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Subject: Council Public Meeting – Development proposal for a 10 storey building at 1070 Bayview and Major Mackenzie East

Hi there,

This is in relation to the subject matter.

I attended the meeting hosted by the local councilors on April 6, 2021 and have the opportunity to review the Staff Report.

During the meeting, the residents raised several comments which are summarised in the staff report in one sentence. It appears as the residents do not matter much!

Nevertheless, I am writing again to raise my concerns in addition to the concerns included in the staff report.

During the meeting, the staff confirmed as well as the Staff Report clearly states that the proposed development requires several exceptions and amendments. However, neither the developer nor staff has provided any rationale for granting such exceptions or amending the zoning. I strongly object to amending the zoning by-laws and providing exceptions on an ad-hoc basis at the request of developers in absence of a strong rationale. This act smells bad and one wonders why the council even considers it. The city must be developed in accordance with the development plan it prepared and approved. The exceptions should not be entertained unless there is a public interest matter with strong justification. I understand bylaws allow the council to amend and grant exceptions but this does not mean that they exercise such rights against the public interest. There must be a strong justification to deviate from the development plan and grant exceptions.

I understand the need for seniors residences. Richmond Hill is not out of the land. Such facilities should be built where planed as per the development plan in accordance with the rules and requirements. In the less likely event, if the development plan does not allocate such usages then a new development plan should be prepared.

No exceptions and amendments should be granted to any developer.

I thank you for your patience.

Best Regards,
Ahmer Nadeem