

Public Information Session – February 9, 2023

This information session was provided a touchpoint with the public after the suite of Provincial changes were introduced that would ultimately impact the RHC Secondary Plan.

What we heard:

- Desire for broad range of community facilities such as schools (including outdoor space for children), community centres, libraries, arts, health care, entertainment, restaurants, gathering places, and parks
- Transition areas, such as Eleanor Circle, the West of Yonge and Bantry Character Areas should be maintained (e.g. angular plane) in light of higher densities contained in the EMZO
- Some concerns with ultimate densities, but also some recommendations for additional density outside of the EMZO
- Desire for commercial buildings, well-paid workers and quality jobs in RHC; challenges of decreased employment density in the EMZO; plans to attract investment in post-secondary education, health sector, large tech companies
- Seeking insight on the anticipated timing of development, and associated loss of existing commercial and retail space
- Encouraging inter-connections of different transit modes, non-vehicular modes of travel, and active transportation, including a bridge crossing of rail corridor
- Concerns with traffic, road/pedestrian safety, parking, and the hydro and rail corridors
- Facilitate land use, transit, and infrastructure planning with surrounding areas of Richmond Hill and Markham
- Seeking insight on the City's development-funding tools to support growth (e.g. sewers, water) in light of the EMZO
- Need to address climate change, stormwater runoff, green streetscaping, and parks
- Desire to plan for an age-friendly community, considering mobility and health care

