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Subject: City Files: D01-18004 and D02-18029

Good afternoon,

I am writing to be included in the record of Council Public Meeting to oppose Metroview (Elmwood) Developments Inc. proposal to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for lands described as Lots 35 and 36 and Part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 2383 and municipally known as 9929, 9935 and 9939 Yonge Street and 186 and 188 Church Street South.

Time and time again the developers are proposing projects which violate Official Plan. This one not only exceeds the building heights, almost doubles the FSI and seeks exemption from angular plane.

I appeal to City Council to overturn the proposal which will add to congestion at Yonge Street and negatively affect the surrounding area.

Below is a quote from Richmond Hill official web page:

"Richmond Hill Council consists of the Mayor and eight members of Council who are elected by qualified electors every four years.

Together, they are the resident's voice and represent their interests in the governing of the Municipality and the Region of York."

It is time for Councillors to start acting on their role.

The over development of Richmond Hill has to stop. All the high rise buildings which popped in the last few years are half empty. It's time to ask the question - who are they being built for? The city doesn't encourage business development (see Town of Caledon and Bolton Business park). People from Richmond Hill commute to work outside city which makes is more congested and there is no way to solve this problem. The specific about Richmond Hill is that it is situated between highways with narrow streets without chance of widening.

The current Viva project along Yonge is not going to solve this problem. "Public transportation is only effective if users have 5 minutes walking access to it (at both ends of commute). " E. Bahke.

A quote from Carmine Perrelli's web page:

"Everyone agrees that Congestion is destroying our quality of life in Richmond Hill and that it is one of our biggest problems, diminishing our quality of life and costing our economy millions per year."

It's time for Council to start acting as representation of residents not developers. It time to stick with Official Plan and make no exemptions.

The fact that this specific application is already filed to LPAT raises the question - how did it happen that City didn't replay within 120 days to applicant and therefore made it eligible for ruling? Was this matter investigated and what was the outcome? Is this the new way of overruling Official Plan?

Thank you,
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