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Subject: Re-Re-zoning for lands described as Part of Lot 1, Plan 200 (13572 and 13586 ,Bayview Avenue)

We have been residents on Snively Street since 1985. Please be advised that we are against the re-zoning of this parcel of land because:

1. This parcel of land includes and is adjacent to wetlands designated as Provincially Significant - and for this reason alone should not even be considered for re-zoning.
2. The property in question is small and there is little room on the "dryland" developable portions of this site. If this development was allowed to move forward it would mean that the Provincially Significant wetlands would be allowed to be encroached upon directly or that there would be no natural buffer zone between the development and the wetlands themselves.
3. This development is totally out of character for the area and there are no similar structures within 2 kilometers. We would experience increased traffic, noise and pollution.
4. We are concerned about the ability of the town to manage the Provincially Significant Wetlands and approval of this rezoning would reinforce this point of view. The Town of Richmond Hill has already allowed the adverse modification of the drainage pattern to the said wetlands. This problem was identified and recognized by the Town of Richmond and the Region of York shortly after the realignment of Bayview Avenue was completed. Numerous requests have been made by local residents to rectify the situation, and on more than one occasion the Town has promised to make modifications to the altered drain to mitigate the problem. Lack of action by the Town has put all property owners bordering the wetlands at risk to flooding and has actually led to the persistent flooding of the front yard of the property at the natural outlet of the wetlands.
5. The Town has already allowed medium to high density single home dwellings in the water basin without putting adequate protection for the water quality within the wetlands. Since the subdivision north of the wetlands was established, we personally have witnessed a significant decline in the water quality and biodiversity of the wetlands. It is our hope that the planning department would engage in zoning and planning exercises that would enhance the water quality and wildlife diversity rather than put more stress on this system.

122 Snively Street - Peter and Kathy van Stam