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Subject: Development Proposal for Arnold Crescent (129-147) and Major Mackenzie Drive West (190-230)

City Council - Town of Richmond Hill

Please include the following thoughts on the proposed development at Arnold Crescent and Major Mackenzie Drive West as part of the agenda package for this Wednesday's (March 24th) council meeting.

First and foremost, the proposed development is too large (height and unit density) and not in keeping with the neighbourhood. There is no precedent for a project this large or this tall anywhere along Major Mackenzie in Richmond Hill or Vaughan and we are adamantly against it.

When there were council meetings held for the proposed development of the Shaw property (119 Arnold Crescent) many of the owners who own and owned homes along the west side of Arnold Crescent (specifically in the current proposed development area) cited restrictions placed on them by the town of Richmond Hill concerning the building of tennis courts and sheds because of the environmental concerns with regards to the water table that runs through that area and up to Major Mackenzie. That being the case, we would like to know what has changed to now permit the building of such a large development that is sure to have an environmental impact.

Arnold Crescent has over the past few years seen an increase in traffic with residents at the mercy of speeding cars who use Arnold Crescent as a thorough fair. With the development at Arnold Crescent and Elizabeth St. there will already be an overabundance of new traffic. To bookend a heritage street such as Arnold Crescent with a second major development is going to make traffic unmanageable.

Finally, when developers are waiting for approval for their developments, it should be their responsibility to maintain the properties they own. This is never the case and the Town of Richmond Hill has to get better at holding these developers accountable.

Sincerely,

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