



April 23, 2018

Mr. Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Raynor,

**Re: Spas and Wellness Centres – (Member Motion)**

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on April 16, 2018, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Section 151 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill to pass by-laws for licensing, regulating and governing of any business wholly or partly carried on within the municipality;

Whereas Spas and Wellness Centres have proliferated in Richmond Hill and these types of business are not subject to the licensing and regulation by the Town of Richmond Hill;

Whereas the City of Calgary requires businesses known as Wellness Centre to obtain a license to operate; the City of Toronto By-law provides the definition of Wellness Centre to include massage service by persons other than medical or health professionals licensed or registered under Province of Ontario legislation; and the City of Hamilton By-law established definitions for alternative massage and alternative massage establishment which deal with non-therapeutic treatment and non-erotic or sexual forms of massage;

Whereas it is deemed advisable to enact a by-law to license, regulate and govern Spas and Wellness Centre in Richmond Hill to address services provided, sign types, design of premises, hours of operation, employees, locations, and issues related to these types of business;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

Staff be directed to examine the feasibility of passing a by-law to license, regulate and govern Spas and Wellness Centres in the Town of Richmond Hill, and to report back to Council; and

This Resolution be forwarded to the Police Services Board of the Regional Municipality of York, the York Regional Council, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.

In accordance with Council's directive, please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed member motion.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk, at 905-771-8800.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen M.A. Huycke  
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

Attachment

**Extract from Council Meeting  
C#12-18 held April 16, 2018  
Confirmatory By-law 46-18**

**14. Other Business**

**14.1 Councillor Chan - Spas and Wellness Centres**

Moved by: Councillor Chan  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

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A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (7): Mayor Barrow, Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora , Regional and Local Councillor Hogg, Councillor Beros, Councillor Liu, Councillor Cilevitz, and Councillor Chan

Opposed: (1): Councillor Muench

Absent: (1): Councillor West

Carried 7 to 1

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