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Committee of Adjustment

Subject: [External] MINOR VARINCE APPLICATION A115/23 (44 Vaughan mills road)

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Subject: Objection to Minor Variance Application – 44 Vaughan mills road application A115/23

I am writing to express my strong objection to the recent minor variance application for the property located at 44 vaughan mills road . The variance in question pertains to the requested side yard setback reduction from 2.4 meters to 0.60 meters, representing 75% of the maximum allowance permitted by law. While this may be deemed a "minor" variance, I have significant concerns regarding the overall process and decision-making surrounding this application.

First and foremost, I would like to address the apparent lack of awareness regarding the application for height variances. In my conversations with two planners, namely David Harding and Nicholas Del Peroto, they both conveyed that they were not informed about any application for height variances related to the property in question. This raises serious doubts about the transparency and adherence to procedural norms during the evaluation of the application.

Furthermore, I have discovered that the development planning and permit department approved changes to the allowable heights for the property without the submission of a formal application. This raises questions about the department's commitment to upholding zoning regulations and ensuring that all developments are subject to the same rigorous assessment process.

I am also concerned that the planners responsible for this decision did not visit the site or consult with

neighboring property owners before making their determinations. This lack of on-site assessment and community consultation suggests a disregard for the potential impact of the proposed changes on the immediate environment and the residents who would be directly affected.

While the attached pictures attempt to illustrate that the setback reduction will result in adverse visual or massing impacts on neighboring properties, I believe that a more comprehensive analysis is required to accurately assess the potential consequences of these modifications.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request the following:

A thorough review of the entire approval process for the minor variance application, including a reassessment of the height allowances that were granted.

An explanation for the apparent lack of awareness among planners regarding the application for height variances.

A commitment to conducting on-site assessments and engaging with neighboring property owners before arriving at any decisions related to such applications.

I believe that it is imperative to address these concerns to ensure that the development and modification of properties in our community adhere to the highest standards of transparency, fairness, and legality. I am dedicated to preserving the integrity of our neighborhood, and I trust that the development planning and permit department shares in this commitment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I eagerly await your response and the actions taken to address the issues I have raised. Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me via the provided contact details.

Sincerely,

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