

**Extract from
Council Public Meeting
C#37-20 held September 9, 2020**

3. Scheduled Business:

3.3 SRPRS.20.117 – Request for Comments – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association – 9893 Leslie Street - City File D02-20015

Simone Fiore of the Planning and Regulatory Services Department provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit a six-storey long-term care facility and associated community uses on the subject lands. Ms. Fiore advised that staff's recommendation was that the staff report be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Helen Leung, Chief Executive Officer, Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association, provided an overview of the proposed application, noting that the lands currently supported a home of over 100 years old, which they proposed to redevelop. She advised that the proposed development responded to the needs of a fast growing aging population, the need for long-term care beds and a Community Hub in Richmond Hill. Ms. Leung highlighted the features of the proposed Community Hub and advised that Carefirst had the experience and qualifications to provide a range of services within the Community Hub. She concluded by noting the benefits of the Carefirst Campus of Care for Richmond Hill residents.

Randal Dickie, Urban Growth Inc., agent for the applicant, advised that they were committed to working with staff to work through the technical matters. He noted that a number of supporting reports were submitted with the application, and that they looked forward to hearing back from staff and working through any issues that may arise.

Joyce Horner, 32 Love Court, provided an overview of the history and heritage significance of the Horner House that was located on the subject lands. She expressed her hope that the City, Carefirst and the community could work together to incorporate the existing building into the project, as other owners in the hamlet had done. Ms. Horner expressed concerns with the proposed building height, greenspace for facility residents, the erosion at the rear of the lot, and questioned the suitability of the development at the proposed location. Ms. Horner shared concerns regarding the safety of staff, medical vehicles, visitors, patients, and customers, entering and exiting the building into day and evening heavy traffic. She also advised that the Horner House was listed in the Heritage Inventory for the City of Richmond Hill and had been on the designation

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list. She noted that the Horner House had been well maintained and not under threat and therefore not a priority to designate. Ms. Horner concluded by sharing her belief that the development could be an asset to the community and hamlet if done so in a respectful manner.

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

a)That Staff Report SRPRS.20.117 with respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association for the lands known as Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, E.Y.S. (Municipal Address: 9893 Leslie Street), City File D02-20015, be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried