

**From:** Jackie Fung  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 2:37 PM  
**To:** Clerks Richmondhill <[clerks@richmondhill.ca](mailto:clerks@richmondhill.ca)>  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Feb 24, 2021 - SRPI.21.023

Hi there,

With regards to the council meeting on Feb 24, 2021 to discuss SRPI.21.023 - Request on Expanded Permissions for Additional Residential Units (Secondary Suites), may I ask for permission to attend?

I am writing to strongly oppose to the Affordable Housing Strategy and Amendment 23 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan to permit up to 3 units on a lot, and to allow for additional dwelling units to be constructed in backyards and above garages.

I believe that this plan will have a detrimental effect to the community and the quality of life to the Richmond Hill residents. My reasoning are as follows:

1. Increasing a community with 3 times the people will result in over population and increased risk of conflicts among neighbors.
2. Parking on the street is a concern. Although parking on the street is illegal, it is only enforceable if Parking Force comes to give tickets.
3. With COVID-19 and a new COVID-19 variant in the UK, having a densely populated community is detrimental to our health with the increase probability of spreading the virus and adding to the loads of our health care system in Richmond Hill.
4. Privacy is a concern when people are allowed to build houses in the backyard. It increases proximity to the next property, and neighbors can easily see into other people's homes and violate privacy.
5. Allowing for additional dwelling units will result in a change in demographics. There will be more low-income people renting these units and may trigger an increase in crime rates. This will also affect the schools' demographics and has a detrimental impact to the schools' reputation.

When I bought my house in Richmond Hill in 2010, basement apartments for houses constructed after 1995 were illegal. From allowing basement apartments in all homes to building additional dwellings in the backyard, the City of Richmond Hill has taken this too far. I chose to buy in Richmond Hill, because I enjoyed the spaciousness in the neighborhood, while being close to all amenities. If I wanted to live in close proximity with a lot of people, I would have chosen to live in a condo unit. I do not think it is fair to force existing homeowners into this Plan, as this is not the reason why we have chosen to buy in Richmond Hill.

For these reasons, I urge the City of Richmond Hill to drop Amendment 23 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan. I would very much appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Fung

Homeowner in the City of Richmond Hill