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The rate at which the Hwy 7 corridor is being developed and changed is very concerning. This proposed development looks to be putting over 30 high rise towers with no indication that the road network is being improved in any way. I realize these towers will not pop up overnight, more realistically over a 10 year span but you are looking to add 15,000 to 20,000 people to an area already suffering from severe traffic issues. I ask that you provide additional information for the following.

- What is the schedule for the construction of these towers
- Will the road network be expanded to improve (be able to cope with) the additional traffic. Please do not answer by telling us about public transit.
- Is there an actual plan for the densification of the Hwy 7 corridor, and if so can you let the long term residents of the area get a look at the long term plan.
- What happens to the retail on the site. If RioCan decides to incorporate retail into the podiums of the towers will the city ensure that sufficient parking is provided.
- Are there limits to the size and height the city will approve?

I know it is quite easy to label me as just another NIMBY however the past 5 years or so the culture and identity of the area has been hijacked by developers with no thought or concern for the existing residents. I know the developers make money and the city increases the tax base and brings in more money but that is not what makes a community. I have taken part in several zoom calls on other area developments and always come away with the feeling that the decisions are made before we are ever consulted.

Regards,

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