

Council Public Meeting : May 16th 2023, 7.30 PM

Location: 1st Fl. Council Chamber, City Council Committee.

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Only 5 minutes / speaker

Subject: Amendment of City Official Plan submitted by Parkway Hotel to
Key Development Area

> Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is **Tim**. I am from one of the 2 condo buildings. I have been living in this City for more than 20 years. My family moved up here from Toronto because we hate the heavy traffic downtown.

> When we moved up here over 20 years ago, the traffic was very smooth. But in the last few years, it has been getting very bad.

> I have friends coming to see me from the East and the West along HWY #7. They all complain that the traffic between Warden and Bayview are terrible. There are too many traffic lights and stops. It takes a long time to go through this section.

> Now, the Parkway Hotel Groups try to change the Official Plan of this small pocket of land into a Key Development Area so that they can build 9 high rise towers, I think this is radical and unthinkable.

> This small block: From *East Beaver Creek* on the east to *Leslie St.* on the west and from *HWY #7* on south to the *1st traffic light* on the north, is only 8.63 hectares. We already have the City Hall, 2 condo buildings, 2 hotels, convention Centre, shopping mall, 2 strip plazas, offices and retails, the Parkway health club, and gas station. Mathematically, If you take away the City Hall and the 2 condos, Parkway Hotel only have 5 hectares left; and on top of these 5 hectares. there are existing hotels, convention Centre, shopping mall, health club, which will still be

functioning as usual. If you take away this still functioning structures, they only have 2 hectares left to build. That means they will build the 9 high-rise towers on the parking lot, the demolished strip plazas and offices, plus they will build on top of the existing hotel and convention Centre for more expansion.

> Ladies and gentlemen, If we allow them to build as they wish, the existing City Hall, 2 condo buildings will lose all the southern views, and sun shine. This super high-density population will bring noise, pollution, crimes, fire hazard, sewer problems to this well-established community. Right now, they already have sewer block-up problems, and they want the 2 condos to share their costs.

> One more issue, when these 2 condos were built 20 years ago, we have a 99 years contract with the Parkway Hotel for using their Health Club facilities; and each year, we are paying them over a quoter of a million-dollar as fees. If they are allowed to build, it will take months or even years to be finished. Our resident's daily life will be greatly disturbed. They will take away our quality of life.

> Audiences, lot of you, like me, are not happy with this amendment, but with time limit, you have no opportunity to speak, I would like to have a show of hands from the floor if you are against this application

> Our Honorary Councilors, your job is to take care of our citizens wellbeing, I hope you will review this greedy developer's application very carefully and honestly. Please reject it.

Thank you

