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COUNCIL
C#33-14

Monday, December 15, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Richmond Hill Town Hall
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario

His Worship
Mayor David Barrow

MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill was held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members of the public addressed Council during the Public Forum:

Nick Papa, 64A Walmer Road, addressed Council regarding the funding of his Ward 5 barbeque held on September 7, 2014 which he confirmed was funded through fundraising efforts and not Town funds.

A resident of 160 Essex Avenue expressed concerns regarding handicapped parking signs at his residence, the difficulty emergency services has accessing the property due to illegal parking and the width of the entrance to the property. He also expressed concerns regarding issues he had encountered when walking at the Southwest corner of Major Mackenzie Drive and Yonge Street.

The following Members of Council were present:

Mayor Barrow
Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora
Regional and Local Councillor Hogg
Councillor Beros
Councillor Muenich
Councillor Liu
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz

Regrets:
Councillor Chan

The following members of Staff were present:

J. Anderton, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Baker, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Bassios, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services
A. Alyea, Assistant Town Solicitor
A. Dimlita, Assistant Town Solicitor
P. Caron, Director of Asset Management
D. Dexter, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
S. Fick, Director of Design and Construction
D. Joslin, Director, Recreation and Culture
M. Gandhi, Director of Communication Services
S. Kraft, Fire Chief
T. Ricketts, Director of Environment Services

EMERGENCY/TIME SENSITIVE MATTERS**Canada Post Residential Delivery Service**

Moved by: Councillor Muench
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas Canada Post requested a key staff person in the planning department of Richmond Hill to assist Canada Post in their efforts to replace door to door mail delivery with community mailboxes (C.M.B.) in Wards 2,4,5 and 6; and,

Whereas moving to C.M.B. delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people living with mobility and health challenges and could undermine their ability to live independently and will be compounded during inclement weather; and,

Whereas the proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, such as paving, lighting, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism and mail theft; and,

Whereas this proposed change would have an adverse economic effect on our communities with regards to the loss of jobs; and,

Whereas this proposed change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries;

Therefore be it resolved that:

Prior to any service adjustments being implemented by Canada Post and prior to any assistance by Richmond Hill Town Staff, the Town of Richmond Hill as part of our service responsibilities to our residents requires:

1. Canada Post to conduct Town Hall meetings or open communication (in addition to the Canada Post mailed surveys with the residents being affected by the service change) for all concerned residents; and
2. The Town Hall meetings are to be hosted by the local member of Parliament (M.P.) and/or other elected representatives of the community, with Canada Post representatives and all other local councillors to discuss what kind of postal services Richmond Hill residents need; and,
3. That the Town of Richmond Hill will not endorse Canada Post actions prior to the consultation process being satisfactorily completed; and,
4. The Town of Richmond Hill send a letter to Deepak Chopra, Chief Executive Officer, Canada Post, to inform Canada Post that the Town of Richmond Hill supports the existing delivery system and wishes to retain this valuable service for our communities; and,
5. That the Town of Richmond Hill send a copy of this motion to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, York Regional Council and all other municipalities in the York Region and the G.T.A. for endorsement and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, all York Region M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s;

Carried