

Attention:

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Subject: D01-20003 and D02-20009 13572 and 13586 Bayview Avenue

Once again, I am appealing to City Council and Staff regarding a proposed condo development in my community of Oak Ridges. This one is located on Bayview Avenue adjacent to the Snively Reserves which is a significant wetland in this area.

The original condo application was for 11 storeys. Thanks to many residents back in 2020 who sent letters objecting to this development and who spoke to Council, this application was not approved. The developer has now come back with a proposal for 8 storeys.

While this is smaller, it is still too large for this sensitive area. The current Official Plan for Oak Ridges is heights of 4-5 storeys.

The following is taken right from the City of Richmond Hill's website:

What's special about the Oak Ridges Moraine? The things that make the Oak Ridges Moraine special, including its water, its wildlife, and its contributions to surrounding populations and natural areas, also make it worth protecting. The Moraine is home to some rare animal species which are listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve is a 607- hectare natural area between Bathurst Street and Leslie Street just north of Jefferson Side Road. Protecting the natural features and functions of the Oak Ridges Moraine is a priority for governments, private citizens and environmental interest groups. The Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan place restrictions on the development of land on the Moraine.

The Moraine stores a very large volume of water underground (groundwater) that is an important source of drinking water for many people in Ontario. In Richmond Hill, this water also feeds into the Humber, Rouge and Don River systems. The soils of the Moraine also clean our water by filtering rain and melted snow.

If the Oak Ridges Moraine, including all the environmental sensitive areas around it, are so significant and important and worth protecting, why is Council destroying it with these types of development proposals?

I am asking Council to insist that more appropriate and responsible development be a priority in Oak Ridges.

Respectfully yours,

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