



3. Scheduled Business:

3.3 SRPI.23.068 - Request for Comments - OPA 18.7 Newkirk Local Centre (City File MOPA-23-0002)

Andrew Crawford of the Planning and Infrastructure Department provided an overview of the municipally-initiated OPA 18.7 for the Newkirk Local Centre as part of the City Plan Official Plan Update process. He reviewed the Intent of the Official Plan Amendment (OPA); Vision; Character Areas; Forecasted Growth (at Built-Out); Land Use Permission; Built Form, Height and Density; and Public Realm (conceptually shown). A. Crawford concluded the presentation by highlighting the Timeline and Next Steps, and advised of staff's recommendation that the presentation and staff report be received for information purposes only, and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Mike Gurski, 159 Avenue Road, addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.7 for the Newkirk Local Centre. He noted his employment background with an architecture firm and how they would respond to competitions all over the world, and suggested that the Village of Richmond Hill would be a perfect spot to have an international competition where you would set criteria with landowners and staff to see what responses were received, with the winning proposal being the one that would be built.

Priya Unnikrishnan, 19 Patullo Avenue, Liveable Richmond Hill, submitted a request to appear as delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Barbara Anderson, 159 Avenue Road, submitted a request to appear as delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

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Extracts from
Council Public Meeting
C#23-23 held June 20, 2023

Michael Theodores, 481 Major Mackenzie Drive East, addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.7 for the Newkirk Local Centre. He stressed the importance of going slow in considering the future level of intensification in the Newkirk Local Centre, discussed that there were no expansion plans for the Richmond Hill GO Station and the impact of this decision, and identified outstanding issues with the Richmond Hill line. M. Theodores further advised of the impact the proposed density and intensification would have on area traffic, and requested that the expansion document be revisited as detailed in his correspondence distributed as part of Item 3.3.1.

Ron Birch, 299 Elmwood Avenue, addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.7 for the Newkirk Local Centre. He advised that he was in agreement with the change to medium-density uses and upholding the 45 degree angular plane, and inquired how the angular plane would impact his property. R. Birch made a suggestion that to revitalize the Village Core, the town hall be relocated back to that area, and reiterated the comments he made previously regarding crime rates in higher density areas and the need for industry.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPI.23.068 respecting the municipally-initiated amendment to the City's Official Plan (OPA 18.7) for the Newkirk Local Centre, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPI.23.068 (City File MOPA-23-0002), be received for information purposes only, and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary