



ABRH Newsletter - February 20, 2022

1. Transit Oriented Communities

At the beginning of this month, ABRH reported that the Ontario government had posted a report on Transit-Oriented Communities and that ABRH was writing a letter in response to this paper. Below is a link to ABRH's response. At the end you will find the distribution list and a chance to give your input.

[Letter to Doug Ford – A Better Richmond Hill](#)

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At the February 9, 2022 Council Meeting a motion was approved for council to give input on this matter. See motion at:

[Recap: Richmond Hill Council Meeting February 9th \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](#)

This time-sensitive motion was carried, with Beros and Perrelli absent and Muench voting NO.

2. Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report

This report was released on February 8, 2022. It affects many aspects of housing development in Ontario and Richmond Hill.

["Limit public input and allow developers to build whatever they want, whatever they want" \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](#)

See below to read an analysis by John Li and his call to action on this report.

[Housing Affordability Report – A Better Richmond Hill](#)

Here is a statement made by Mayor West about this report and council's stand on Affordable Housing:

[Statement from Mayor David West: Moving Ahead on Affordable Housing | OnRichmondHill](#)

3. Council Meeting February 9, 2022

For a summary of this very long council meeting see:

[Recap: Richmond Hill Council Meeting February 9th \(cagr richmondhill.com\)](https://cagr richmondhill.com)

See comments by the Liberal which include how residents of ABRH perceived this meeting:

[Richmond Hill new mayor's first marathon meeting ends on productive note \(yorkregion.com\)](https://yorkregion.com)

3. Online Voting:

We are making special mention of this item on the agenda on the February 9, 2022 Council Meeting because it affects us ALL.

As reported in our last newsletter, the question of online voting for the October municipal election was to be revisited at the February 9, 2022 Council Meeting

We are pleased to report that not only was the item of online voting revisited (as is required) but also the motion by Councillor Chan and seconded by Councillor Cilevitz, was carried, with Perrelli abstaining, and Muench voting NO. **We will have online voting for the October municipal election in 2022.**

4. ABRH Task Teams

ABRH Is starting to organize for the municipal election in October 2022. In doing that, we want to strengthen our task teams by:

- a) enlisting about 5 to 10 more members who know Facebook to be on our task team
- b) introducing more young people to our group
- c) being more active on social media

If you can help us in any of these endeavours and would like to join our task teams (research, social media or content teams) please email us: abrh.info@gmail.com

We are in the process of developing job descriptions for each of the teams.

5. Filling the Ward 4 Council seat

Richmond Hill will accept applications for the vacant position of Ward 4 Councillor from **February 14 to March 15, 2022 at 2 p.m.**

The vacancy was created when former Ward 4 Councillor David West was elected Mayor in the January By-election.

For complete information go to: [Ward 4 Council Office Vacancy - City of Richmond Hill](https://www.richmondhill.ca)