

Written Deputation Request Form – June 29, 2020 Council Meeting - Electronic

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Organization/Group/Business represented (if applicable):	
Address: [REDACTED]	Postal Code: [REDACTED]
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Agenda Item Number and Title (your deputation must be in relation to an item on the Agenda): 9.2.1 Remote Deputation regarding Site Specific Exemption to Interim Control By-law 2019-04 for 164 Beechwood Crescent	
<p>Please use the space below to provide your written comments:</p> <p>In my former role as CEO of the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, I have been involved with many Newmarket Businesses and had the privilege to work with Newmarket Council on many occasions.</p> <p>I became aware of this exemption request while reading NewmarketToday. It particularly struck me that the decision went against the recommendations of the report from town staff, and that it did so primarily because some residents had expressed opposition. The town's staff are the experts, and as taxpayers we are paying them for their opinion. I do not believe their opinion should be rejected without very good reason.</p> <p>While I understand that an Interim Control Bylaw is in place, Council has also enacted an exemption process to allow businesses and homeowners to improve their properties provided certain criteria are met.</p> <p>The article identified the main reasons why the Ciccarelli's request for an exemption was denied. Those reasons seem unrelated to the criteria for approval I found on the Town's website. There appears to be a lack of clarity and consistency in the way this exemption process is being enacted. The Town shouldn't abandon its own policies and procedures simply because a few residents complain. If the request meets the criteria, it should be approved.</p> <p>From my experience, a lack of clarity and consistency in Town regulations was a factor that occasionally frustrated businesses and which I believe harmed the success of the town that we all love. I expect that the same is true from a property-owner perspective.</p> <p>I very much appreciate the work that Council does for the town, but urge it to ensure there is clarity, consistency, and ultimately accountability in the application of its rules and regulations. The continued success of our town depends on it!</p>	

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