Extension of Interim Control By-law for Parkway-Finch Business Park

Date: January 19, 2010
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Community Planning, North York District
Wards: Ward 24 - Willowdale
Reference Number: 09 109635 NPS 00 OZ

SUMMARY

This report recommends an extension to Interim Control By-law 200-2009 for a one year period to complete the study of the policies and regulations pertaining to places of worship in the Parkway-Finch Business Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council amend Interim Control By-law 200-2009 substantially in accordance with the proposed By-law attached as Attachment 2 to extend by one year the period of time which the By-law is in effect.

2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the By-law as may be required.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have
no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of February 24, 2009 enacted Interim Control By-law 200-2009 for the Parkway-Finch Business Park for a period of one year. The by-law prohibits new places of worship from locating in the Parkway-Finch Business Park.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Parkway-Finch Business Park is an employment area which has experienced pressure to convert employment lands to sites for places of worship. Council directed that a study be undertaken to review the existing regulations pertaining to places of worship, determine if new policies and standards are required, and if so to bring forward new policies and zoning regulations for places of worship in this area.

COMMENTS

Section 38(2) of the Planning Act authorizes Council to amend an interim control by-law to extend the period of time which it will be in effect, provided the total period of time does not exceed two years from the passing of the interim control by-law. Since the enactment of Interim Control By-law 200-2009, the draft new Toronto zoning by-law has been introduced for public consultation and further reporting on the draft zoning by-law will occur this year. The new zoning by-law would prohibit new places of worship in employment areas. The draft by-law is undergoing public review and a revised zoning by-law is expected this year. Input from the consultation will inform the review of places of worship in the Parkway-Finch employment area and if required, further public consultation in the Parkway-Finch area will take place.

It is appropriate to amend Interim Control By-law 200-2009 for an additional year. The extension will enable staff to complete the review of the regulations for places of worship in the Parkway-Finch Business Park.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1: Parkway-Finch Business Park
Attachment 2: Proposed Amendment to Interim Control By-law 200-2009
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Attachment 2: Proposed Extension to Interim Control By-law 200-2009

Authority:
Enacted by Council:

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No. ~

BY-LAW No. --2010

To amend By-law 200-2009 to extend the period of interim control for the lands in the Parkway-Finch Business Park generally bounded by Highway 404 on the west, Steeles Avenue on the north, Victoria Park Avenue on the east and the hydro corridor on the south.

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has, by adopting Motion MM 31.17 at its meeting of February 23, 24 and 25, 2009, directed that a review be undertaken of the regulations pertaining to places of worship in the Parkway-Finch Business Park; and

WHEREAS Council at its meeting of February xxxx, 2010 adopted the recommendations of the report dated January x, 2010 from the Director, Community Planning North York District recommending an extension of the period of interim control to two years;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. By-law 200-2009 is amended by deleting from Section 3 the words “one year” and replacing them with the words “two years”.

ENACTED AND PASSED this ~ day of February, A.D. 2010.

DAVID R. MILLER,                      ULLI S. WATKISS,
    Mayor                                City Clerk

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