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To: Clerks Richmondhill

Subject: Application for Appointment to Committees and Boards Form - Confirmation Application to Appear

Please note that I will not be able to arrive for this meeting until 6pm (at the earliest) as I will be coming from Downtown Toronto after work.

In case I do not arrive on time, I would like to reiterate the following points (and have them added to the minutes/record of the meeting):

(1) Consultation process: My wife and I sent written submissions to the Town staff on the Tertiary Plan November 2, 2017 and we made further oral submissions at the March 6 Open House meeting (along with several other local residents). These written submissions addressed three issues, i.e. transportation infrastructures, built form and landscape transitions and green space. Every resident that appeared at the open house unanimously agreed with these submissions. However, the draft Tertiary Plan published by the Town is ignoring the residents recommendations entirely.

(2) Street connection to Naughton Drive: As noted by the residents at the March 6 Open House meeting, there is no evidence demonstrating the need for the proposed street connection to Naughton Drive. This new street connection would be located less than 200 meters from two other north-south streets (i.e. Leyburn and Yonge) and Leyburn street in particular. There is no evidence demonstrating that the additional population density generated by the Yonge MCD development requires an additional street connection to Naughton to "flow through" the traffic to the Yonge/Bernard intersection. This new street appears to be based on purely anecdotal evidence on the part of staff. In short, this is hunch-based policymaking, rather than evidence-based policymaking. In addition, it is important to note that this new street connection, as currently configured, would be built on top of an existing single family home. This is unacceptable.

(2) Built form and landscape transition: In our written and oral submissions, we emphasized the importance of separating existing single family homes from new higher-density developments. Once again, these submissions are completely ignored in the draft Tertiary Plan. According to the Tertiary Plan, the single family homes on the east side of Leyburn will now have higher density developments in their backyard, instead of a linear park (as suggested in the written and oral submissions). This is contrary to good planning principles and section 55 of the Official Plan.

(3) Green space: As noted in our previous submissions, it is important to have a linear park behind the single family homes on Leyburn for several reasons: (a) it will create a buffer or transition to higher density developments; (b) it will preserve existing green space which includes old forest and trees; (c) it will enhance connectivity from the

Brookside neighborhood to the Yonge-Bernard KDA. Again, the Tertiary Plan completely ignored these submissions and chose to have a linear park in a location where it is not needed (i.e. adjacent to existing green space behind the Starbucks). This is incomprehensible.

For all the above reasons, we urge Council not to adopt the Tertiary Plan as currently drafted. We recommend that Council direct Town staff to conduct further consultations to ensure that the needs of local residents are properly addressed.

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