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Patrick Lee, Director, Policy Planning  
Kelvin Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services  
Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer Planning and Regulatory Services, Policy Planning  
City of Richmond Hill

**RE: SRPRS.19.054 – Proposed Repeal of By-Law 23-17 Adopting amendment No.6 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan (Downtown Local Centre Secondary Plan)**

We, as residents living in the historic village core, are opposed to the repeal of the Downtown Local Centre Secondary Plan. After almost 10 years in extensive public consultation and planning department work, Council now wants to start again. It is our belief, this is an incredible waste of taxpayer money and time.

We take real exception to the Staff Report SRPRS.19.054 that states “The recommendation to repeal the Secondary Plan does not have any financial, staffing or other implications.” How is this possible if the work must be done again?

As to the existing Secondary Plan, approved Feb. 27, 2017, it does a good job of clearly addressing the City’s strategic planning goals while providing finer details to the Official Plan. The previously approved Secondary Plan found a balance in the Village District that respects the “Town’s” heritage, while allowing for ongoing development, intensification, parking the car and encouraging walking within the Core. There are many historic buildings / homes in the surrounding neighbourhoods of the Village District that would be significantly impacted if building heights and density levels, were allowed to further increase.

We would like to be informed of future discussions regarding the Secondary Plan and would participate in any public consultations.

Regards,

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