

**3. Scheduled Business:**

**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

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



Extracts from  
Council Public Meeting  
C#06-23 held February 1, 2023

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- b) 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

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