

3. Scheduled Business:

3.4 SRPI.23.069 - Request for Comments - OPA 18.8 Oak Ridges Local Centre (City File MOPA-23-0003)

Megan Cobbold of the Planning and Infrastructure Department provided an overview of the municipally-initiated OPA 18.8 for the Oak Ridges Local Centre as part of the City Plan Official Plan Update process. She reviewed the Intent of the Official Plan Amendment (OPA); Vision; Forecasted Growth (at Built-Out); Land Use Permission; Built Form, Height and Density; and Public Realm (conceptually shown). M. Cobbold 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, submitted a request to appear as delegation to address Council on this matter but was not in attendance.

Suzanne Payne, 7 Black Willow Court, Vice-President and Past-President of the Beaufort Hills Homeowners' Association (BHHA), addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.8 for the Oak Ridges Local Centre. She extended her thanks to staff and Council for their efforts in bringing forward the municipally-initiated OPA's to create a more livable Richmond Hill with an environment first approach, and elaborated on the information contained in the BHHA's correspondence distributed as part of Item 3.4.1 specific to the expansion of the Oak Ridges Local Centre, proposed maximum heights within OPA 18.8, and preserving the gateway to Richmond Hill and all of its unique features including the Oak Ridges Moraine.

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Howard Doughty, 10 Cheval Court, addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.8 for the Oak Ridges Local Centre. He shared statistics from Census Canada of the population growth in Richmond Hill since 1951 to demonstrate that the projected growth was not unprecedented, inquired what the environmental impact of this growth was on the Oak Ridges Moraine, addressed the proposed policies in relation to approved development applications in the area, and requested that Council take the long term environment into consideration when considering the proposed policies.

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.

Murray Evans, Owner, Evans Planning, on behalf of the owner of 13564 Yonge Street, addressed Council regarding the municipally-initiated OPA 18.8 for the Oak Ridges Local Centre. He advised that his client had submitted a letter regarding this matter and that he was in attendance to provide additional comments specifically related to the pending application for the property, which would not be in compliance under the draft OPA, and requested that the proposed height within the application be considered as the project had been designed to meet all of the standard requirements and helped frame the Yonge Street corridor.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

a) That staff report SRPI.23.069 respecting the municipally-initiated amendment to the City's Official Plan (OPA 18.8) for the Oak Ridges Local Centre, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPI.23.069 (City File MOPA-23-0003), 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