COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - ITEM OCTOBER 1, 2001

CITY- INITIATED ZONING AMENDMENT JARDIN DRIVE EMPLOYMENT AREA

Recommendation

Councillor Mario G. Racco recommends:

THAT staff be directed to schedule a Council Public Hearing to consider a City-initiated amendment to rezone the employment properties on the north side of Jardin Drive to a commercial zone category.

Location

Southeast of Regional Road 7 and Keele Street, on the north side of Jardin Drive.

Background

For many years, my office has received numerous complaints by residents of Southview Drive with respect to the noise and hours of operation of the Jardin Drive industries, which abut their rear yards. This is especially a disturbance during the summer months when the industries leave their back doors open and operate well into the evening.

To address these concerns, I would propose that the City initiate an amendment to the By-law to rezone these industrial properties to a Commercial zone, providing new use opportunities. Over time, this may encourage redevelopment or a change of use for each building, as ownerships and leases end and existing employment uses are no longer permitted.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIO G. RACCO Councillor, Ward 4