

From: Maria Asper
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 12:35 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Cc: Pedro Asper
Subject: Opposition to High-Density Development - May 1, 2024 Meeting

Dear Office of the Clerk,

My husband, Pedro, and I are residents of Richmond Hill. We are aware that ELM 9700 Yonge Limited Partnership has put in an application for a development proposal to build 2 large apartment buildings at the south/west corner of Yonge St and May Ave where there is currently a gas station. The original proposal for 24 and 18 storey buildings required an amendment to the Zoning By-law to permit this type of high-density development. We attended the first meeting in February 2023 and, along with many other neighbours, to oppose this type of development. We are stunned to learn that, in response to our opposition, the new plan includes buildings that are even taller than they were in the previous proposal at 28 and 19 storeys high. We are absolutely opposed to this type of high-density development being situated on this corner. We are deeply concerned about the impact this type of high-density residential development will have on our quiet community. The traffic congestion is already intolerable. Our street is often used as a throughfare to get from Yonge St. to Bathurst St. and Major Mackenzie Dr. which has resulted in difficulty just getting out of our driveway. We would not be opposed to single family homes, townhouses or low rise buildings. We purposely did not purchase a home in downtown Toronto because we wanted a quiet neighbourhood to raise our children in. Instead, we chose this neighbourhood in Richmond Hill, but this is definitely not the same quiet street we moved to 9 years ago and it will only get worse if the Zoning By-law is amended to allow this high-density development to occur. As well, has the proximity of these huge towers to the David Dunlop Observatory been considered? The light pollution will most certainly impact the observatory. I have spoken to many neighbours about this and not one is in favour of this development.

Please note, we will be in attendance at the meeting Wednesday, May 1st at 9:30am.

For the record, I am submitting my work address, since my home address is unlisted:

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Thank you,

Maria and Pedro Asper