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Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: objection to the Parkway's re-development proposal

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to express my strong objection to the proposed development plan of nine tall buildings to be built in close proximity to the highway. I believe that this will pose significant risks.

First, the close proximity of tall buildings to a busy highway raises serious concerns regarding public safety. Highways are known for their heavy traffic flow and the associated noise, air pollution, and safety hazards. Placing tall buildings in such close proximity to a highway would expose residents, workers, and visitors to increased noise levels, harmful emissions, and potential accidents.

Second, the visual impact of tall buildings in close proximity to a highway cannot be overlooked. Highways are often regarded as gateways to a city, and their aesthetics play a crucial role in creating a positive first impression for visitors and residents alike. The presence of towering structures alongside the highway could negatively impact the visual appeal of the area, potentially diminishing its overall attractiveness and character.

There are existing two 13-storey buildings in the community adjacent to the nine proposed tall buildings. The construction of such tall buildings would significantly alter the character and aesthetics of the neighborhood. This would create an unbalanced and discordant urban landscape.

Moreover, the increased density resulting from the construction of nine tall buildings in a confined space would impose excessive strain on the existing infrastructure. Our roads, parking facilities, and public transportation systems are already struggling to cope with the current population and traffic demands. Introducing such a substantial influx of residents and visitors would exacerbate these issues, leading to traffic congestion, parking shortages, and a decrease in the overall quality of life for those who call this neighborhood home.

Additionally, the proposed development would have adverse effects on the amount of natural light reaching the surrounding area. The lower buildings, as well as nearby residences, would be cast into shadow for a significant portion of the day, limiting access to natural sunlight. This not only undermines the well-being and comfort of the occupants but also poses potential health risks, such as decreased vitamin D production and a higher likelihood of mood disorders.

Furthermore, the construction process itself would undoubtedly result in significant noise pollution, dust, and disruption to the daily lives of residents and businesses in the vicinity. This disturbance would not only be an inconvenience but also a potential source of distress and financial loss for local establishments, which rely on a peaceful environment to operate successfully.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed development plan. I implore you to explore alternative solutions that are more considerate of the existing community and its unique characteristics. And to ensure the preservation of our neighborhood's cultural heritage, environmental well-being, and quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
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