

COMMUNICATION C4

ITEM NO. 9

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2)

December 7, 2021

From: Anthony LaMantia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Council@vaughan.ca; Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] RE: 9929 KEELE STREET, PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE STORY MIXED-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

Importance: High

Dear Vaughan Council/Staff,

I'm sending this email to voice my concerns regarding the application for consideration of the above-noted proposal, in support of the Maple Heritage Conservation District's (Heritage Vaughan's) recommendation to refuse it, which will go before City of Vaughan's Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 7th.

I/my family live on [REDACTED] Oakdale Road, directly behind the proposed new 20 metre high structure (including 4.5m mechanical penthouse).

My position is aligned with the vast majority of affected residents on Oakdale Road. My specific concerns are set out below:

- 1) This would be considerably higher than any building in the surrounding area;
- 2) The wood fence that is currently separating homeowners from the existing commercial plaza is falling apart—my section alone (behind my home) has three (3) posts that are broken and I could easily/manually push the fence to the ground in its severely weakened state. When I called the City to assist (over 2 years ago), someone representing History Hill/Greenpark simply hammered a 2x4 alongside one of the failing posts for support (when no one was home). My calls to the City of Vaughan came with assurances that the fence would be repaired, but no actions were taken. The existing fence is a major issue for all residents of Oakdale Road, and this will be an even more critical issue given the proposed new building(s) will have parking and cars moving in and out of that back area, requiring snow plowing in the winter directly behind our decrepid fence;
- 3) Finally, I'd like to believe that new/updated and credible traffic studies done by accredited professionals have been undertaken by the City apropos this new development. If so, can staff kindly point me to them? Anyone familiar with the area can attest that, between 3:30 and 6:00 pm on ALL weekdays, the congestion on Keele Street going north past Barhill right to Major Mackenzie and north of that is (in a word) stifling. It's literally bumper-to-bumper for almost three hours, every night. Has the City factored in the additional pressure on Keele Street N traffic flow that will be engendered with the addition of so many more residential units? It's a real and major concern for the radius of residents immediately behind the proposed development and well beyond it on both East and West sides and North of Keele St.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the City's Committee of the Whole to support Heritage Vaughan's position, and refuse the developer's application.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony LaMantia

PS Staff support and follow up re: the decrepid wood fence, which is long overdue, would be genuinely/much appreciated!

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