



ABRH Newsletter - February 6, 2022

1. Transit Oriented Communities

The below article is about our Richmond Hill Center and the accompanying Markham Center in the same area. We need to pay attention to this development since it looks like the Province is trying to take over these developments.

[Time ticking on Transit-Oriented Communities 'bomb' dropped on Markham \(yorkregion.com\)](https://www.yorkregion.com/time-ticking-on-transit-oriented-communities-bomb-dropped-on-markham)

John Li and Graham Churchill are writing a letter to Doug Ford and sending it out to other parties as well. They were interviewed for a City TV news item on February 1, 2022 about this topic.

See also this post from CAG:

[This is what the Province wants to do to Our Richmond Hill! \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](https://www.cagrichmondhill.com/this-is-what-the-province-wants-to-do-to-our-richmond-hill)

2. Richmond Hill Change in Staff

Mary Anne Dempster, the CAO of Richmond Hill, has resigned and has a job with the Municipality of Clarington. See Liberal article:

[Richmond Hill's revolving door: City manager departs abruptly \(yorkregion.com\)](https://www.yorkregion.com/richmond-hills-revolving-door-city-manager-departs-abruptly)

Here is the announcement by Richmond Hill:

[News - City of Richmond Hill](https://www.cityofrichmondhill.com/news)

3. Yonge Street Developments

a) 9251 Yonge Street (at Carrville /16th south-east corner) has been taken to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the first Case Management Conference (CMC) for that development has been held. Pat, on

behalf of the Mayvern Area Residents Association (MARA), applied for participant status and has been granted that status, conditionally. She must prove MARA's interest/concern at the next CMC on May 3, 2022, in order to be granted permanent status. The concern was that we are not close enough to the development! Hearing dates are set for October 18, 19, 20, 21, 2022.

b) 9651 Yonge Street is a proposed development at Clarissa and Yonge Street. Pat has made a written submission on MARA's behalf. This development was presented to Council Public Meeting to hear comments on February 2, 2022.

There were two delegations opposing the proposed development and the comments from councillors were NOT in favour of this proposal.

4. Council meeting February 9, 2022

See CAG post on the upcoming Council Meeting:

[Coming up at the Richmond Hill Council Meeting February 9th \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](http://cagrichmondhill.com)

Make sure you read the procedure for selecting a replacement for the Ward 4 seat, it is very detailed. Looks like a long meeting for February 9, 2022.

5. Online voting

Please complete the survey in the below link so we can try to get online voting for the October 24, 2022 municipal election. We need a large response to this survey.

[Call to Action! Online voting for the October election Yes or No? Answer the Survey! \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](http://cagrichmondhill.com)

Another way to access this survey is to go to www.godwinchan.com and vote on his webpage.