

**1. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.06.056
YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD &
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing report for Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.06.056 (York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board) BE RECEIVED; and that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Economic Impact

This will be addressed when the technical report is completed.

Purpose

The York District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board have jointly submitted an application to amend the General Provisions of Zoning By-law 1-88 to permit a day nursery (ie. day care centre) use within all public schools within the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The proposed amendment to the General provisions of By-law 1-88 is applicable City-wide. Public Schools are typically located within Residential Zones, which permits the school use, and a day nursery as an accessory use. The restrictions on the accessory use provisions within the By-law would prevent a day nursery use from operating all year-round, and would only permit the day nursery use to operate when the school is open during the school year. The proposed amendment would permit day nursery uses to exist within all public schools year round. There are several site specific zoning amendments throughout the City that have been initiated by the School Boards and permit the year round operation of day nurseries within the public schools. This proposed amendment would alleviate the need for future site specific amendments.

A "Public School" is defined in By-law 1-88 as "a public or separate school, high school, a continuation school, a technical school, a college or university or any other school established and maintained at public expense".

"Public Schools" are recognized as "Institutional Uses" that are permitted in all Residential Zones. Section 4.1 of By-law 1-88, which relates to the "Residential Zones – General Provisions" is proposed to be amended to permit a day nursery use to operate year round within the public schools.

On November 19, 2006 and November 23, 2006, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Vaughan Citizen and Vaughan Liberal, as the amendment is City-wide. As of November 30, 2006, no comments have been received by the Development Planning Department.

Preliminary Review

Following a preliminary review of the proposed application, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- i) The appropriateness of permitting a day nursery use to operate on a year round basis within the public schools will be reviewed in consideration of the proposed amendment to the Residential section of the General Provisions of By-law 1-88.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The applicability of this application to the Vaughan Vision will be determined when the technical report is considered.

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the application, together with comments from the public and Council expressed at the Public Hearing or in writing, and be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. In particular, consideration will be given to the appropriateness of the proposed amendment to the Residential section of the General Provisions of By-law 1-88, to permit a day nursery use to operate on a year round basis within the public schools throughout the municipality.

Attachments

N/A

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