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**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Changes to Bernard Yonge Key Development Area. May 13 Council Agenda

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This submission is to register my formal opposition to the proposed changes to the Bernard Yonge KDA that is up for a vote at the May 13 council meeting.

The proposed changes to the KDA is planning condominiums for thousands of people to live without planning for an environment for these thousands of people to live in. Who is the winner here? The answer is clear: *The proposed changes to the KDA Secondary Plan and zoning By-law resolves, as stated, and supports the outstanding appeals launched by the developer.* There is no attempt at a compromise when these changes potentially allow for a density of upwards to 10,000 people. The concerns of the community residents are being kicked to the curb. These include, to name a few, inadequate parkland, lack of community resources, 1 overburdened hospital and an inadequate road infrastructure that during peak travel times is already congested, even more so since the bus lane light system came into play. Residents are intelligent! The proposed changes to the KDA will erode the quality of life of surrounding communities, its families and set a clear precedent for even more unimaginable developments along Yonge Street.

The **Voice of the Residents of Richmond Hill** continues to go unheard in the matter of the Yonge Bernard KDA proposed changes.

**Hear my voice.** I am actively working to represent residents in the community surrounding the Yonge Bernard KDA. In January, I had countless conversations with residents while canvassing for their support to attend the council Jan 22 meeting (held at 7:00pm). Not surprisingly, only 1 resident was aware of the proposed changes to the KDA and development proposals. There was a strong turnout at the Jan 22 meeting to oppose these changes, even in the middle of winter. We now face a pandemic predator. There are more recent unreasonable changes to the proposal for the KDA that potentially allow for an density of upwards to 10,000 people. Informing the public and giving opportunity to participate in a democratic process is the duty of a responsible government; it is every Canadian citizen's right. I believe that professing an urgency to hold a vote on the proposed changes May 13 under the pretext of preparing for LPAT, is a deliberate act of hiding behind a pandemic to push through a desired agenda by some on council that supports developers, and attracts new ones. I read nothing in the proposal that expresses need for compromise to act on the concerns of citizens.

Over the past months, I have written several emails to Mayor Barrow and Richmond Hill council members. Only 3 councillors had the courtesy to acknowledge my correspondence. Not only is the lack of response from the remaining council members disrespectful, it falls short of acceptable conduct of elected governing officials. Holding the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and inviting

the public to speak is another barrier to participation. I too, as many of your constituents, work during 9:00-5:00 hours.

In these unprecedented times, it is imperative that we work together as a community, a province and a country. I once again implore you to not disregard the community's concerns or circumvent the democratic process which allows for our voices to be heard.

Respectfully yours  
Debbie Mida