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To: Office-Mayor Richmondhill <officemayor@richmondhill.ca>; Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: Council Meeting October 13th, 2021- C#40-21 Item 13.2

Good morning,

I am writing today to express my frustration and disagreement with the captioned item for Wednesday's Council meeting. I do NOT feel that the taxpayers funds should be used to cover the cost of this Enviro Event(s).

According to Merriam-Webster, the definition, FREE means "not costing or charging anything". Mr. Perrelli did his utmost best to let the public know that the Enviro Day event(s) he was holding were going to be "FREE". He announced it at a Council meeting, he advertised it with costly glossy flyers (Where "FREE" was by far the largest font on the document), and he even took to social media to explain his position. On April 18th, 2021 he posted "[No tax dollars will be spent for this event](#)". I have raised the money from generous donations from the public" on the Nextdoor app. So why are we being asked to pay for this "FREE" event? Where did all those "generous donations" go?

From what I understand, the City changed policy on offering an exchange program for residents bins to a cost based option because of a \$40K increase in costs for the bins annually. I also understand that there is the potential for a shortage of funds needed to cover Mr. Perrellis' "FREE" event of some \$140K (the actual cost to taxpayers is more as there is also a staff payroll cost which is not included in that figure.) I am very much opposed to having more of my tax dollars go to fund this event. I am an engaged community environmental resident, but this goes too far, and flies in the face of common financial sense. If he stated he had the funds to pay for the event, and committed to the public that we would not be looked to for funding, he should be made to honour this commitment. Had Council simply opted to fund the increased costs in bins from tax revenue, we would only have had to fund \$40K a year. Mr. Perrelli's "FREE" event has the potential to cost the taxpayers over 3 years of bin replacement funding. Furthermore, I get even more frustrated when I consider the multitude of other worthy causes that could potentially benefit from the \$140k in funding rather than Mr. Perrelli looking to taxpayers funds to pay for his "FREE" event. It is time that this "moving shell game" form of accounting is taken off the board.

I am not prepared to fund 3.5 years of bin replacement for one event that Mr. Perrelli deemed necessary to gain access to additional email accounts with which to campaign through any time he chooses.

I would like to add that I am very pleased to see City staff halt their time and efforts for future Enviro Days held by Mr. Perrelli until he has paid his obligations. It is heartening to know that they have the taxpayers and our funds as a priority.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

Sincerely,

Kathrine Mabley