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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:31 AM

To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: Re: SRCM.22.04 - Inter-governmental Agreement in Principle for Yonge North Subway Extension Transit Oriented Community Sites

Please ensure that my comments are considered as public information and will be included on the public agenda posted to the City's website. In addition, please ensure that the Provincial Government and the local Members of Provincial Parliament receive my comments.

To All Members of Council

As a resident of Richmond Hill, it is my position that Richmond Hill Council should condemn the actions of the Provincial Government in releasing this EMZO. Circumventing the legitimate input of local residents and/or duly elected public officials removes the democratic rights of the people's voice from the planning and consultation processes inscribed in the Ontario Planning Act.

Graham Churchill, a Richmond Hill resident and Executive Director for the community group "A Better Richmond Hill" summed it up best with *"Democracy dies through a series of acts done in the cover of night. At a time when Canada is fighting to help Ukraine retain its democracy against the rule of an autocrat, we have lost sight that we are losing our democracy to autocracy right here in Ontario!"*

And while there are a number of concerns that the planned infrastructure won't be able to support the ballooning population, it pales in comparison to the effect that the use (read "abuse") of these MZO's and EMZO's has on good governance.

It's time for Richmond Hill Council to join neighbouring municipalities and oppose the Provincial Government and this plan.

Sincerely,

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