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57 Beaufort Hills
Council Public Meeting: June 3, 2020

We are residents in Oak Ridges in the Beaufort Hills community. We are writing to you in respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment application for 57 Beaufort Hills Road (City File D02-20005). We are deeply concerned that Richmond Hill would consider approving the destruction of at least 100, established 50 – 60 feet tall trees, in Oak Ridges for the development of a single residence. The trees at 57 Beaufort Hills are connected to a network of trees, a tree canopy, and it is the trees that define this community. Any resident or visitor of the area is well aware of the trees, and the character that the trees provide, and it is the trees that set this community apart.

The other overarching characteristic that defines this community and sets it apart from other areas in Oak Ridges, is the larger lot sizes. Maintaining an estate cul-de-sac designed around the tree canopy was the obvious intent of By-law 146-76. Although the development of larger homes on smaller lots works in some other areas, it was not the intent for Beaufort Hills, nor does it fit with the integrity of this established neighbourhood.

We have been told by a city planner that 125 Coons Road, was subdivided. However, Coons is a collector/feeder road to a main street, and Beaufort Hills is not. Beaufort Hills is a local road and cul-de-sac of estate home lots. In addition, the removal of trees was nowhere near as destructive as it would be on Beaufort Hills. These are not comparable situations.

We are also aware that the same developer owns 52 Beaufort Hills Road, another heavily treed lot. If the development is approved at 57 Beaufort Hills, it will no doubt be the catalyst for development on 52 Beaufort Hills, the destruction of hundreds of additional trees, and the end to the existing character and charm of this neighbourhood.

We are not against growth, development or the redevelopment of older homes that fit with the neighbourhood, but not at the cost of compromising the integrity and character of the existing community. To subdivide and build multiple residences on 57 Beaufort Hills and then on 52 Beaufort Hills is the extinction of this well-maintained and established estate lot community.

The redevelopment of a single house that keeps with the character of the neighbourhood and would not necessitate the destruction of the trees, does not appear to be adverse to the existing By-Law 146-76 that was established to stop the exact situation that we meeting for in tomorrow's Council Public Meeting.

Oak Ridges is also a wonderful family community. Our community is made of professional, successful, well-educated and family oriented people. We all have an absolute and unobstructed obligation to protect the community from any unnecessary destruction of nature, the elimination of homes to wildlife, and overall harm to the environment. To do anything otherwise is not the values that should be taught to the children of Oak Ridges and elsewhere. It is not what we should strive to do. Nor the legacy that we should leave in our community, with all of our names on it, for the future.

Sincerely,
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