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As a 34 year resident of Richmond Hill during most of which time I commuted daily to downtown Toronto by public transit, I am appalled by both the ill-conceived nature of the TOC development envisioned for Bridge and High Tech and the heavy handed mandate that the Government of Doug Ford has imposed respecting its implementation. This “pack ‘em and stack ‘em” approach to growth (which we can reasonably conclude will not end here) totally disregards public infrastructure, affordable housing and quality of life considerations and will transform life as we have known it in our community in perpetuity. At a time when the tentacles of autocracy are attempting to strangle democracy worldwide, it is also worth noting that, by ignoring the Ontario Planning Act, the role of duly elected officials, and the interests of individual citizens, the EMZO’s issued for the TOC’s are a condemnable affront to the democratic values, principles and processes which have historically guided decision-making in these matters. 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.

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