

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
PUBLIC PLANNING ACT MEETING

Wednesday 20 July, 2022 at 10:03 a.m.

The Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 20 July, 2022 at 10:03 a.m.

Attendance:

Mayor	John Reinwald
Deputy Mayor	Anne Giardini
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Brenda Blimkie

Absent:

Councillor	John Hoyle
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Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None
- (a) Moved by Deputy Mayor Giardini
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Special meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills, do now move to hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended, to consider an application to amend the Town's Comprehensive Zoning at 10:00 a.m.

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3. **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the purpose of today's meeting is to hear an application for an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 10-12.

The Mayor advised everyone present that Town staff would provide an overview of the details of the application. Council would then hear from any person or public body, in opposition and then in favour, to the application. Anyone wishing to address the application was asked to raise their hand to be recognized.

The Mayor then asked the Clerk to go through the application appeal process.

The Clerk advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act. One of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open, accessible, timely and efficient. All written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications including names and addresses form part of the public record and may be disclosed and made available by the Municipality to persons requesting the information. Accordingly, in providing that information you shall be deemed to have consented to its use and disclosure as part of the planning process.

Anyone wishing to be notified of the decision of Council in respect to the application must submit a written request to the Clerk. The Clerk must provide notice of Council's decision to all those who request a copy within 15 days after the day the by-law is passed.

This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The decision of Council may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant or another member of the public. If a person or public body does not make an oral or written submission in support or in opposition to the proposed zoning amendment that person or public body may not be added to the hearing of an appeal before the Tribunal.

An appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal may be filed with the Clerk of the Town not later than 20 days after the day that the notice of decision was given. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the required fee.

The Mayor then asked staff for an overview of the application.

The CAO advised Council that as required under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, notification of the application to amend the Town's Zoning By-law and scheduled Public Meeting was circulated in the NRT as well as the appropriate agencies.

There were no written submissions received in favour or in opposition to the application.

The application was reviewed by the CAO.

The Town is the applicant for the amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to update the provisions of the Zoning by-law to provide for secondary dwellings in all zones of the municipality unless prohibited.

The provincial government made a commitment to address the housing shortage in Ontario. The Planning Act was amended and related regulations were put into effect with respect to additional residential units on properties. Secondary dwellings are self contained residential units that have a kitchen and a bathroom and is located on the same property as the primary dwelling. Secondary dwellings can be lived in by the property owner, other family members or rented out.

Laurentian Hills falls under the County of Renfrew's Official Plan. The County's official plan was updated to include the provisions for secondary dwellings units. (Section 2.2(24) of the Official Plan outlines the policies for secondary units).

The Town's current zoning by-law does not contain definitions of or provisions for second dwellings. The proposed amendment will allow for properties that meet the criteria to add a secondary dwelling.

The Town has received interest from the public regarding secondary dwellings. Amending the Zoning By-law will allow those properties that meet the criteria to obtain a building permit for a secondary dwelling without applying themselves for a zoning by-law amendment.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition or in support of the application.

There was no one present that spoke to the application.

4. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Giardini
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Public meeting for a zoning amendment application do now adjourn at 10:10 a.m. and the Special Meeting of Council reconvene.

CARRIED Resolution 109 – 22

5. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Giardini
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Be it Hereby Resolved That:
this Special meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

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MAYOR

CLERK