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Subject: Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Land Acknowledgement - (Deferred from the June 22, 2022 Council meeting)

Mr. Mayor & Others:

Whereas in the past Councillor Carmine Perrelli has opposed the reading of an Indigenous Land Statement at the opening of Council meetings; and

whereas Councillor Perrelli has mocked and denigrated those who have supported the reading of an Indigenous Land Statement at the opening of Council meetings; and

whereas Councillor Perrelli has stated flatly (and falsely in my opinion) that the residents of Richmond Hill are not interested in the reading of an Indigenous Land Statement at the opening of Council meetings; and

whereas Councillor Perrelli has offered no explanation why his adamant opposition has been transformed into his clear support; and

whereas Council has already established a process for the consideration of such an initiative including the hiring of a consultant who seems competent to advise Council on the matter, I urge Council to stay its course and follow the path it has chosen, thus avoiding any further, unnecessary controversy and drama..

I shall not speculate on what motivation Councillor Perrelli may have for his apparant change of mind and heart, but I do not think that it is seemly to circumvent a thoughtfui process in order that Councillor Perrelli may now claim ownership out of any forthcoming decision to establish the practice of reading the land acknowledgement.

In doing so, I mean no disrespect to the organization that Councillor Perrelli has chosen to advise him on the matter. I know nothing about this group other than that it seems to have come into existence within the past year. It may or it may not "speak for" the Indigenous peoples of Richmond Hill. I do think, however, that prudence requires that Council put its trust in consultancy that Councillor Perrelli has denigrated as a group of "so-called experts," but that has apparently served other municipalities well in similar exercises and that has proven experience in such matters.

I thank you for your attention.

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