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Good Morning,

Thank you for distributing a copy of my attached letter to Mr. Mayor and Members of Council regarding the above-noted meeting. I apologize for the length of my submission, however, as a resident of Vaughan for 41 years, I have witnessed significant change in all aspects (population, culture, religion, etc.) in both Woodbridge and Kleinburg where my family has resided. I have also been involved and very instrumental in many of these changes that we see today as I have held roles in various ratepayer associations and volunteer groups with the City of Vaughan.

Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District Plan Update

This plan update for the Kleinburg-Nashville area seems to have been in the works for quite some time now, formerly as a "Streetscape Objective" for the Islington Avenue corridor through Kleinburg and now as a full-fledged district plan for the entire area.

It is vitally important to retain and respect the significant history of our heritage properties and guide new development to blend in and complement the old. Many of our historical buildings have been retained, maintained and renovated through generous purchasers who have invested a lot of time and money into ensuring that our historical culture plays an important role in Kleinburg. However, it is also my belief that should a building be deemed unsafe, unfit or unsuitable for retention, the historical board must have the power to approve its demolition. Presently we have several unsightly properties in our village that appear "beyond rehabilitation" and should the owner wish to demolish and rebuild, great consideration should be given.

Many people complain that both traffic and parking are issues in our community, but where do we not witness both problems in all communities! Kleinburg is primarily a seasonal village, very busy in the spring and summer months, but slowing considerably in the fall and winter. However, due to demands for increased parking for the village, city plans indicate a proposal for a 48-car parking lot on the east side of Islington, north of the village. This parking lot would replace a huge expanse of open green space, and situated in a residential area! Residents of Islington Avenue, Treelawn Blvd. and Bell Court have held a meeting with City representatives to oppose this parking lot.

People would not use this lot to park their car in the winter and walk to town - it is too far! Security issues have also been noted as a great number of home invasions/break-ins have taken place whereby cars park on Islington, cut through the back of the homes to break-in and make a quick escape to the waiting vehicle on Islington. Parking lots in residential areas bring in problems with litter, hang-outs, drug-deals, lighting, noise, etc.

We are concerned about this proposed parking and urge the City, through its request for community input, to locate village core parking in the village! During this past busy season, there was never a parking issue as most parking is required in the evenings/ weekends and the school site is always made available. Alternatives can be sought.

Please do not pave over "paradise" to put in a "parking lot" as Joni Mitchell sang back in the '60's.

The success of the Kleinburg-Nashville Plan should ensure that its plans complement the area. Please don't inflict a problem within the business community (parking) onto residential component of the neighborhood. This would, in reality, be a very unfair trade-off and detriment to our community!

Thank you.

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