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Dear All,

I write to you to share with great dismay that a new development proposal has been submitted to the City of Richmond Hill, just last week, and which I saw the new sign gracing the property as I went out on my walk today. The old proposal, which was approved, was for 22 flat roof townhouses, and moving the Heritage Home to the southwest corner of the property. The new proposal is absolutely ghastly, as it is proposing condominium towers - 2 - of which 1 would be 10 storeys, and the 2nd would be 14 storeys. The proposed height of this is about 44 metres - 3X the height of my house. 265 units are proposed.

Being an immediate neighbour of 107 Hall Street, affects me personally. I envision a wall going up outside my bedroom window, with 100s of new neighbours being able to peer inside. That's just for starters. Next, what does this mean for the Heritage Home - one of the most important in Richmond Hill. On the sign it is only mentioned in passing regarding preserving it, but that doesn't mean anything. It has now been closed up for more than 7 years, and with the passage of time the deterioration of the home is progressing more and more. Last Spring I saw them tossing water out of it. In recent times, I saw a company there related to restoration from fires, floods, etc., and know that they had problems with it. Additionally, the house is home to endless numbers of raccoons, who make themselves right at home in the chimney, to mention just a few.

I intend to leave no stone unturned in opposing this new development application, both on a personal level and a heritage level. Thank goodness that I am on Heritage Richmond Hill. This new proposal is worse than the old one on many many fronts, and is a total misfit for all concerned, the street and the neighbourhood. Then there is Bill C23 to deal with, which makes it easier for these developers to now get what they want under that.

Regards,

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