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Cc: Greg Beros

Subject: Stop Bad Residential Planning in Oak Ridges

Hello Mr. Beros,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the above proposal (City File D02-20005) to Amend the Zoning By-Law for the lands described as Lot 208, Plan-M37, municipally known as 57 Beaufort Hills Road.

Our neighbourhood is a tight-knit group of families with young children and we collectively oppose any application (by BH Proprieties Limited or otherwise) that intends to change the character of our neighbourhood. As requested, we believe this proposed zoning by-law Amendment, does exactly that, and we are vehemently opposed to it and intend to reiterate these concerns at the public meeting scheduled for Jun 3rd, 2020, and via all other public and legal means available to us. To our community, we feel the character of our neighbourhood is comprised primarily of the following characteristics:

(1) Heavily wooded lots - we feel the Scotch Pines from the old tree farm add significant value to all of our properties. We are not supportive of any applications that involve the removal of trees to build more houses. We are very interested to see the tree inventory and plan for this property.

(2) Wide, irregular lots - our neighbourhood, and Beaufort Hills in particular, is characterized by wide, irregular, wooded lots. Any proposal to reduce the width of any lot to add more houses will change the character of our neighbourhood.

We (as a community) expect to be fully informed and involved in this application process and we expect you, as our Councillor, to take our wishes into full consideration and uphold the original zoning plans and reject the application to exempt BH properties from the provisions of By-Law 146-76. Residents on this entire community, including but not limited to the surrounding streets, fully intend to participate in the Public meetings along with local media and legal counsel representation on behalf of the homeowner's association. Also, please note that many residents on this street are seniors with limited access to technology, so I fully expect that they will not be discriminated against and that there will be a way to include them and hear their concerns - either by delaying any public meetings until they can be held in person, by providing ample notice of the upcoming meeting (at least 30-60 days) to allow them to access the required technology, allow a proxy or delegate to attend on their behalf, and/or allow residents various ways to request/access information and provide their input.

Please note, that over the past few years there have been a number of zoning By-Law Amendments approved by council despite the feverish opposition of residents - taxpayers who voted for you, Mr. Beros, to uphold their interests and do what's right for them and the community. Despite these efforts, many of these applications have been approved. On the other hand, many proposed Town projects, including but not limited to the Coon's Road renovation project, have been cancelled or deferred indefinitely. We question what you and the Town of Richmond Hill is doing with the fees collected from building permits and increased property tax revenue, if it's not being reinvested to modernize the infrastructure and maintain the safekeeping and functioning of the community. Adding incremental strain on the local infrastructure by permitting new residential units that deviate from the original provisions of the By-law (146-76) is not only against the wishes of the community residents, but is also irresponsible.

Further to the above, the proposed development at Yonge Street & Bloomington Road will dramatically change the character of Oak Ridges and not in keeping with the surrounding community. On behalf of my wife (Natalie Giatas) and myself, we are requesting you and Richmond Hill Council protect our community and put an end to this Application and City File D02-20005.

Please govern yourself and the Town of Richmond Hill Council accordingly.

Peter Giatas

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