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To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: Re: Proposed high-density applications in the Yonge Street and 16th Avenue (South Hill shopping centre)

On Mon., Mar. 8, 2021, 2:27 p.m. Linda Brod, wrote:

I am adamantly opposed to the proposal as presented to council, I believe it will cause more hardship and inconvenience to residents of the area who have already been seriously impacted by the construction of the existing condo buildings on the south east corner of that intersection, plus the other condos that have gone up between High Tech and Major Mackenzie as well as the construction of the dedicated Viva bus lanes

We have many older adults in our area who no longer drive or do not have vehicles. You are now proposing that we lose two banks, the only grocery store within walking distance, a primary care physicians office which is also a walk-in clinic just to name a few of the conveniences the loss of which would create a major hardship for many in our community.

In my opinion, by increasing the number of people and taking away services that we rely on without very careful thought to the impact on transit as well as the major increase in an already heavy flow of traffic, you will be impacting our lifestyle adversely.

It has been more than three years already of slowed traffic due to closing/blocking of lanes, blocking entrance to streets, increased traffic on previously quiet streets, on street parking/stopping/speeding issues specifically on Northern Heights Drive. Now that it is a through street to the condos, shopping centre and 16th east bound, Northern Heights is being used to circumvent the lights at the intersection.....more so now that the new light system has been installed at the Yonge & 16th intersection.

Residents of the northern condo building at Yonge & 16th come barreling out of the underground without checking for oncoming traffic. The lights that are installed have no signage to inform pedestrians to press the button to change the light to green for them to cross, therefore many of them are simply walking across without due care. I have seen vehicles between the buildings simply pulling out onto the street without stopping right in front of an oncoming car.

One of the current condo buildings exceeds the height that area residents believed had been approved. There are only a few outdoor parking spaces which I assume are to service the businesses on the ground floor of both buildings. If there is any visitors parking it is certainly not clearly posted anywhere.

Why would council even entertain an application that does not provide for one parking space per unit plus sufficient additional parking for visitors and commercial use?

Thank you for allowing me to voice my objections, I wish to be informed of any upcoming discussions or meetings on this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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