Request for Attendance at Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - 4 Shamrock Avenue - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion relates to an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing and has been deemed urgent.

Recommendations
Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor, City Planning staff, and any other appropriate City Staff to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing for 4 Shamrock Avenue to support the Committee of Adjustment’s refusal of the requested severance and variance applications.

Summary
The owners of the land municipally known 4 Shamrock Avenue applied to the Committee of Adjustment to obtain a consent to sever (B8/16EYK), a number of associated minor variances (Applications A73/16EYK, A74/16EYK) and construct two detached dwellings with integral garages. Staff reviewed the application and recommended a deferral to provide the applicant an opportunity to have further discussion with Planning staff and the community in order to develop a revised proposal that would be more in keeping with the established physical character of the neighbourhood and more in accordance with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-laws. The local community and I submitted letters raising concern that the consent and minor variances would not be in keeping with the intent and purpose of the zoning by-laws, nor the existing physical character of the surrounding neighbourhood. We recommended a refusal of the consent and minor variance applications.

On May 12, 2016, the Committee refused the consent and minor variance applications.

The Committee of Adjustment's decision has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. To-date, a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM20.41
Committee of Adjustment, Etobicoke York Panel Notice of Decision on applications for
Consent and Minor Variance/Permission for 4 Shamrock Avenue
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-94844.pdf)