

Providence, Lenore

Subject: FW: [External] Minor Variance OPPOSING letter and Request for Decision Form regarding Variance #A008/20

Attachments: Request for Decision Form.pdf

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Cc: Tina Cortese [REDACTED]

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Hi Christine Vigneault,

First of all, thank you for informing us of the Notice of Hearing minor variance application #A008/20.

Please see below our **letter of opposition** on behalf of 176 and 182 Green Manor Cres and the attached request for Decision form for Minor Variance #A008/20

Even though there are many residents and neighbors in close proximity to this structure who are opposed, I will address the reasons we **oppose** the rear and side setback of this building.

Yes we refer to the "structure" or "cabana" as a building. It was constructed with complete disregard to the esthetics of the community and neighborhood. Many of us are the original residents of this crescent in Woodbridge and there is no other structure which looms so large or presents such a huge footprint in the rear of a home. The sheer size of the structure, casts an ominous shadow on all three neighboring backyards. It reduces the amount of light in these areas and with some who are affected by "seasonal affective disorders", this building will have a negative effect. The mental health of all neighbors should definitely be taken into consideration in this case.

As well, some of those neighboring backyards are owned by seniors and often their only opportunity to move beyond their own homes is to spend leisure time in their backyards. This structure and the shadow it casts affects their vegetable and flower gardens and their own sense of well-being with the impact on sunshine in the area.

Finally, the structure **KNOWINGLY** was built in clear violation and total disregard to the zoning by laws for the city of Vaughan. The structure was constructed without a permit. How is it possible that a resident would be permitted to proceed without abiding by the city by-laws? Had a permit been applied for, all neighboring residences would have had the opportunity to share their opinions, understand the size and would have officially opposed it. Please note that while the structure was being constructed, numerous calls were made to the city expressing our concerns. While several visits may have been made to the residence by city officials, the homeowners proceeded and ignored the bylaw notices provided to them and informing them that they were not in compliance.

Why were they allowed to complete the structure?

Why would the city of Vaughan allow such disregard for by laws?

As residents and taxpayers of this city we are requesting that the structure be removed, relocated and sized in compliance with city bylaws regarding these types of structures.

Regards,

Sam Rizza

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