

To: North York Community Council

From: Councillor David Shiner

Subject: Staff to Conduct a Community Consultation Meeting regarding 1325 Lawrence Avenue East and 30 Railside Road

SUMMARY:

Dare to Dream Aviation Two LP submitted an application to Transport Canada for the Issuance of a Heliport Certificate for 1325 Lawrence Avenue East and 30 Railside Road. This location is only 140 metres away from a residential neighbourhood, at the rear parking lot of a commercial building that is also the home of a Tesla car dealership. Section CAR 305.08(1)(d) of the Canadian Aviation Regulations requires the applicant to, among other items, *provide proof to the Minister of Transport that the applicant has consulted with the local government authority relating to the proposed heliport and adjacent land in accordance with the requirements of the applicable heliport standard.*

At its meeting of January 19, 2016, North York Community Council adopted, with amendments, the recommendations in a report from the Director of Community Planning, North York District, dated January 19, 2016. These recommendations included requests for further information from the applicant, upon receipt of which, staff would arrange a community consultation meeting with area landowners, residents, and tenants. The requested information was not provided. The City of Toronto has since been advised by Transport Canada that the Heliport Certificate has been issued.

In reviewing the potential impacts of this helipad, the property's current zoning may be affected, including by what City Staff estimate is the removal of approximately 86 parking spaces out of the 205 spaces required on site to accommodate existing uses. Despite not receiving the requested materials and not carrying out a public consultation suitable to the City's standards, it would be beneficial to advise the local community of the approved heliport.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Planning staff schedule a community consultation meeting for the lands at 1325 Lawrence Avenue East and 30 Railside Road.
2. City Planning staff give notice for the community consultation meeting to landowners, residents and tenants within the area bounded by the Don Valley Parkway to the west, the Canadian Pacific Railway line to the south and east, and the properties on the north side of Cassandra Boulevard to the north.
3. City Planning staff contact the local Member of Parliament for the purposes of obtaining the date and time that the local Member of Parliament can attend the community consultation meeting and invite her to attend