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Dear Ms. Cilevitz,

Thanks for hosting the residents' information meeting last Wednesday evening, and for encouraging us to have our say.

I simply want to express in writing that I am most dismayed and frustrated by the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment.

I understand that townhouses, by law, can be built on Major Mackenzie and that they have been built west of Bathurst and will be built east of Yonge. However, it is patently obvious that these locations are so completely different from the Harding/Major Mackenzie location.

With much pedestrian flow from the hospital, the high school, and the medical building, the projected townhouses would only add more stress to an already-burdened area. This does not even take into account the high intensity traffic flow from cars making right and left-hand turns from Major Mackenzie to access the hospital, school, and medical building! Cars heading south on Harding must not only merge, but also avoid the bus lane, watch for pedestrians, and be attentive to cars making left turns INTO/left turns OUT OF the medical building parking lot. Cars moving in and out of the proposed laneway would contribute one more significant stress factor. Beyond this, may I point out that the traffic flow has also been greatly increased on Harding because of the construction on Yonge Street and because of the growth of Richmond Hill itself. Adding 5 more townhouses at the proposed location is certainly a recipe for disaster.

Traffic is not the only problem. Parking at the medical building is horribly insufficient so that, at any time, irritated and panicked people are streaming through Lilley Court or along Harding because, after 20 minutes they still have not found parking and are now late for a specialist appointment they booked months ago. Add to these cars those visitors at 227 Harding seeking parking and, again, a recipe for disaster.

To compare the building of townhouses at 227 Harding and those east of Yonge and west of Bathurst is simply ridiculous.

Sincerely,
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