

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola - Direct Planning Staff on Provincial Housing Targets in Richmond Hill

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas the Province of Ontario imposed a target of 27,000 new housing units to be built in Richmond Hill by 2031 as part of Ontario's plan to build 1.5 million homes in ten years;

Whereas on March 21, 2023, the City of Richmond Hill endorsed its municipal housing target pledge to help support the Provincially assigned targets;

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill through its Official Plan Update has been planning for increased and accelerated growth in its mixed-use, transit-serviced centres and corridors as well as gentle intensification, while also exploring incentives and streamlining initiatives for affordable housing;

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill, like all other Ontario municipalities, are adjusting to the impacts of Bill 23 *More Homes, Built Faster Act* which reduces or exempts municipal charges for development resulting in significant revenue losses to the City in growth-related funding tools;

Whereas the Province of Ontario announced its three-year, \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund to provide up to \$400 million per year to municipalities that meet or exceed their Provincially assigned housing targets;

Whereas municipalities that do not achieve 80% of their designated housing target will receive no funding;

Whereas municipalities have expressed concerns over the validity of this target criteria as a measure to track a municipality's progress, since municipalities themselves do not build housing and are not in direct control of the timing associated with the delivery of housing construction or other private development interests; and,

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Extracts from Council Meeting
C#43-23 held December 13, 2023
Confirmatory By-law 141-23

Whereas according to the latest Provincial housing tracker published on November 23, 2023, 72% of municipalities with assigned municipal housing targets, including Richmond Hill, were identified as not being on track to meet their annual housing target for 2023.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

Council directs Planning staff to report to Council as early as possible in 2024 regarding where in Richmond Hill the 27,000 new housing units are planned to be built by 2031 and the feasibility of achieving Richmond Hill's annual housing target as set by the Province within the three-year time horizon of the Province's Building Faster Fund.

Carried Unanimously

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