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Subject: Re: 14.4 Councillor Beros Motion regarding Councillor Perelli's Enviro Day Event

I have lived in Richmond Hill since 1998 and never felt cause to write to council until now. I am appalled to see this issue raise it's ugly head once again.

But it's more than that. Prior to the byelection earlier this year, I watched many hours of council meetings to determine how I would cast my vote. Again today, I watched many more hours of council meetings to determine for myself what was happening on this particular issue. TO BE CLEAR, I strongly RESENT feeling compelled to watch these meetings just to figure out what the heck is really going on !!

It is abundantly clear to me that the exemption that was graciously extended to Councillor Perelli during the May 5, 2021 meeting where the new Event policy was discussed and the amendment thereto, was to allow some leeway with respect to the transition rules of timing and fundraising. Perelli himself clearly stated ( and nodded and gestured) throughout that meeting that he had more funds to raise.(in supporting the need for the amendment). He spoke of the 10's if not 100's of thousands of dollars he had raised in prior years for prior events , to support the need to raise the limits proposed in the new event policy. At NO point during that meeting was there EVER an inkling of a suggestion that Councillor Perelli was to be granted relief from obtaining the sponsorship funding necessary to cover the cost of his event.

The issue also came up during the byelection earlier this year and Perelli again represented that the event was not funded at all by taxpayers, but by the generous donations from sponsors. Who knows where those funds went??

Therefore, I can only conclude that paragraph 3 of Councillor Beros motion is in error and misrepresents the facts.

Mayor, council and professional staff have a fiduciary responsibility to preserve and protect the interests of the city, Richmond Hill residents and stakeholders. Furthermore, an obligation to put the public interest before their own direct and indirect interest in any decision they take....always.

I urge you to;

1) insist that Councillor Perelli declare his obvious pecuniary interest on this matter and recuse himself from the discussion and vote

2) vote against the motion. Councillor Perelli's event account deficit should remain on his account until he funds it as he so vociferously represented to council and voters.

Regards,

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