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Cc: Victoria Education Centre

Subject: OPA-23-0007 and ABLA-23-0011, Addressing Critical Concerns Pertaining to the New Construction Project Near Victoria Education Centre

Dear Sir/Madam:

We trust this correspondence reaches you in good health and spirits. We, the collective of parents and staff at Victoria Education Centre, situated at 9901 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario, are writing to convey our serious concerns regarding the new construction project adjacent to our premises.

The undertaking of construction projects undoubtedly brings with it an array of effects on the surrounding environment and community, varying in impact according to the project's scale, type, and mitigation measures. We'd like to outline the following areas of concern that may negatively impact our daycare centre, its children, staff, and parents:

Exposure to Environmental Pollutants:

The potential exposure of our children and staff to dust, dirt, debris, and various air pollutants from construction activities is a significant concern regarding health and well-being.

Privacy and Safety Concerns:

Ensuring the privacy and safety of children and staff, particularly in outdoor spaces like playgrounds and parking lots, post-construction, is paramount to prevent unauthorized monitoring or observation.

Noise Pollution:

The inevitable noise pollution originating from the construction site could disturb the tranquility of our centre, becoming a source of stress and disruption for all.

Traffic and Commuting Challenges:

Anticipated road closures, diversions, and heightened traffic could notably inconvenience and frustrate commuting parents and staff.

Deterioration in Air and Water Quality:

The potential compromise in air quality and risk of water contamination from site runoff are considerable environmental and health concerns.

Aesthetic and Environmental Alterations:

The visual impact and possible ecological disruptions due to construction activities could impact the aesthetic and natural ambiance that enhances our centre.

Risk of Property Damage:

Potential damages to adjacent properties and our centre due to construction activities warrant robust preventive measures.

Health and Safety Hazards:

Ensuring the absolute safety of construction workers and minimization of risks to our centre's occupants is crucial.

Community and Financial Impact:

Possible disruptions to our community and financial implications, such as withdrawals due to dissatisfaction, pose additional threats to our operational stability.

Waste Management and Energy Use:

Ensuring responsible waste management and judicious energy use during construction is vital for environmental conservation.

With these concerns in mind, we earnestly request the city to collaborate with us and devise strategies that assure minimized impact on our centre, protecting the well-being and interests of our children, staff, and parents. We are more than willing to engage in dialogues and discussions that will pave the way for sustainable solutions.

Thank you for considering our concerns, and we anticipate your expeditious response and actions towards safeguarding our community against the possible negative impacts of the construction project.

Warm regards,

Alan Lu

Director

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