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Subject: High Rise Proposal at Yonge & 16th

Hi,

I'm a resident of this neighborhood and recently learned of the changes made to the application for two high rise towers on the southeast corner of Yonge and 16th. As I understand, the developer wants to increase the size of the towers to 38 and 43 storeys. To be clear, I was not on board with this proposal from the beginning.

As a resident of this neighborhood, I have a lot of concerns. I've lived in this area for more than 25 years and seeing all of the construction in the last few years has left me wondering what is the benefit to residents? I don't see how erecting all of these mega condos (most of which have a significant number of empty units as a quick real estate search will show) is beneficial to the area. I would love to hear the spin on this. If residents are not the ones benefitting from these decisions, who is? What are the criteria that will allow this application to be approved? Who is making that decision? How can I, as a resident make my concerns known (other than this email address)? What steps is the town taking to ensure that this process will be transparent as the current COVID situation does not allow residents to be physically present to hear discussions? How can we be sure that the councillors will not make the decisions behind closed doors?

As to practical planning concerns, how will the current infrastructure be adjusted to accommodate the influx of people as well as the inevitable influx of cars on the road? It's unrealistic to expect all new residents to take transit when it is slow, doesn't cover more than the major routes effectively, and is expensive. If all these new residents do take transit, are the VIVA and GO systems properly equipped? Are the schools in the area prepared to handle a potentially large influx of new students? Will there be any consideration given to affordable housing?

I look forward to a response.

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