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Please see below,
Thank you!

Please accept below as my comments regarding Yonge /Bernard KDA and include it in correspondence regarding agenda item 12.6 .

First of all I would like to express my disappointment about Council making decisions about such key issues in times when public has limited access to Council meetings.

The over development of Richmond Hill which is being pushed by Regional Councillors and some of City Councillors has nothing to do with public well being.

Below is the list of recent applications (and these are just the ones I was able to dig out from numerous sources):

Aubrey Ave. - 42 units - on Oakridges Moraine
Gormley - 2000 units - Oakridges Moraine
Bloomington/ Yonge - 1527 units + 370 townhouses - Oakridges Moraine
Metroview - Yonge and Harding - 344 units
Metroview - Elmwood/Church - 249 units + 14 townhouses
58 Mj MacKenzie W. - 33 units
Yonge / 16 th Avenue - 959 units
Yonge / Bernard - 4000 units.

Those numbers surpass the housing forecast for Richmond Hill. Why then are those applications are being pushed through now? Why are they being even considered before The Official Plan is re-worked?

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 - quite opposite - the employment lands are being converted to residential lands . 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.

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 and respect The Official Plan.

Best regards,
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