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Subject: Submission for item 13.1 Special Council Meeting April 20, 2022

The Ontario government has affected our democratic right to plan for ourselves as a municipality, taken away citizen's rights to have input on planning decisions and not listened to any input our residents have tried to give.

The Transit Oriented Community at Yonge and 407 has been a project in the planning stages for years, Richmond Hill residents have given their input at all of the stages, and staff and council have listened, incorporated a number of ideas from residents like parks and trails, jobs and amenities all for the benefit of the total community of Richmond Hill. Although this project is still one that is ongoing and there is much work left to do, it follows a vision that is working towards a well-balanced community, socially, economically and it has been a democratic process.

Now, however, the province has stepped in and autocratically determined that many of the concepts of a transit-oriented community are NOT applied. No consultation, no accommodation for important factors such as balancing ALL aspects of community life including jobs, schools, affordable housing and community benefits. This is a BULLY IN ACTION.

I voice my contempt for such action. We want to be able to have our voices heard in planning decisions. The action of this Ontario government is not democratic and will experience the consequences in the upcoming election.

I look forward to seeing the decision made at this meeting regarding the AIP. To me the best choice is #2 where there is still some room for future input. Our municipality and citizens need to be able to give that input for OUR OWN PLANNING DECISIONS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY.

Please have my submission included in the public record and send a copy to Daisy Wai and Mike Parsa, along with Doug Ford.

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