



City Councillor

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Dear Executive Committee,

March 6, 2025

Re: Advancing the Tamil Community Centre

As the City Councillor for Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest, I am writing to express my strong support for the Tamil Community Centre (TCC) project and to recommend the waiver of City planning application fees associated with the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications for the property located at 311 Staines Road.

The Tamil community has been working diligently to establish a community centre that will serve Scarborough which has a long-standing need for increased community and social services. This initiative is the result of years of dedication by community organizations and leaders.

The Tamil Community Centre will provide an inclusive space offering cultural, educational, and recreational programming, with facilities including a library, museum, auditorium, mental health services, a gymnasium, and outdoor playing fields.

In 2020, Toronto City Council unanimously approved 311 Staines Road as the site for the Tamil Community Centre, and a long-term land lease was finalized the following year for \$1 per year plus HST. The project has secured \$26.3 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, with the Tamil community committed to fundraising the remaining 25 percent of construction costs.

To proceed, the site requires Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments. As an extension of the City's in-kind support, waiving the planning application fees would reaffirm the City's commitment and allow the Tamil Community Centre to focus resources on delivering this essential project.

Recommendation:

City Council authorizes the waiver of City planning application fees for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications for 311 Staines Road, as set out in Schedule 13, Appendix C of Municipal Code Chapter 441.

Sincerely,

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