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Subject: submission of concern re Special Meeting Apr 20 - provincial EMZO

To Richmond Hill Mayor David West and all councillors,

copied to: MPP Daisy Wai, daisy.waico@pc.ola.org

and Torstar/Liberal reporter Sheila Wang swang@yrmg.com

and Ted McFadden, editor, tmcfadden@yrmg.com, letters to the editor yorkregion.com

Re: Special Council Meeting April 20, 2022 and Ford Government EMZO TOC Richmond Hill

I am upset, angered and frustrated by the Ford Government's sudden EMZO announced for Hwy. 7 and Yonge in Richmond Hill – for three key reasons.

First, it seems anti-democratic, given all the municipal and regional public consultation and taxpayer money spent on strategizing and planning residential and commercial growth for this area.

Secondly, it's putting the cart before the horse! The rationale for building 33 towers with between 40 and 80 storeys and such a high concentration of residents is that the subway IS COMING to Richmond Hill. But it is not here yet, and won't be for many years. Again, rampant development will be permitted or encouraged, before transit services, schools etc. can be provided.

Thirdly, what about the proverbial "missing middle" housing? If the government issued this EMZO for 33 towers of six to eight storeys, I might actually be cheering! Especially if affordable housing were to be part of this development, I'd have hope for my adult children to be able to afford to stay and live in Richmond Hill!

Finally, and this is not a rhetorical question – does the Ford government think Richmond Hill and Markham residents will be happy about these EMZOs and will vote for PC candidates in the upcoming provincial election?

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