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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:36 AM

To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

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Subject: Do not like the EMZOs

Re Special Council Meeting on April 20, 2022, item 3.1.

Dear Richmond Hill Council,

I, Claire Malcolmson, Executive Director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and member of Stop Sprawl York Region, wish to express concern about the Bridge and High Tech TOC developments both in form and process that the government of Doug Ford has mandated upon Richmond Hill and Markham.

Absolutely, affordable housing is needed, and I support the concept of the TOCs and their added density. However, the form and density should be appropriate for the community while achieving transit supportive densities, and it should not ghettoize those who live there by providing less public services than other neighbourhoods.

I request that Richmond Hill Council bring a motion to also condemn the TOCS. The EMZOs issued for the TOCs are an autocratic affront to democracy and have no business in a country like Canada. They bypass the Ontario Planning Act and our duly elected officials, and infringe on the individual rights of citizens. I ask the clerk to ensure that my letter is included in the public record and be sent to the provincial government and the MPPs for Richmond Hill and Markham.

Thank you,

Claire

Claire Malcolmson

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