

**Response from the Residents of Stockdale Cres.
for the Approval of Official Plan and Zoning
Bylaw for Richmond Hill Jewish Centre: City
Files D01-16001 and D02-16007**

**From the undersigned residents of Stockdale Cres., Richmond Hill and surrounding
area of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment request.**

May 7, 2022

City of Richmond Hill Council

CC: David West, City of Richmond Hill Mayor and Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk

City of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

Dear City of Richmond Hill Council and Stephen M.A. Huycke,

The undersigned would like to address Council regarding the application and the staff request for approval concerning Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit a place of worship with associated clergy residence and day nursery on subject lands of 9699 Bathurst Street and 89 Stockdale Crescent.

The undersigned are firmly opposed to the changes and amendments as it would negatively impact the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their properties. A religious centre and daycare would cause a considerable increase in traffic, noise, and pollution on Stockdale. The visitors to the Religious centre and Day Care centre would use Stockdale for parking and u turns and create dangerous conditions on a small residential street often used by residents and their children.

Residents and visitors to their homes would face dangerous traffic risks coming out of their driveways onto Stockdale. This is especially impactful to the seniors that live on Stockdale.

Stockdale is a quiet neighbourhood street with many of its residents living there for decades. The undersigned feel that Stockdale neighbourhood is no place for a religious centre and day

care that would impose high traffic demands on an area that is not suited or designed to handle those high traffic patterns. Especially concerning is the proposal to allow traffic to flow from Bathurst into the religious centre and day care, and out onto Stockdale. The homes on Stockdale directly across and adjacent to the religious centre and daycare where outbound driveway is, would suffer from the increased volume of traffic, noise, pollution, and strangers walking through this area.

The added foot traffic from people parking on Stockdale walking to the Religious Centre and Day Care would introduce a security and safety concern to the surrounding properties.

Currently the owner and resident of 89 Stockdale who is the Rabbi planing this has operated a Shul for over 10 years. We don't believe Rabbi has any permits for doing this and is illegally operating it. During this time there are many occasions and events at the Shul that bring many cars onto Stockdale where visitors to the Shul are parking on both sides of the Street all the way up to Hart St. This causes a very dangerous condition on the street as residents that live on Stockdale do not have enough room to back out of their driveways and their vision is impaired by those cars that are sometimes partially blocking their driveway.

For the time that Rabbi has lived on the Street he has never shown any due regard or consideration for his neighbours on Stockdale. Often garbage is left strewn all over his property from the activities of the Shul. The garbage from the property is not properly handled. It often is put on the street for garbage pickup in a haphazard way. The bins and recycling containers are left out on the street for the whole week until next weeks pickup. Winds blow the bins all over the street and Rabbi does not pick them up. Activities from events from the Shul often involve many people gathering in the back yards of those two properties, sometimes going late into the night with loud music and crowd noise disturbing surrounding residents.

The houses on 89 Stockdale (where Rabbi lives) and 9699 Bathurst (where Rabbi operates the Shul) have deteriorated to a dilapidated state while Rabbi has been living there. There are shingles and eaves that have come loose on both house's roofs that Rabbi has neglected to fix. The fence on 89 Stockdale has blown over from strong winds recently because Rabbi has neglected maintaining the fence. He has not even removed the damaged fence. Every year in spring and early summer Rabbi lets his grass and weeds grow waist high. He neglects to cut his grass causing many of the residents to call the City of Richmond Hill to have them come out and cut the grass.

Both of the properties are an eyesore on the neighbourhood since Rabbi has lived there. The residents of Stockdale have lodged many complaints about the state of the properties and call bylaw for parking issues caused by visitors to the Shul but it keeps happening.

An application for these changes and amendments were made by Rabbi several years ago and the Stockdale residents attended council meetings and sent emails and letters to Council to voice their opposition. This stopped the changes and amendments at that time but now years later it has come up again. Nothing has changed in those years to prove that Rabbi is responsible neighbour who is considerate to his neighbours and takes care of his properties and controls the activities he is running with the events in at the Shul. In fact, it has become much worse. We don't understand how the City of Richmond Hill council would even entertain these changes given Rabbi's poor track record.

The residents of Stockdale understand the need and importance of places of worship and day care centres and how important they are to communities. However we feel that those places of worship and day cares should be located in areas better suited and designed to handle the increased traffic flows and parking needs.

We the residents of Stockdale Cres and surrounding area to the subject properties, undersigned, firmly oppose the amendments and changes and ask Council members and City staff to turn down the request

Sincerely yours,

The undersigned below.

First Name and Last	Residing at Address	Signature
<p><u>Clerk's Note:</u> A copy of the petition containing approximately 13 signatures is on file in the Office of the Clerk.</p>		