

Please include my email in October 13, 2021 revised agenda. I would like to make it part of the public record.

Richmond Hill Council:

I am a resident for 48 years of Richmond Hill and I'm writing in regard to agenda item *SRCM.21.1-Clarification on Local and Regional Councillor Enviro Day Event Exemption* which is scheduled to be discussed at the October 13, 2021 Richmond Hill Council meeting. I have concerns about the potential exemption of Councillor Perrelli's Enviro Day Event from the Council Events Guidelines.

Richmond Hill Council members have been required to fund their events through sponsorship and not taxpayer money. Councillor Perrelli promised to fund his Enviro Day Event 100% through sponsorships. Why is he requesting that the City of Richmond Hill exempt him for the cost incurred for blue box and green bin exchanges? If he hasn't received adequate sponsorship funds to cover the cost it is up to Councillor Perrelli to recoup the money on his own. It should not fall upon the taxpayers or the City of Richmond Hill to pay the cost.

If Councillor Perrelli was concerned about the expense to residents of purchasing new recycling boxes and bins, why did he vote against the motion put forth by Councillor West at the November 10, 2020 Council meeting to remove the exchange fee? If Councillor Perrelli was really concerned about the expense to residents, he would've gladly voted for the motion in 2020. In fact, he said at the November 2020 meeting that "to keep the cost down we have to make the residents responsible for the care of those [blue boxes and green bins]." Yet by June 2021 he was ready to offer a free blue box and green bin exchange at his event. I don't believe the taxpayer should have to pay for such political manoeuvring on the part of any Councillor.

At the Council meeting on September 22, 2021, Councillor Perrelli put forth a motion to permanently eliminate the blue box and green bin replacement fee retroactive to January 1, 2021. Since the replacement service was not resumed until June 21, 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions, an amendment was made to change the retroactive date to June 21, 2021. Council approved the motion. This time Councillor Perrelli voted against his own member motion.

The majority of Council members voted against the November 10, 2020 amendment to remove the fee from the Tariff of Fees for replacement of damaged blue box and green bins because of increased expense to the city. Although they voted to approve the motion on September 22, 2021, I would think that they continue to be concerned about rising costs and would be reluctant to release any additional money to cover the Enviro Day Event. According to the staff report, the only funding source available is tax money currently held in reserve. I am strongly opposed to any tax money being released to cover the cost the Enviro Day Event and would implore Council to vote against a motion to exempt the event from the Council Events Guidelines. Submitted respectfully, Brian Moore

Resident of Richmond Hill since 1973
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