



Council Public Meeting

Minutes

C#06-23

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Council Public Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui

Council Members present via videoconference:

Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
S. DeMaria, Manager, Development Site Plans
J. Mallany, Planner I – Site Plans
A. Dunn, Senior Planner - Zoning

Mayor West read the Public Hearing Statement.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following addition:

a) Additional correspondence received regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Playlearn Preschool Inc. for 9741 Bayview Avenue.

Carried Unanimously

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Scheduled Business:

3.1 SRPI.23.002 – Request for Comments – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Bodrington Commercial Developments Limited - 13495 Bathurst Street – City File ZBLA-22-0019

Julie Mallany, Planner I – Site Plans, of the Planning and Infrastructure Department, provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to expand the list of permitted commercial and retail uses and to reduce the parking rate for the existing commercial plaza on the subject lands.

Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., on behalf of the applicant, reviewed the site location of the subject lands, the zoning amendment being requested, the site plan, and commented on the results of a parking inventory study. She advised that the land use was in conformity with Regional and Provincial policy documents and with the City’s Official Plan, noting that in their opinion, the proposed uses supported the needs of the community, met the general intent, and was consistent with the policies of the designation. L. Capilongo advised that the application had also been reviewed by various commenting agencies and City departments with minor comments received, and that a parking inventory study was submitted to the City to address the minor comments.

There were no applications submitted from the public to appear as an electronic delegation, and there were no members of the public who responded to the Chair's invitation to address Council on this matter.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.002 with respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Bodrington Commercial Developments Limited for lands known as Block 114, Plan 65M-3215 (Municipal Address: 13495 Bathurst Street), City File ZBLA-22-0019, be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried

3.2 SRPI.23.005 – Request for Comments – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Playlearn Preschool Inc. - 9741 Bayview Avenue – City File ZBLA-22-0021

Amanda Dunn, Senior Planner – Zoning, of the Planning and Infrastructure Department provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit an Autism Centre as an additional use on the subject lands.

Paul Johnston, Johnston Litavski Ltd., on behalf of the applicant, reviewed various images of the building on the subject property, described the building and its previous use, and advised that the application was determined by staff to be a minor zoning amendment under the City's Official Plan. He advised that the building was being sought for the purpose of an Autism Centre, and shared his opinion that the subject building was perfectly suited for the area. P. Johnston reviewed aspects of the development proposal, excerpts from the staff report, and advised that a traffic impact brief and a site plan was submitted to staff for review, and that they continue to work with City staff on any minor changes to the site plan that may be required.

Dr. Nancy Marchese, CEO and Founder, Breakthrough Autism, shared her profession to service the autism community across Ontario, noted the approximate number of people with autism, and highlighted the specialized services that would be in the proposed building. She advised of the numerous letters of support for the application included as Agenda Items 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, including supporters in the audience, indicated that the autism community was underserved in Ontario and that these types of

services were lacking for families in need. She advised that the proposed building use was very similar to and functionally no different than the daycare that was in operation for many years, but rather with less children in the building and less traffic for the area. She concluded by advising that the proposal was aligned with the City's Strategic Priority, "Inclusivity".

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

a) That Staff Report SRPI.23.005 with respect to Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Playlearn Preschool Inc. for the lands known as Part of Lot 4, Plan 3640 (Municipal Address: 9741 Bayview Avenue), City File ZBLA-22-0021, be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

4. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

David West, Mayor

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk