



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting Date: June 8th, 2022
Subject/Title: Yonge & Bloomington Park
Submitted by: Regional and Local Councillor Carmine Perrelli

Whereas Richmond Hill has grown into a thriving city with a population of over 200,000 and growing exponentially; and

Whereas the hallmark of a great city is a destination park i.e., New York's Central Park and Toronto's High Park; and

Whereas; Nothing enriches a resident's quality of life more than an extensive network of parks and trails; and

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill missed a rare opportunity to create a destination park when it failed to purchase the 189-acre David Dunlap Observatory Lands which has subsequently been developed into a cookie – cutter subdivision; and

Whereas residents led by Councillor Greg Beros sent the owner of the site at Yonge & Bloomington a strong "NO" message when he proposed an unreasonable plan; and

Whereas the developer has proposed a new plan; and

Whereas the city of Richmond Hill has \$70 million available for Parks acquisitions; and

Whereas it has become increasingly difficult to secure land suitable for parks purposes, especially parcels as large as the one at Yonge & Bloomington; and

Whereas purchasing this property and using it for Parks purposes would be a wise investment both monetarily and in terms of our resident's well-being;

Whereas a Yonge & Bloomington Park would make a grand entrance to the City of Richmond Hill; and

Whereas 1,503 or 91% of the residents who responded to my survey voted yes to purchasing the site

Therefore be it resolved that Richmond Hill Council direct the Acting City Manager and the appropriate staff to enter into negotiations with the owner of the south-east corner of Yonge & Bloomington, Baif Developments, to purchase the site.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Carmine Perrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Greg Beros