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Subject: OP Update input previously sent now escalated to full OP Committee

Hello Mayor and Councilors also members of the OP Committee:

In the emerging struggle for our community to be recognized by the RH Official Plan as an existing “Cottage Lane” community that has been at the edge of the southern political boundary of the Downtown Village District, but factually different in nature,

- Firstly all of Village District Residents and businesses have direct access to, 30 feet wide public roads, whereas our “Cottage Lane” does not have direct access to any public road. We compensate by using an 8 feet wide gravel laneway that is graveled by us, sloped for storm draining by us, and landscaped by us at our own costs in addition to our assessed taxes.
- Village District do have all the city owned services and amenities paid by taxpayers i.e. emergency services whereas, our emergency fire ambulances are subject to restricted access due to an 8 feet only lane width
- Just for emphasis, Village District have city owned street lights, snow removal and summer care lawn services paid for by \$\$taxpayers, the other “Cottage Lane” owners personally pay for snow removal, no wind throw, salting, no snow route classification, no parking rules these services.
- Village District range in age from 1793 to build out around 1841, neighborhood home and land styles, sizes, community homes whereas Cottage Lane was developed just about 150 years later, as a 4.5 acres separate unique cluster of cottage residences for Toronto bound commuters, and extensive week end family. A very of different lifestyle, is not even now visually line of sight of each other because of a major wood lot of 2 acres that will soon be new 88 town house development that buffers our Cottage Lane from the Village Core
- Our addresses at Major Mackenzie Drive West, is the only remaining development land in the whole Village District, and current proposed City’s concept plans for this targeted area is vastly underutilization of land in terms of heights and densities of 4 or 5 stories densities of 2.0 FSI. Whereas, there already exist inside the Core Village District significantly higher heights and densities for instance Mayor West published his April 2022 community newsletter with an aerial photograph on page 2 showing the 12 stories apartment building at 34 Centre Street West and another 9 stories apartment building at Richmond at Elizabeth Streets, all in the inside belly of the Core Village District.
- And the wood lot buffer and barrier to any movement from between the Village District south of Arnold Crescent and the Arnold Street proposed 88 townhomes development.

We are seeking three corrections of the endorsed KDR, that if these are not timely corrected, the OP Committee work will be targeted for multimillion dollars court and interpretation challenges.

The veracity requested corrections is very easily attained, and just for perspective Mayor West aerial publication is not a current aerial view of the Village Downtown. It seems dated to what it was year 2016. More so every statement of historic occurrences can also be fact checked as I hope other presentations will be.

All details are within these papers.

Respectfully

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