the community.

Wilburn Chiu, a resident of Richmond Hill, provided an overview of the programs run by the church's activity centre. He noted the growth in the seniors programs and the more than 40 interest group programs offered throughout the year. Mr. Chiu advised that programs are well attended by the Richmond Hill community, and that expansion of the church was required as the facility had reached its capacity.

Monica Ma, a volunteer at the Richmond Hill Christian Community Church, shared that she has volunteered with the church's Love, Mercy and Justice Ministry for seven years. She explained that the ministry runs programs for women and children who live at women's shelters, as well as programs for low-income families, refugees and immigrants.

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Donald Wong, a volunteer at the Richmond Hill Christian Community Church for more than 18 years, shared his support for the church's application. Mr. Wong explained that the church's Special Needs Ministry has provided him with support as a parent of a child with special needs. He also advised that the Ministry has seen a growth in families attending, from seven to over 70 during his time at the church. Mr. Wong explained that the need for additional programming for adult children with special needs was required and with that the need for additional facilities.

Michael Falico, 35 Valleyford Avenue, shared concerns related to traffic congestion near the church, noting the area is congested and could become worse after the construction of the church parking garage and residential development across the street. Mr. Falico conveyed his belief that the proposed development should be reconsidered.

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

a) That staff report SRPRS.19.025 with respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by the Richmond Hill Christian Community Church for lands known as Part of Lots 35 to 38, Plan 2260 (municipal addresses: 9640 and 9670 Bayview Avenue), File Number D02-18018, be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

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