



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4 (b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Subject/Title:	Funding for Increased Data Capacity
Submitted by:	Mayor David West

Whereas the province has created a housing target of 1.5 million homes built in the next 10 years;

Whereas Richmond Hill's housing target is 27,000 new units by 2031;

Whereas the province has asked for at least 15 geographic data points to be shared by all municipalities with housing targets;

Whereas the current data sharing process is cumbersome, inefficient, and not collaborative;

Whereas real-time data sharing between municipalities and the provinces, on a common data exchange platform, would greatly assist municipalities to use their existing technology to achieve their housing targets and provide the public with visibility on progress on this important issue;

Whereas the province has previously provided funding for the development process through the Streamlined Development Application Fund, among others;

Whereas Ontario's Big City Mayor's (OBCM) has passed a similar motion at their recent AGM.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Richmond Hill Council request the province provide funding for municipalities, in particular those with housing targets assigned, to increase capacity in data management, collaboration and sharing; and
2. That the province work with staff in each municipality to develop an open and transparent data sharing mode;

3. That the City Clerk be directed to send this report to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Ontario's Big City Mayor's Caucus (OBCM); as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Moved by:	Mayor David West
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Seconded by:	Councillor Simon Cui
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