
From: Francis Wong
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 6:59 PM
To: David West
Cc: Clerks Richmondhill; corrinneli
Subject: Construction between Beech Ave and Wicker/Brass Drive

Hi Mr. West,

We are writing to oppose the proposed development of the Harris Beech area and the project for connecting the road from Jefferson Side road to Wicker and Brass Drives. I, being the owner of the 55 Brass Drive, don't intend to write a lengthy and fancy email in here because my wife and I are so busy with looking after 2 young children. However, we would like to express that we are totally against the Harris Beech project and the new road from Jefferson Side road to Wicker and Brass Drives for the following reasons:

When we bought our property, we like it because it's sitting on a ravine which is considered to be a conservatory area for quietness and low population. The Harris Beech project will eventually develop a lot more houses on the north side of our property causing the area to be highly populated than what it is today. Especially the quietness in our backyard and in the conservatory that everyone in our family enjoy and like the most will no longer exist upon completion of the project. On the other hand, not only we won't be able to enjoy our living environment in the future as we do today, it also affects the value of our property.

We are against the addition of the new road because, we do believe that, the increased traffic from Beech for Young Street will definitely cause safety and noise concern to our kids and the children in the area. As we and the Town Planning staff know, the connected road will be built crossing a green space and isn't it true that all conservatory areas are not supposed to be amended or added with any human construction including building and roads? When we applied the building permit for our deck in the backyard, our deck design/project was carefully examined to make sure that it wouldn't have any affect to the green space. Now, it's hard to believe that the City is proposing to build a connected road to have the conservatory area affected and ruined. Today, we try in every effort and way to teach our kids to realize how nice and safe our living environment is, and for them to love and protect the wild lives in the green space. We just don't know what to say them if the children on our street may easily get hit by a car while they are biking or walking outside their house, and regularly see animals or wild lives in the conservatory area to get knocked them and killed by the traffic due to the use of the new road!

It's easy for whoever to say that the increased traffic for Wicker and Brass Drives will not cause any safety and ambience concerns simply because they don't live here. If they don't live here or get affected by the new changes, why would they care! However, we live here and love our home and the surrounding area/environment, and just don't need a new road that generates more traffic and danger for our children!!

Honestly speaking, if the builders, such as Heathwood Homes, that would like to develop and build more houses along Jefferson Side road and make profit from selling all these new houses, why don't they be responsible for the cost of expanding Jefferson Side road from single to double lane so that more traffic can flow directly to Yonge Street.

We, as the taxpayer and residents of Richmond Hill, would like to pay for the best or a better living environment in the neighborhood. We do not want to pay for any improper developments/decisions implemented by the City that would bring safety concern for our children and that it would cause the value of

our property to be declined.

Sincerely yours,
Francis C.P. WONG
(Owner of 55 Brass Drive)

From: Frank Graziano
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 7:19 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill; david.west@richmonhill.ca
Subject: Proposed road

With regards to the proposed road construction between Beech Ave and Brass Dr. We the residents of 63 Brass Dr. are strictly and vehemently opposed. We are not object to the construction of the 6 single family dwellings however see no purpose for the opening of the road which will create a thoroughfare and with that increased traffic, increased speeds, immanent risks to our children and depreciation of the home we value.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: REZA MOENENI
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:00 PM
To: David West; Clerks Richmondhill
Subject: Road construction between Beech Ave and Wicker/Brass Drive

Hi all,

Just we the residents 52 Brass Drive wanted to let you know that we have been opposed to the road construction between Beech Ave and Wicker/Brass Drive, and we are hoping our voices will be heard and this project will be cancelled. We believe that this road connection construction which will crossing the green area will have more negative impact to our area than any positive impacts.

Best Regards,

Reza Moemeni

52 Brass Drive, Richmond Hill,
ON L4E 4T4

From: Joseph Ip
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 12:30 AM
To: David West; Shelly Cham; Clerks Richmondhill
Cc: Joseph Ip;
Subject: Re: Objection to SRPRS.18.044 - Application of Extension of Wicker Drive to Beech and Harris Ave.

David and the council: Please accept this email as my official

I am writing to you again and express our (Both Wicker and Brass Dr Residents) concern of extending Wicker Drive to Harris and Beech Ave):

Reasons:

1. Environmental Concerns

- Trees will be cut and the conservation area will be destroyed.

2. Extension of Wicker Drive

- is it necessary to do that?
- this will create more traffic into this area and affect our daily living
- I would like to propose joining both sections of Harris Ave so that traffic can be directed to Yonge St. My neighbours and I have spent time discussing the various arguments that have been presented by the planning department at the various information meetings. We have concluded that if one were to create a ledger of 'ostensible' 'gains' presumed to be obtained by means of a connection, they are more than offset by significant 'losses' to our neighbourhood. I would like to rebut a few of these arguments in favour of this roadway below:

1. "Emergency vehicles need a secondary access route in the event that one access is blocked".

As the plans for the Harris-Beech development have evolved, it has become clear that there will be **several** ingress/egress points available both from Jefferson Rd. and from the new access that will be created via Grange Drive which is much closer to Yonge Street.

2. "It isn't fair for residents of the new Harris-Beech development to have to travel all the way up to Jefferson Rd. to access Bathurst or Yonge St. "

The ostensible 'shortcut' that would be created is, in fact, a fallacy - giving the impression of being a shorter distance, when it is not. Taking the **actual** measurement from a point in the middle of the Harris- Beech development and following each of three proposed routes that would be available from that point to the corner of Yonge and Gamble, the access from Wicker/Brass is, in fact, **the longest**:

The proposed egress via Jefferson Rd., the distance to Yonge and Gamble is approx. 2.29 km;

The route via Grange Dr. is approximately 1.99 km;

and the proposed route via Wicker/Brass/Tower Hill Rd. is 2.66 km.

Residents would tend to use Wicker Dr. and Tower Hill simply because of the intuitive North/South movement of traffic. There would be no actual 'gain' but there would be a tangible 'loss' by means of the increased traffic using Wicker/Brass/Tower Hill. Our very narrow streets were not designed to accommodate the traffic increase that would follow. This becomes critical in the winter when snow bank margins creep and the width of Wicker and Brass Dr. become so narrow that there is often insufficient space for two vehicles to pass abreast. When clearing snow from our driveways, we are all mindful not to parking directly across from our neighbours since a third car would be unable to pass between them. With the "Residential Wide Shallow" zoning, it is a challenge to find space to mound snow during the worst storms and the snow banks can reach upwards of 6-7 feet. This compounds the risk of visibility for pedestrians as there is only one sidewalk and neighbours must cross the street to pick up mail and go for walks with their children and their dogs. This may manifest in the form of decreased safety and the unintended transformation of a once quiet, serene neighbourhood with local traffic to one that becomes a conduit for much of the traffic from the developments to the north.

3. "It has always been the mandate of the planning department to 'connect neighbourhoods'."

On the surface, I favour connectivity, but there has to be sufficient benefit to doing so and the liabilities must not offset the gains. Adding a roadway between these two neighbourhoods creates far more liabilities for the Wicker/Brass community and this without any tangible benefits to the Harris-Beech community. These should be mindful decisions and should not be undertaken simply because 'it's the way we've always done it'. Every neighbourhood is unique and seems shortsighted to make such fundamental changes to two neighbourhoods without carefully weighing out the gains and losses.

Many of my neighbours, including myself, were very pleased to support the construction of the proposed nature trail from Autumn Grove Park to the new park on Alpaca Dr. We recognize the amazing green space resource that we have, literally in our backyards, and we understand that a sustainable way for everyone to enjoy it by means of a walking trail that protects that space is a meaningful asset to the community. The roadway connection between Wicker/Brass and Harris/Beech comes in stark contrast to that amenity, essentially severing a green space corridor. My question remains, 'Why'? What do we gain? What do we lose?

My neighbours and I will be addressing each of these concerns over the next series of meetings. I hope that the Town will be mindful in their consideration the 'gains' and 'losses' carefully as we move forward.

Thank you in advance for the council's consideration of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Joseph IP and Dorcas Cheung of 81 Brass Drive, Richmond Hill. L4E 4T4

From: Ingrid Sunar
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill; David West
Subject: Wicker/Brass roadway access to Harris-Beech (SRPRS.18.044 Town Files D02-14025 and D03-14009)

To whom it may concern,

As residents of the Wicker/Brass neighbourhood, we are writing today to add our voice to a large contingent of neighbours who have expressed deep concern about the recommendation for a roadway access between Wicker Dr. and Beech Ave.

Although there seems to be a mandate by the planning department to connect neighbourhoods, regardless of the specifics, our concern lies with the resulting disruption to a local greenspace corridor, the increase in commuter traffic that perceives the route as a "short-cut" (which it is NOT) and the impact to the safety and enjoyment of our neighbourhood, the residents of which have enjoyed local, self-calming traffic for over a decade.

It is also noteworthy that all of these changes will fundamentally negatively alter how we live in our community while offering no advantages to the Harris-Beech community, who already have 3 proposed additional egress routes to Jefferson Sideroad, a roadway that is built to accommodate and move heavier traffic loads. In essence, there are many negatives for the residents of Wicker/Brass with no tangible gains for Harris/Beech - something that defies logic.

In fact we have two (2) simple questions: 1) **What** is the benefit of connecting the roads?, and 2) **Who** will benefit?

Let it go on the record that **we stand in firm opposition to the proposal to build a roadway between Wicker Dr. and Beech Ave.** Instead, we ask that you consider installing a pathway which allows only pedestrians and bicycles to move freely while still allowing the greenspace corridor to remain intact. Of course, connections to municipal services can be buried underground with minimal disruption to the natural corridor.

We ask that you reconsider the staff recommendations and vote AGAINST the roadway access between Harris/Beech and Wicker/Brass. We also

ask that this correspondence be included in the public record.

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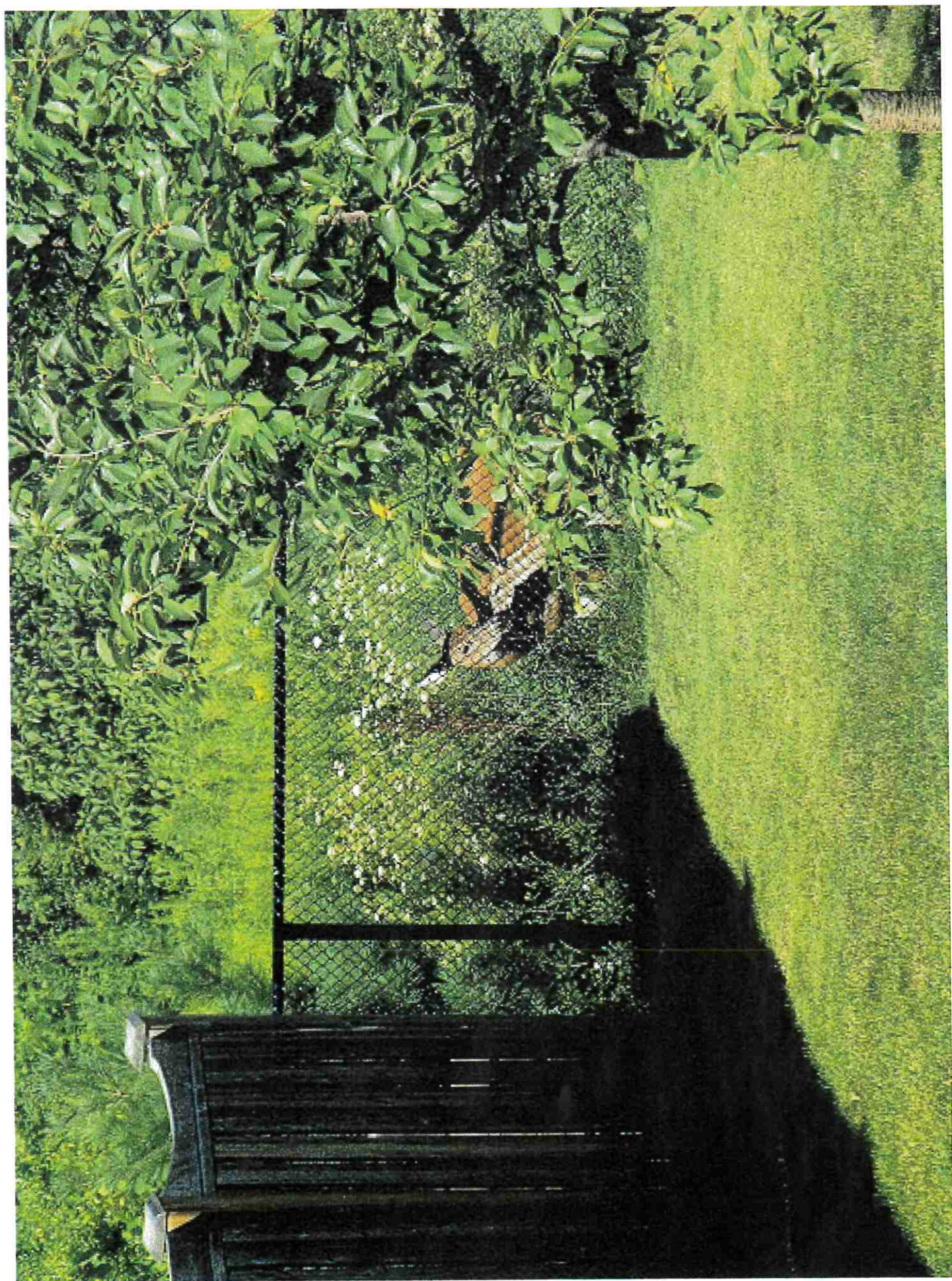
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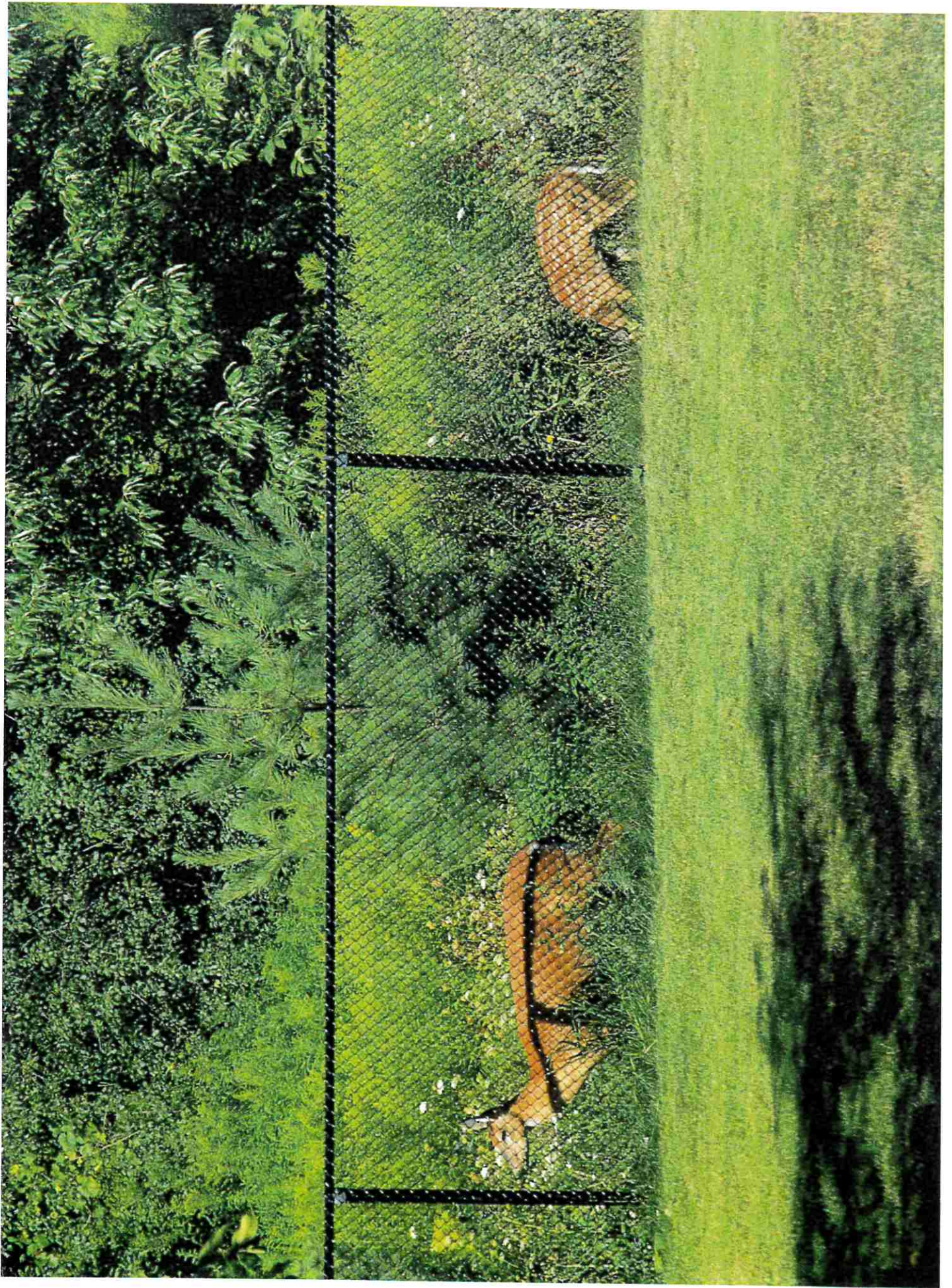
From: Olena
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill;
Subject: Wicker/Brass roadway access to Harris-Beech (SRPRS.18.044 Town Files D02-14025 and D03-14009)
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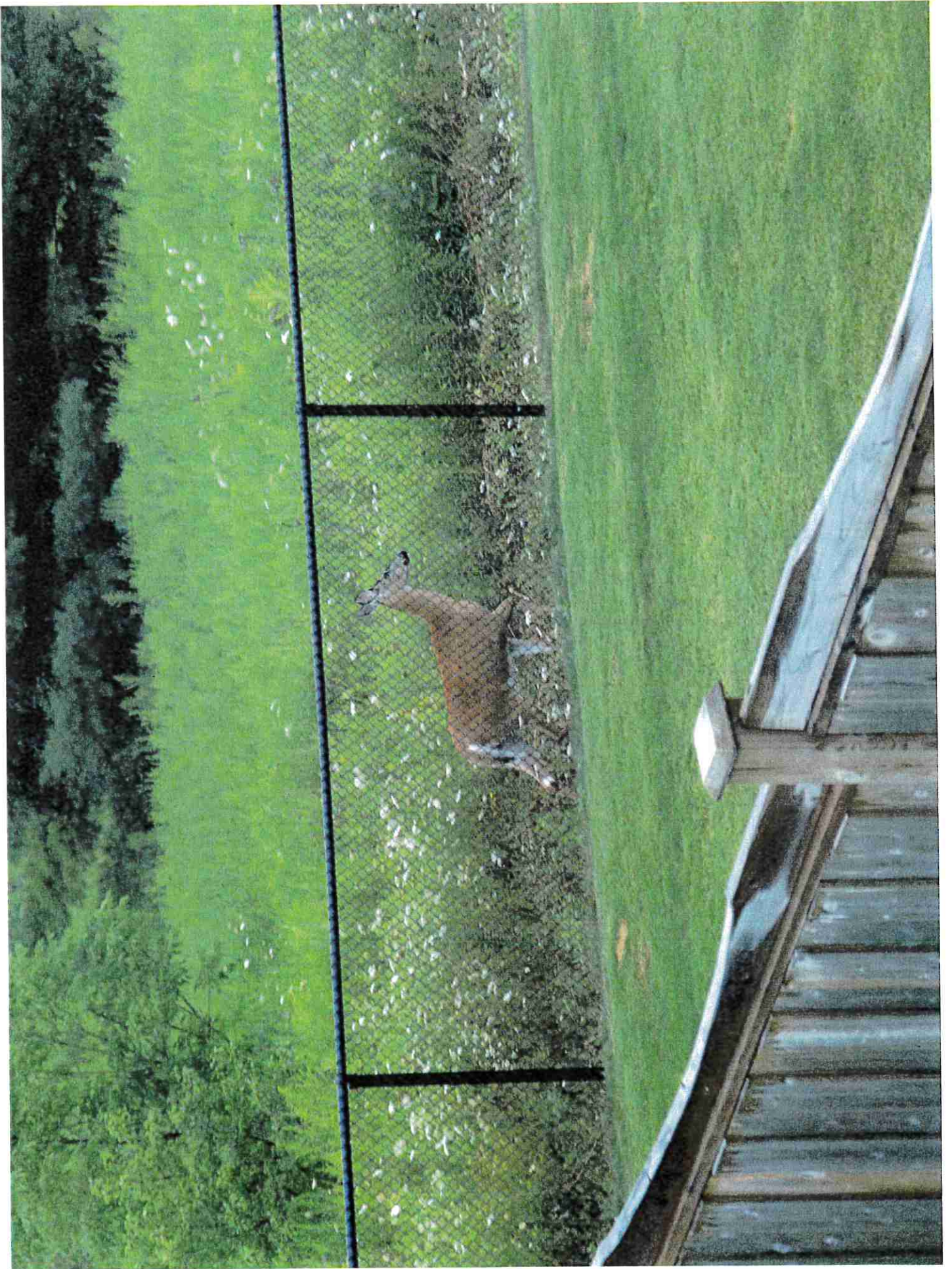
Hi,

Please add attached documents to the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting for councilors review.

Thank you,
Okhotov Family.



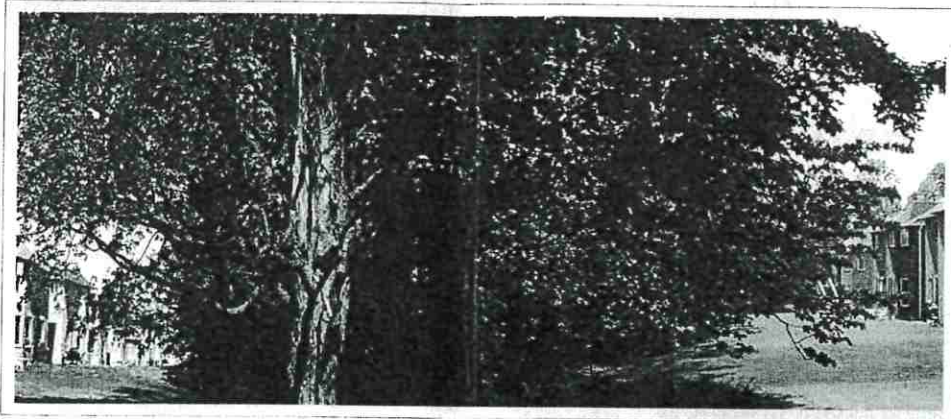








WHAT ARE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS?



Hedgerow Conservation Easement

A Conservation Easement is an agreement, registered against the title of private lands to provide for the conservation, maintenance, restoration or enhancement of important natural areas and wildlife habitat.

Our records indicate that a portion of your property is subject to a Conservation Easement. Under the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement, you may not:

- alter, add or remove any tree or other vegetation on the lands;
- change the existing grade of the lands by excavating or adding soil or other materials;
- obstruct the natural flow of water or materially affect the quantity and quality of water flowing over and under the lands;
- construct any buildings or structure on the lands; and/or

- erect any fence on the lands unless expressly permitted by your Conservation Easement.

Under certain circumstances, it may be desirable to carry out minimal management activities to sustain the health of a Conservation Easement. This may involve removal of non-native, invasive plant species or restoration through the controlled reintroduction of native species. In other instances, maintenance or removal of trees or other vegetation may be warranted in order to address a hazardous condition.

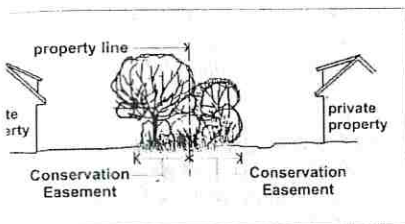
Permission to undertake any work within the Conservation Easement requires the express written consent of the Town. To obtain permission from the Town, an application must be filed with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, Attention: Parks Forestry Section. It is recommended that you contact the Department prior to considering any activity on land subject to a Conservation Easement.



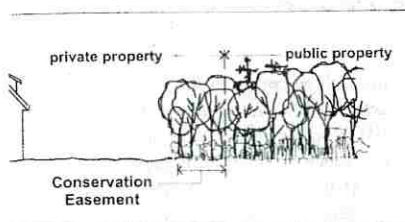
Many Conservation Easements contain a right of access allowing the Town to enter upon your land for inspection purposes or to carry out vegetation management or restoration work.

From time to time, the Town may monitor the portion of your land which is subject to the Conservation Easement to ensure that no activities contrary to the restrictions of your Conservation Easement are occurring. In the event that the Town observes damage in contravention of the Conservation Easement, the Town will expect the undertaking of remedial work to restore the areas to their natural condition.

Please note that the Town has no obligation to maintain or carry out work within your Conservation Easement. Town Staff will be happy to provide you with guidance and advice with respect to your Easement, but responsibility for the protection and maintenance of these lands rests with you, the property owner.



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4 Conservation Easement

YOUR CONTRIBUTION

The preservation and enhancement of Richmond Hill's natural areas is dependant upon the support of residents. You can contribute to the stewardship of natural areas in the following ways:

- Respect the boundaries of the Conservation Easement on your property and do not cut grass, alter, add or remove vegetation from the Easement area;
- Do not discharge water from swimming pools or eaves troughs directly into your Conservation Easement;
- Do not dump or place any type of debris (including biodegradable material such as grass clippings and branches) on your Conservation Easement lands;
- Reduce or eliminate the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides; and
- Enjoy your view of these protected natural areas!

To discuss issues related to your Conservation Easement please contact:

Parks, Recreation and Culture Department
Parks Operation and Maintenance Division
Parks Forestry Section
Operations Centre, 1200 Elgin Mills Road East
905-884-8013

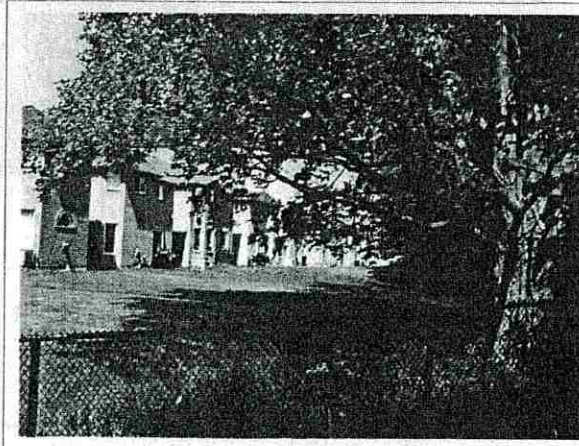
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Prepared by
Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Environmental Services

Please keep this brochure with important documents related to your home so that it can be used as a reference by you and future owners of your property.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON...

Your Conservation Easement



If you received this brochure, you likely own or occupy a property that is subject to a legal Conservation Easement.

Please make sure you are aware of your responsibilities under the Conservation Easement registered against the title to your property.

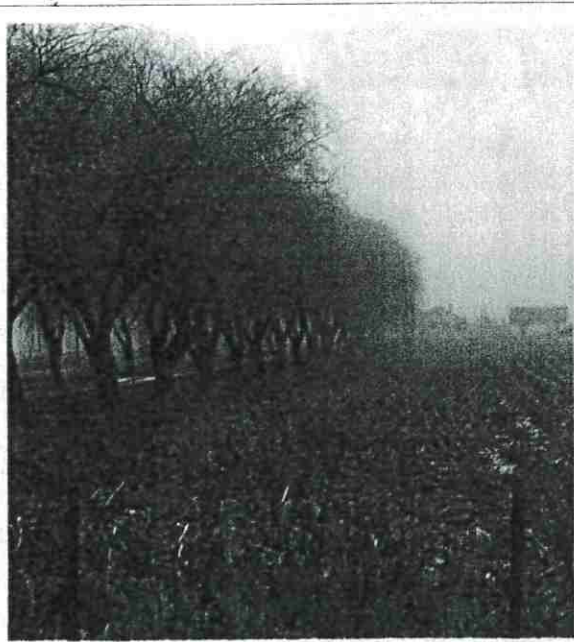


...CONSERVING OUR VALUED NATURAL RESOURCES

If you live or work adjacent to the Town of Richmond Hill's natural areas, you experience first hand the environmental and social benefits of the Town's valued natural resources.

These natural resources include provincially significant wetlands, Oak Ridges Moraine kettles, and headwater streams of the Don, Humber and Rouge River systems. They also include diverse plant and animal communities that perform important ecological functions and support the health and well being of our community.

Great care has been taken to preserve the natural woodlots, hedgerows, wetlands and watercourses in your community. The Town of Richmond Hill is committed to protecting and enhancing these natural features and their functions. Our Natural Heritage Strategy is just one initiative being undertaken by the Town to ensure the sustainability of these areas.



Natural areas in urban settings are highly sensitive to human activities. Despite the best of intentions, many community landowners are not aware that actions taken on private lands can lead to erosion, groundwater contamination, and deterioration of plant and wildlife habitats in nearby sensitive areas. Environmental features can be damaged by encroachment of buildings, landscaping and fences. Practices such as mowing, pruning, and removing ground cover, wildflowers, shrubs and trees can also threaten the health of natural communities.

It is important that you understand the potential impacts of your daily activities on the Town's natural areas and respond accordingly.

SCHEDULE 'D-2'

HOMEOWNERS' MANUAL

Autumn Grove - Town of Richmond Hill

Purpose of the Homeowners' Manual

Recognizing the importance of homeowners in resource conservation, the land developers in Oak Ridges and the Town of Richmond Hill have prepared this Homeowners' Manual for your use.

The Manual

States the importance and sensitivity of the natural environment, indicating what requires conservation and why;

Provides specific conservation information, techniques and advice to illustrate what residents can do to assist and what is inappropriate to conservation efforts and gives contacts for further information or advice;

Outlines the Town's restoration, education and recreation policies and programs for management and use of environmental areas and the restrictions and regulations associated with the use of these areas;

Provides information on the roles of residents, the Town, land developers & homebuilders, stating who has responsibility for what.

The Homeowners' Manual is attached to offers of purchase and sale and is registered on title of each residential lot.

Natural Resources

Some of the most important natural resources in the Oak Ridges Moraine and in the Town of Richmond Hill are found in the community of Oak Ridges.

Features include significant wetlands, lakes, watercourses, flood plains, woodlands, landforms and wildlife. As well, the ground water resources found in Oak Ridges provide drinking water to a large population and contribute to the health of Lake Wilcox.

To protect these very important natural features, the Town of Richmond Hill adopted an Environment First policy for new development in Oak Ridges in 1993.

Environmental conservation policies are included in the Official Plan Amendment approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in its 1995 decision, a document that guides all future development.

History of Environmental Management in Oak Ridges

Governed by the 'Environment First' policies of the Town.

The most significant wetlands, lakes, watercourses, flood plains and woodlands have been identified and designated as Environmental Protection Areas (EPA 1 and EPA 2).

These areas are not "off-limits" to residents, but are to be wisely used and enjoyed. The Ontario Municipal Board decision stated: *Conservation education can assist in the protection of these significant areas, and: It is preferable to have a managed system of public access in order to direct public access to areas which are more capable of accepting it; to instill a sense of responsibility for, and stewardship of, the environmental areas among the residents of the neighbourhood; and to afford an "eyes on the street" mode of informal resident security over the Environmental Protection Areas. The added benefit of such an approach is increased environmental awareness and education among residents.*

Great care has been taken to ensure that the wetlands, lakes, water courses, flood plains, woodlands, landforms, wildlife and ground water resources are preserved and managed throughout the planning and construction phases of development.

The natural resource features are currently disconnected from one another. In the planning of the area for new development, the features are planned to be re-connected through a series of ecological restoration linkages and further enhanced by the provision of buffer areas that extend along the perimeter of each. In time, these linkages and buffers will become as important as the environmental features themselves.

Surface water flows and ground water resources will be protected by a number of technical solutions including sophisticated storm water management facilities. These facilities have been designed to become environmental features in themselves, linked to the overall open space system.

Conservation efforts do not end with construction, but must carry on in perpetuity. Responsibility for continuing wise management and use of the natural features lies with the Town and with the residents of the Oak Ridges community.

RESIDENTS ARE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION.

The system of resource features that will result from connecting resources to one another forms a major component of the recreational open space system of Oak Ridges.

Trails and paths will be constructed throughout the system and beyond to other parts of Richmond Hill and neighbouring municipalities. Access to this system will be a short walk or bicycle ride from every home.

Conservation Information, Techniques & Advice for Residents

Residents have a very important role to play in the protection and conservation of the natural features.

Resident activities to enhance conservation efforts:

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Where buffers and treed areas are in private ownership and part of residential lots, buffers and treed areas should be maintained in a natural state without alteration to surface drainage or natural plant cover and no structures may be built in buffers;

Keep rear yard fences in good repair, precluding access to Environmental Protection Areas (EPAs) except where planned and designated;

Compost garden wastes (grass clippings/garden & kitchen refuse) – keep these out of EPAs – use Town recycling & composting programs;

Keep to the designated trails within the EPAs – excursions off trails create erosion problems, trample sensitive plants, inhibit growth of new plants and damage wildlife habitat;

'take only pictures' while walking in EPAs – picking or digging wildflowers can result in the loss of significant plants and disruption of natural processes;

keep dogs on a leash while walking in EPAs (dogs can frighten wildlife and interrupt the nesting and rearing of young);

keep cats on private property – it is natural for cats to be major predators, especially on birds and small mammals – significant populations of ground nesting birds are found in the EPAs ecological restoration linkages and buffers and these are particularly vulnerable to predation by cats);

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take advantage of the educational programs offered by the Town and others to learn as much as you can about your natural environment – volunteer to assist others in these pursuits and create programs for others.

Landscaping on your lot can contribute to the health of the natural resource features of Oak Ridges. If you lot landscaping includes trees, shrubs, ground covers and perennials that can be invasive in natural areas, significant damage can be done to the natural environment. Nurseries, garden centres and books sometimes use common plant names that unintentionally misinform. When in doubt, purchase plants that are known to be native to southern Ontario.

Trees and shrubs to avoid:

Norway Maple and all its varieties and cultivars – *Acer platanoides* is the scientific name for this tree. The 'red' leaved varieties of this popular street and yard tree are sometimes incorrectly referred to as 'Red Maple', not to be confused with the native Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) which has green leaves except in the fall when its leaves turn a scarlet colour. The common 'red' leaved varieties of Norway Maple include: 'Crimson King', 'Schwedler', 'Royal Red', 'Autumn Blaze' and 'Crimson Sentry'. Other Norway Maple varieties, some with variegated foliage and others with columnar or globe-shaped forms include: 'Harlequin', 'Columnar', 'Cleveland', 'Deborah', 'Emerald Queen', 'Globe', 'Parkway', 'Summershade', 'Emerald Lustre' and 'Superform'. These are all to be avoided. Norway Maples are extremely invasive in southern Ontario and they will compete so successfully with native maples, oaks and other native trees that they can become the dominant tree species in woodlands.

Scot's Pine or Scotch Pine – long used as a Christmas tree and planted in reforestation projects. Scot's Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) is beginning to become invasive in our woodlands. Better choices are our native White and Red Pines (*Pinus strobus* and *Pinus resinosa*).

Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) – this relatively fast growing tree is covered with white, fragrant flowers in the spring. While native to North America, it was introduced to southern Ontario in the early 19th century. It tends to invade old fields and open areas and can become dominant over native species. It should not be confused with the Honey Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), a commonly used native street and yard tree.

Teuopean White Birch (*Betula pendula*) – this is a very commonly used yard tree, with showy white bark and a graceful form. Unfortunately, it is becoming a problem species in southern Ontario wetlands, displacing our native birches and other native plants. A better choice in Oak Ridges is our native Canoe or Paper Birch (*Betula papyrifera*).

Buckthorn – this is a tall, thorny shrub with purple/black berries and glossy green leaves. The European species (*Rhamnus frangula*) is especially invasive and will be the subject of an extensive removal program in Oak Ridges. It forms dense stands in wetlands and on uplands, shading out native plants. Some nurseries market this plant as “Tall Hedge”.

Perennials and grounds covers to avoid:

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Contact: Environmental Services
Parks and Recreation Department
225 East Beaver Creek Road, 4th Floor
Richmond Hill ON L4B 4Y5
Telephone: 905-771-8870

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The Town of Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill's policies & programs – management and use of environmental areas are outlined above.

Other Agencies

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Ontario Ministry of Environment & Energy (MOEE) are advisory agencies that may be contacted by the Town for advice, consultation, education programs and other environmental issues.

Schools

Educational and interpretive programs to enhance understanding of the natural resources of Oak Ridges may be provided in consultation with the area schools. The schools may be partners of the Town and residents in these endeavors.

The Residents

RESIDENTS OF AUTUMN GROVE (OAK RIDGES) ARE KEY PLAYERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

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Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 3:07 PM
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Zhang
54 Wicker Dr.
Richmond Hill, ON
L4E 4T5

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Gulamraza Meghjee and Tasneem Jaffer
46 Brass Drive
Richmond Hill
Ontario
L4E 4T4

From: Peter Huang ·
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:02 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
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Xingcun Huang

Hong Zhang

54 Wicker Drive

Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4E 4T5

From: Joseph Ip
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:10 PM
To: David West; Clerks Richmondhill
Cc:
Subject: Wicker/Brass roadway access to Harris-Beech (SRPRS.18.044 Town Files D02-14025 and D03-14009)

To: clerks@richmondhill.ca

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Sincerely,

Joseph Ip and Dorcas Cheung

81 Brass Drive,

Richmond Hill

L4E 4T4

Ontario

Canada

From: Daniela Gatea
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
Cc: David West
Subject: Wicker/Brass Roadway Access to Harris-Beech (SRPRS.18.044)

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Sincerely,

Adrian Gatea and Daniela Gatea
24 Wicker Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4T6

From: Ramin Nooraein
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 5:31 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
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12 BRASS Dr. Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4E 4T3

From: Xu Guo
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 5:38 PM
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Sincerely,

Paul and Andrea Cook

56 Wicker Drive

From: Lei XU
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Roman Slepokurov
56 Brass Drive
Richmond Hill, ON
L4E 4T4

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Marcelo Almeida
82 Wicker Dr.
Richmond Hill, Ont.
L4E 4T4
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February 19, 2018

Mayor Barrow and Members of Council
Town of Richmond Hill
Box 300
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 4Y5

Dear Mayor Barrow and Members of Council:

Re: Request for Approval – Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications
Country Wide Homes (Jefferson) Inc. and Giuseppina Brunetto
Response to Report SRPRS.18.044
File Nos. D02-14024 and D03-14008, D02-14025 and D03-14009 and D02-16001 and D03-16002

I act on behalf of the owners of 247 and 257 Harris Avenue, neighbours to the south, east and west of the proposed developments. Although I specifically received notice of the COW meeting scheduled for February 20, 2018 I can advise that neither of my clients received notice of this meeting.

As you are aware from our previous correspondence on the proposed development plans for this neighbourhood, we have generally been in support of the proposed lotting identified in the subject applications for the north side of Harris Avenue. We had however requested that the Town advise us how the overall municipal servicing of the lands in the subject applications was to occur and to ensure that the remaining lands on Harris Avenue are to be serviced in a comprehensive manner.

In the past two years I have met with Angelo Vincent of the Development Engineering Section on a number of occasions in an attempt to understand the servicing for this area and he was reviewing engineering (FSR) reports from the applicant's consultants, Masongsong Associates Engineering Limited. In my discussions with Mr. Vincent I specifically asked him to advise, as part of the Town's analysis, where the storm water pond(s) will be located within the area and how the remaining lands that are outside of these development applications are to be serviced within the Harris Beech Infill Area. At my most recent meeting with Mr. Vincent on January 5, 2018, I was asked by him to advise of the potential for development of my client's lands at 247 and 257 Harris Avenue to ensure that the Masongsong Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Report (plan) would be able to accommodate the additional development with respect to servicing capacity. On January 9, 2018 I responded (by email) to Mr. Vincent that based upon a redevelopment application for the two properties there was a potential of up to 20 additional units, based upon semi-detached or townhouse low density development.

I have now had an opportunity to review the proposed development plans and can generally support the plans, provided they do not preclude reasonable redevelopment of the south side of Harris Avenue. It appears that, based on the proposed location of the Storm Water Management Pond in Block 73, the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision D03-14008, is not consistent with any of the Development Options A-D of the HARRIS BEECH INFILL STUDY (2013). None of these Development Options identify the proposed Storm Water Management Pond location where it has ultimately been located on the north side of Harris Avenue.

Based on this new location of the Storm Water Management Pond, and subject to confirmation that sufficient servicing capacity is available for the lands on the south side of Harris Avenue (where the Storm Water Management Pond location was identified in the HARRIS BEECH INFILL STUDY 2013) to provide for up to 20 units for 247 and 257 Harris Avenue, we could support the proposed Draft Plans of Subdivisions and associated Zoning By-law Amendments.

We also wish to confirm that, in our view, there is the potential for the redevelopment of the south side of Harris Avenue for low density townhouses or semi-detached dwellings, consistent with the "Vista Block" concept of the urban design component of the HARRIS BEECH INFILL STUDY 2013 since the subject lands back onto an Open Space area and would be compatible with the proposed built form on the north side of Harris Avenue. We intend to pursue this form of development with Town staff in the near future.

Please accept this letter as our formal initial input and comments related to the proposed plans and Staff Report SRPRS.18.044.

Yours truly,

MPLAN Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael S. Manett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

per: Michael S. Manett, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.

cc. Sridhar Reddy Methuku
Karen Trofimchuk
Shelly Cham, Richmond Hill Planning

From: Sonia Bortolin
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 9:05 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
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Sincerely,

Sonia Bortolin
82 Wicker Drive, Richmond Hill, Ont
L4E 4T4

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Yuling Jiang
48 Wicker Dr

From: DAVE CAMPAGNOLO
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 9:30 PM
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David and Gihan Campagnolo
65 Brass Drive, Richmond Hill, Ont

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Joel Durocher & Ramona Zhang
72 Wicker Dr.
Richmond Hill, Ontario

From: Yang Dingjin
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Dingjin Yang and Ying Di
8 Wicker Driver, Richmond Hill

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Marina Slepokurova
56 Brass Drive
Richmond Hill, ON
L4E 4T4

From: Yelena S
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Yuriy Slepokurov
56 Brass Drive,
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From: Michael Rabbior
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 11:44 PM
To: David West; Clerks Richmondhill
Subject: RE: Letter regarding Harris-Beech development proposal
Attachments: 20180219_233437.jpg

Dear Councillor West and Town Clerks,

I would like to share the attached image as part of the letter I sent on February 14th. It shows one of groups of children who often use the area at the end of Wicker Drive to enjoy themselves as children and neighbours. It is these children that are most affected by an extension of Wicker drive. Council should see what impact their votes make to the future of Richmond Hill.

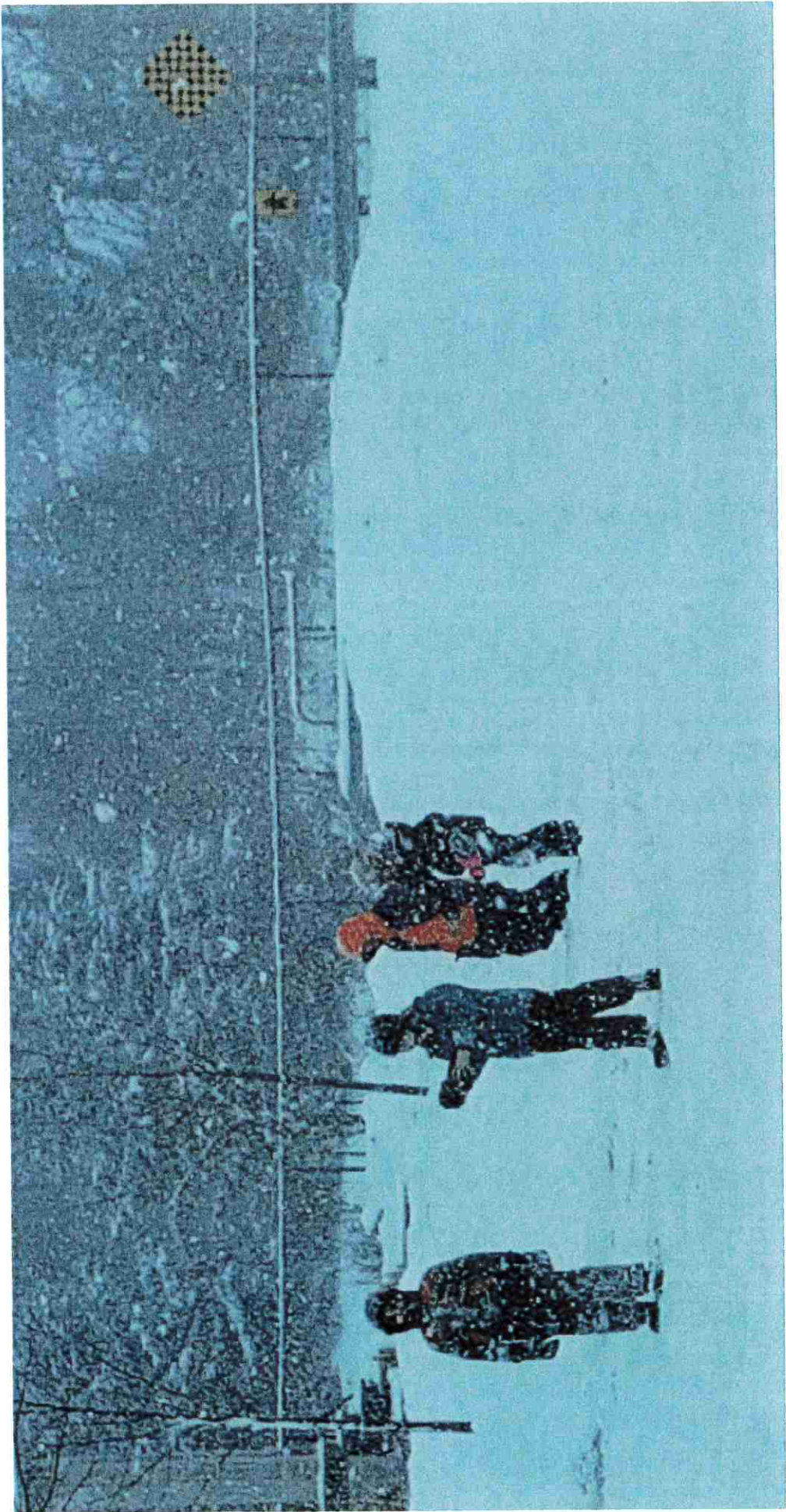
On Feb 14, 2018 5:49 PM, "David West" <david.west@richmondhill.ca> wrote:
Thanks Michael!

David West

Richmond Hill Councillor Ward 4

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<http://www.davidwest-richmondhill.ca>



From: Marta Tuscher
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 12:37 AM
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Marta Tuscher
42 Wicker Dr,
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February 20, 2018

Re: Wicker/Brass roadway access to Harris-Beech (SRPRS.18.044)

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My name is Adriana Pisano Beaumont. My husband, Andre, and I, as residents of the Wicker/Brass neighbourhood, are writing today to add our voices to a large contingent of neighbours who have expressed deep concern about the recommendation for a roadway access between Wicker Dr. and Beech Ave. In fact, a group of concerned neighbours circulated door-to-door this past weekend to communicate with each one of our neighbours. Homeowners on Wicker Dr. and Brass Dr. expressed continued dismay that recommendations for this roadway continue, despite the community being planned nearly 20 years ago and to which they have repeatedly expressed their overwhelming opposition.

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My neighbours and I have spent time discussing the various arguments that have been presented by the planning department at the various information meetings. We have concluded that if one were to create a ledger of ostensible 'gains' presumed to be obtained by means of a roadway connection, they are more than offset by significant 'losses' to our neighbourhood. I would like to rebut a few of these arguments in favour of this roadway below:

1. "Emergency vehicles need a secondary access route in the event that one access is blocked".

As the plans for the Harris-Beech development have evolved, it has become clear that there will be several ingress/egress points available both from Jefferson Rd. and from the new access that will be created via Grange Drive which is much closer to Yonge Street.

2. "It isn't fair for residents of the new Harris-Beech development to have to travel all the way up to Jefferson Rd. to access Bathurst or Yonge St. "

The ostensible 'shortcut' that would be created is, in fact, a fallacy - giving the impression of being a shorter distance, when it is not. Taking the **actual** measurement from a point in the middle of the Harris-Beech development and following each of three proposed routes that would be available from that point to the **corner of Yonge and Gamble**, the access from Wicker/Brass is, in fact, **the longest**:

Via egress from Jefferson Sdrd. the distance to Yonge and Gamble is approx. **2.29 km**;

The egress route via Grange Dr. is approx. **1.99 km**;

The proposed egress route via Wicker/Brass/Tower Hill Rd. is approx. **2.66 km**.

Residents would tend to use Wicker Dr. and Tower Hill simply because of the intuitive North/South movement of traffic. There would be no actual gain but there would be a tangible loss by means of the increased traffic on Wicker, Brass and Tower Hill.

Our very narrow streets were not designed to accommodate the traffic increase that would follow. After snow plows have cleared the roads after a heavy snowfall, when snow bank margins creep in as much as 5 feet on either side and the width of Wicker and Brass Dr. become so narrow that there is often insufficient space for vehicles to pass between legally parked cars, road safety becomes critical. With the "Residential Wide Shallow" zoning, it is a challenge to find space to mound snow during the worst storms and the snow banks can reach upwards of 6 feet. This compounds the visibility challenges for pedestrians as there is **only one sidewalk** and neighbours must cross the street to pick up mail or go for walks with their children and their dogs. This facilitates the unintended transformation of a once quiet, serene neighbourhood with local traffic to one that becomes a conduit for much of the traffic from the developments to the north.

3. "It has always been the mandate of the planning department to 'connect neighbourhoods'."

On its face, I believe most community-minded residents favour connectivity, but there must be sufficient benefit to doing so such that the **liabilities must not offset the gains**. Adding a roadway between these two neighbourhoods creates far more liabilities for the Wicker/Brass community and this without any tangible benefits to the Harris-Beech community. These should be mindful decisions and should not be undertaken simply because **'it's the way we've always done it'**. Every neighbourhood is unique and seems shortsighted to make such fundamental changes to two neighbourhoods without carefully weighing out the gains and losses. Again, it defies logic.

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I hope that the Town will be mindful in their weighing of the 'gains' and 'losses'.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this correspondence,

Sincerely,

Adriana Pisano Beaumont and
Andre Paul Beaumont
62 Wicker Drive

From: Wilfred W
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
Cc: David West
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Wilfred and Corneilla

@ 77 Brass Dr

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Chi Leong Wong
50 Wicker Drive
Richmond Hill, ON.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 9:51 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
Cc: David West
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Mari & Nashaat Estafanous
30 Wicker drive Richmond Hill, ON

From: Alexandrovitch, Gerald
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill
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Gerald

64 Wicker Dr.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill; David West
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The Tsurkans
Mila, Dasha, Oleg, Andrew, Artur
23 Brass Dr
Richmond Hill, ON, L4E 4T3

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