

**Extract from Council Public Meeting
C#15-17 held May 3, 2017**

3.3 Request for Comments – Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications – 2468390 Ontario Inc. – 850 Elgin Mills Road East – File Numbers D02-16010 and D03-16004 – (Staff Report SRPRS.17.075)

Bruce Robb of the Planning and Regulatory Services Department provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications to facilitate the construction of 52 street townhouse dwellings on the subject lands. Mr. Robb advised that staff's recommendation was that the staff report be received for information purposes only and all comments be referred back to staff.

Murray Evans, Evans Planning Inc., agent for the applicant, provided additional information regarding the proposed development and noted that the natural corridor that included woodlots and a wetland would be conveyed to a public agency. He advised that the subject lands were within the North Leslie Secondary Plan and designated as low density residential, with servicing work already taking place, and that the applications would extend the lotting patterns that were approved through the Secondary Plan. Mr. Evans acknowledged that he met with the neighbouring property owners, The Hindu Temple Society of Canada, and were committed to addressing their concerns.

R.K. Moorthy, President, The Hindu Temple Society of Canada, advised they were opposed to the proposed development as it would hamper the peaceful atmosphere that exists for their place of worship. He provided background information regarding the Hindu Temple and worship tradition and explained why the location was originally chosen. Mr. Moorthy requested consideration for a green buffer zone, a road immediately east of the green buffer zone, and repositioning of the townhouses facing the Temple, and advised that they were available to meet with staff and the applicant to ensure a peaceful coexistence as further detailed in his correspondence distributed as Correspondence Item 2.

A member of The Hindu Temple Society of Canada advised of his concerns regarding the proposed development because of the increased density and the negative impact it would have on the spiritual operations of the Temple and the enjoyment of the property. He provided background information on the property and surrounding area, explained the significance of the Temple to its followers, and questioned how they would coexist with the residents of the proposed development on the neighbouring property. He requested a buffer zone be provided around the Temple so as not to disrupt the new residents and that Council find a way to amicably address the concerns that have been identified.

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A member of The Hindu Temple Society of Canada, on behalf of the younger generation, advised of his concerns with the proposed development because of the negative impact it would have on the spiritual operations of the Temple and the enjoyment of the property, and noted that he was in agreement with the comments made by Mr. Moorthy. He provided historical information about the Temple and the area, advised that he would like to see the Temple continue to support the wellbeing of the community, and provided suggestions to the development concept plan and design that would improve privacy for both the users of the Temple and residents of the proposed development.

Moved by: Councillor Liu
Seconded by: Councillor Chan

That staff report SRPRS.16.075 with respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by 2468390 Ontario Inc. for lands known as Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, E.Y.S (municipal address: 850 Elgin Mills Road East), File Numbers D02-16010 and D03-16004, be received for information purposes only and that all comments be referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously