

Legislation Text

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Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan

Whereas at the October 23, 2017 Regular Evening Meeting of Township Council, Council Carried a motion 7-2, with

Councillors Richter and Arnason opposed, directing staff to simultaneously commence and accelerate completion of three Brookswood-Fernridge neighbourhood plans: Booth, Rinn and Fernridge;

Whereas with many important issues still to resolve, and extensive public and stakeholder consultation needed, quality, consensus-driven neighbourhood planning will take time;

Whereas acceleration and simultaneous adoption of multiple neighbourhood plans did not occur in Willoughby as has been directed for Brookswood-Fernridge;

Whereas many residents of the Brookswood-Fernridge area remain concerned about the pace of development and missing infrastructure in Willoughby repeating itself within the undeveloped areas of Brookswood-Fernridge;

Whereas many residents of the Brookswood-Fernridge area remain concerned about aquifer protection, the lack of an economically - viable plan for significant tree canopy preservation, mobile home park resident displacement, and creating a major roads crisis in Brookswood-Fernridge as we now have in Willoughby; and

Whereas the Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan as adopted states very clearly in Section 9.1 Page 50, "Growth and change in Brookswood-Fernridge should proceed in phases based on neighbourhood plan areas," and that this is inconsistent with separate direction to staff to accelerate and simultaneously complete three neighbourhood plans;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to focus on completing one neighbourhood plan at a time starting with Booth or Fernridge, with as much time and public consultation as is required to achieve consensus among the community's residents and major stakeholders, as much as can reasonably be achieved.