

**From:** Ian Noy

**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 1:00 AM

**To:** Planning Richmondhill <[planning@richmondhill.ca](mailto:planning@richmondhill.ca)>; Godwin Chan <[godwin.chan@richmondhill.ca](mailto:godwin.chan@richmondhill.ca)>

**Subject:** Development on Oneida Cr on the west side of Red Maple Road

Good day,

I am writing with respect to the development of lands on Oneida Cr. On the west side of Red Maple Road. I understand a proposal is under consideration for the construction of four towers ranging from 18-30 stories. I am also aware that due to the current COVID-19 circumstances the April public meeting that was to be held to solicit residents' input was cancelled.

I am, therefore, writing to express my strong objection to the proposal.

As an engineer and traffic safety expert, I find it completely irresponsible to even consider a proposal that would increase density to a level that puts the public at enormous inconvenience and risk, not to mention the reduced quality of life due to decreased green space and breathing space. The existing road network system simply does not have the capacity to accommodate increased traffic volume. There are economic (borne by local residents), environmental and safety costs that, if properly evaluated, would easily strike down such a proposal. The current traffic volume is marginal and the four towers now under construction are not yet occupied. When these towers are occupied, we can expect in long delays especially at rush hour. During a recent false fire alarm at 65 Oneida, the road was completely jammed – traffic was at a standstill and there was no way for emergency vehicles to manoeuvre. Imagine if all the proposed towers were occupied and one had to be evacuated due to an actual fire, there would be chaos. Lives would be at risk.

With the COVID-19 pandemic now underway, we are painfully reminded that public health can be severely compromised when people are living in close proximity to one another. This needs to be taken into account as we plan for the future.

I am aware that the site is already being prepared, but I do not know if the builder's proposal has been approved. If it has, it would in my view represent a gross dereliction of duties on the part of city planning officials. Please advise me of the current status of the proposal. I am also requesting that you provide me copies of the input (sign-off or concerns) from the Richmond Hill Fire Department, City and Provincial Environmental Assessment, Police Department, Health Department and Traffic engineering assessments.

When I purchased my unit, I understood that there might be town homes built on that land. That would be the maximum that should be permitted. Many of the residents that I meet are of the same mind. We call on you to reject the proposal.

I look forward to receiving your reply and documents at your earliest possibility.

Faithfully,

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From: Ian Noy  
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:51 PM  
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Cc: Planning Richmondhill <planning@richmondhill.ca>; Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>; Lynda Adler  
Subject: RE: Development on Oneida Cr on the west side of Red Maple Road

Dear Mr. Chan et al.,

I have written previously to voice our strong objection to the proposed development captioned in the subject line. Disappointingly, these objections have not been given much weight as it appears the current proposal is even more ambitious than we had thought. It seems to me completely ludicrous that such an extensive development is being planned without any regard for the impact on existing residents, traffic congestion, emergency services and the environment. I am re-sending the text that I had previously submitted to you and the town planners. The repercussions of such an ill-advised project will put residents at unacceptable risk of harm and is a clear threat to public health. **IT MUST BE REJECTED!**

For your convenience, here is the text I sent you on 7/24/2020.

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