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Vaughan Council City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1 c_12 Communication COUNCIL: NOV 15/16 CW Rpt. No.38 Item 24

Dear Mr. Mayor & Members of Council:

RE: Item 4, Council Meeting Nov. 15, 2016

New Business- Public Parking Lot

(East of Islington Ave. and north of John St., Kleinburg)

The population around the village of Kleinburg continues to rise at a pace higher than most areas in City of Vaughan. Kleinburg is also a destination place for thousands of visitors from the GTA and neighbouring communities, as a place to shop and dine. With increasing numbers of visitors and population, parking has become the most significant challenge and issue for Kleinburg's local businesses and the community.

Finding ways to increase parking is key to ensuring a prosperous and vibrant commercial village core. It is a strong recommendation in the "Kleinburg Economic Development Study" completed by the City of Vaughan a few years ago. Opportunities to add more parking within the mainstreet core are very limited. The most feasible and immediate solution to solve part of the parking problem in Kleinburg is a stretch of land just out side the mainstreet core along the east side of Islington Ave. just north of the village core. It is currently a grassy area measuring 40 feet wide by about 400 feet along Islington Ave. (photos are attached). This area could accommodate up to a 60+ vehicle parking lot (see sketch attached). With proper directional signage, this new municipal parking area would be well utulized.

There are several ways to assist in the financing of this project. Funding tools may include:

- 1. The village of Kleinburg has over \$60,000 in its "cash in lieu of parking" reserve established a number of years ago;
- 2. Conditional to members' approval, the Kleinburg BIA may be able to assist in

10425 Islington Ave., Unit 1, Kleinburg, ON L0J 1C0 Tel: 905-893-2427 Fax: 905-552-6600 E-mail: frank@heritagehill.ca funding through its annual budget over 15-20 years;

- 3. Development projects that are "reasonably" deficient in parking (up to a maximum of 10%) would pay a "cash in lieu of parking" fees in line with the costs of building parking spaces on private property;
- 4. Parking meters may be used to charge a reasonable hourly or day rate to help offset the costs over a period of years.

Conclusion

It is my strong believe that a parking study is needed for the Village of Kleinburg. Such a study would most certainly show there is a parking shortage in the village and that the creation of new parking area(s) would greatly assist in the economic development of the village commercial core.

Recommendation at Vaughan Council for the above Item:

Through our local ward Councillor Iafrate, I urge members of Vaughan Council to support a parking study for a municipal parking lot in the Village of Kleinburg. This study can determine the construction costs, operating costs and funding feasibility/options for a municipal parking area in Kleinburg.

I thank you, in advance for your consideration and support of this item.

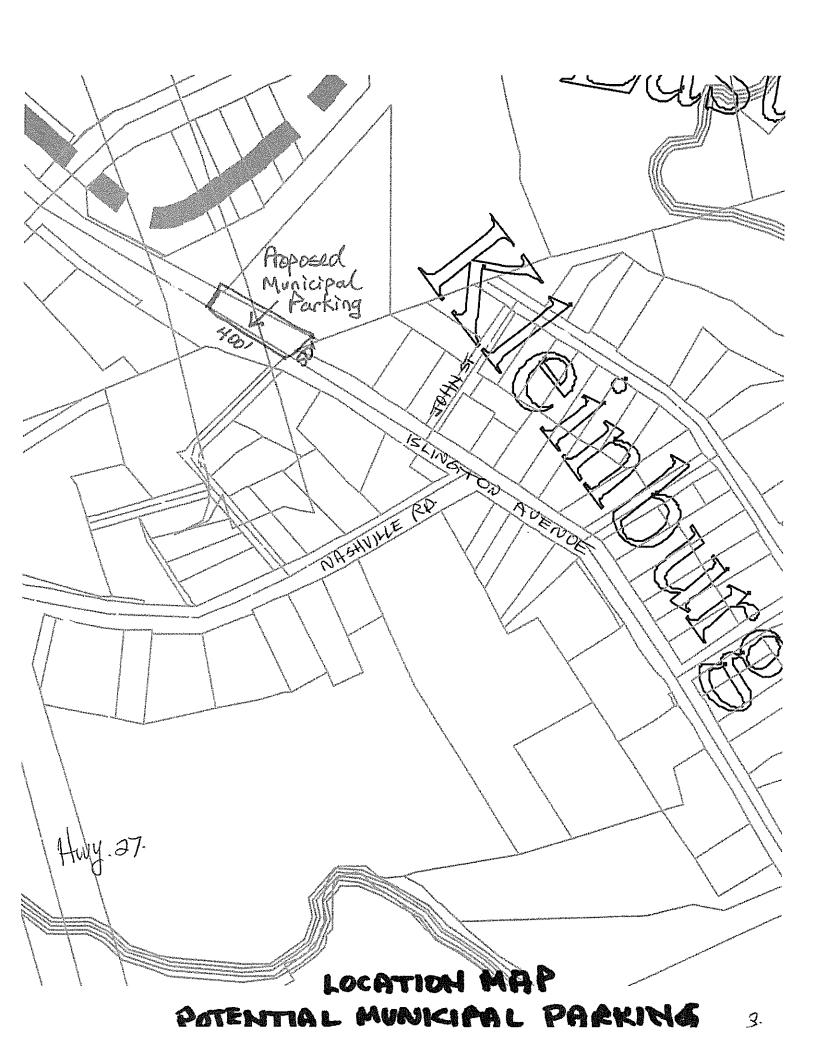
Regards,

Frank Greco, Property Manager Member of the Kleinburg BIA

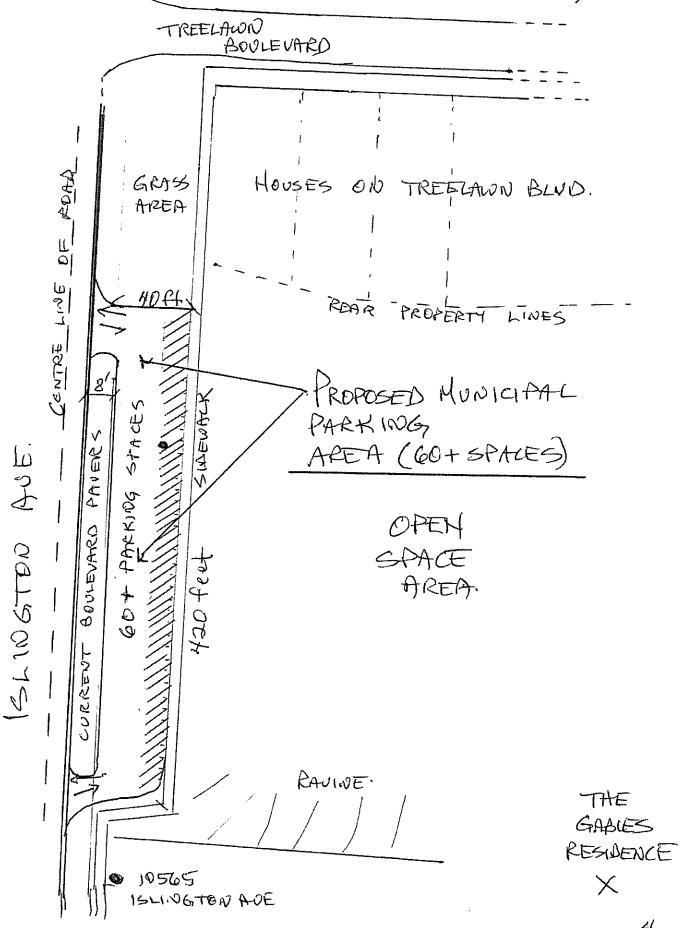
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