



ABRH Newsletter

March 2022

1. Posts on website

Please see the following posts:

a) Call for volunteers

ABRH needs volunteers to work on our task teams:

- research team
- content team
- social media team.

See the post on <https://abetterrichmondhill.ca/events/> for job descriptions. Join us by emailing abrh.info@gmail.com

b) Clean Up Green Up Event for ABRH

ABRH has registered for a Clean Up Green Up Event to be held at Rumble Pond Park on April 30, 2022 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. For further details see <https://abetterrichmondhill.ca/events/>.

We hope to have many of you join us so we can make Richmond Hill Better.

2. ABRH reacts to TOCs at Bridge station and High-Tech Station:

We have posted a letter to Premier Ford on our website, completed by the ABRH team and co-signed by 12 residents groups from Richmond Hill, Markham, and Vaughan.

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

This letter was completed after all of the very hard work done by Graham Churchill (there have been many newspaper articles, TV interviews based on Graham's findings) and we can report that we have had a letter from the Honorable Kinga Surma, the Minister of Infrastructure in response to these efforts.

Here is the CAG post and Graham Churchill's presentation on TOCs:

[Dangerous Densities! \(cagr Richmond Hill.com\)](http://cagr Richmond Hill.com)

3. Affordable Housing Task Force

John Li has formed an alliance of community groups: A Better GTA in order to respond to this task force report. Graham and John have worked very hard to compile another letter to Premier Ford about this issue. This letter was co-signed by 20 community groups from the GTA and has been sent to about 200 recipients including Ford and several ministers, about 30 media reporters, Bcc'd to 124 MPPs and 20 York Region Councillors.

[Housing Affordability – A Better GTA](#)

4. 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.

Richmond Hill Council voted to fill the Ward 4 Councillor seat by appointment, which is one of the options in the [Council Vacancy Policy](#).

Council will vote to appoint a candidate during a Special Council Meeting to be held in March.

At the meeting,

- Each candidate will have up to 10 minutes to address Council.
- Each Member of Council will be permitted one question to each candidate.
- As required by the Council-approved [Procedures to Appoint an Individual to Fill a Vacancy](#), the speaking order will be chosen by lot.
- The successful candidate will be appointed following a majority vote of Council, as outlined in the Procedures.

The Special Council meeting will be conducted as a Hybrid in-person/electronic meeting. Minor adjustments to the procedures will be made to accommodate this. Any changes will be communicated to Council and candidates prior to the meeting.

The successful applicant will be sworn into office as soon as possible and serve until the end of the term, November 14, 2022.