

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – MARCH 19, 2024**

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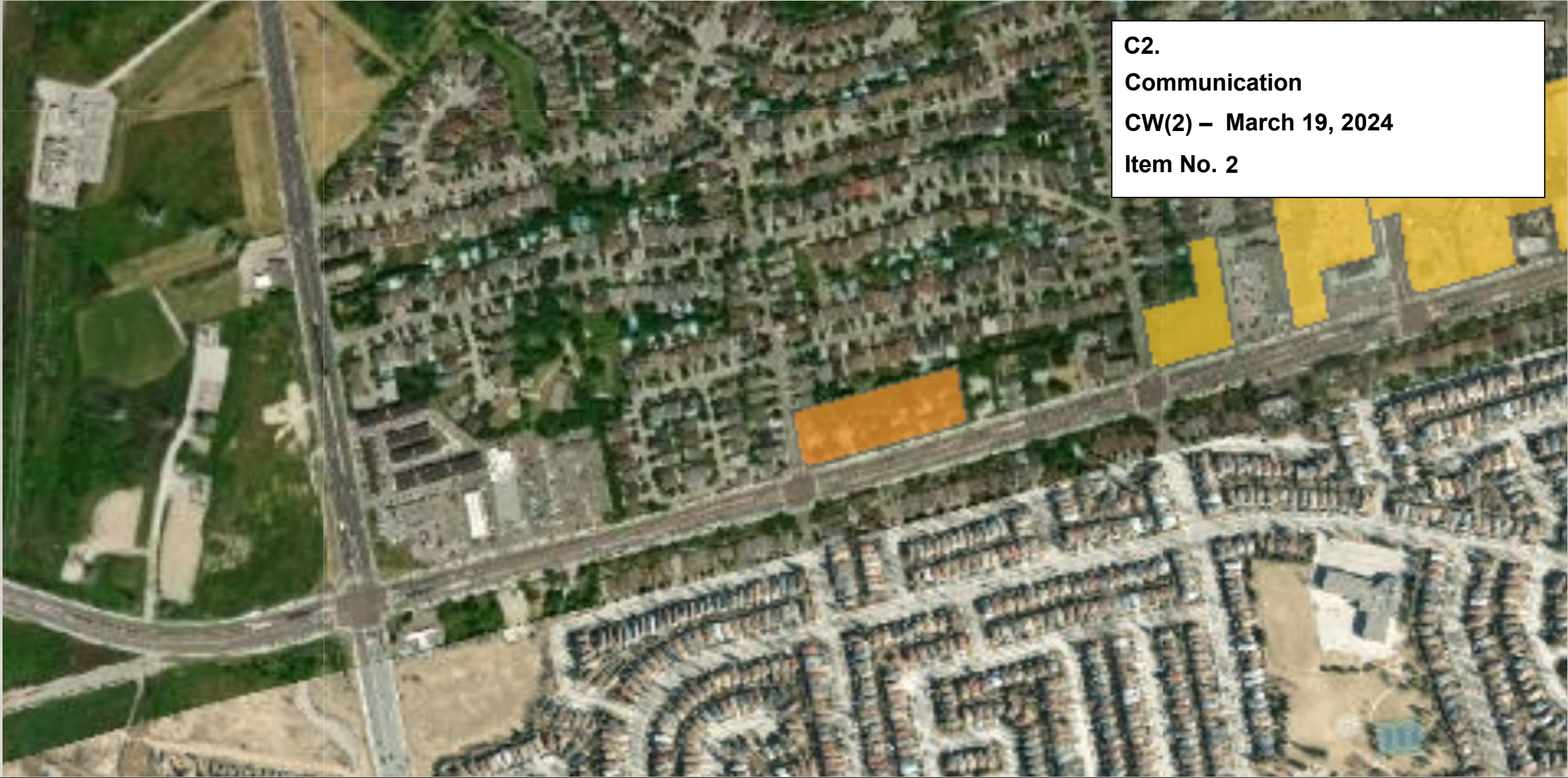
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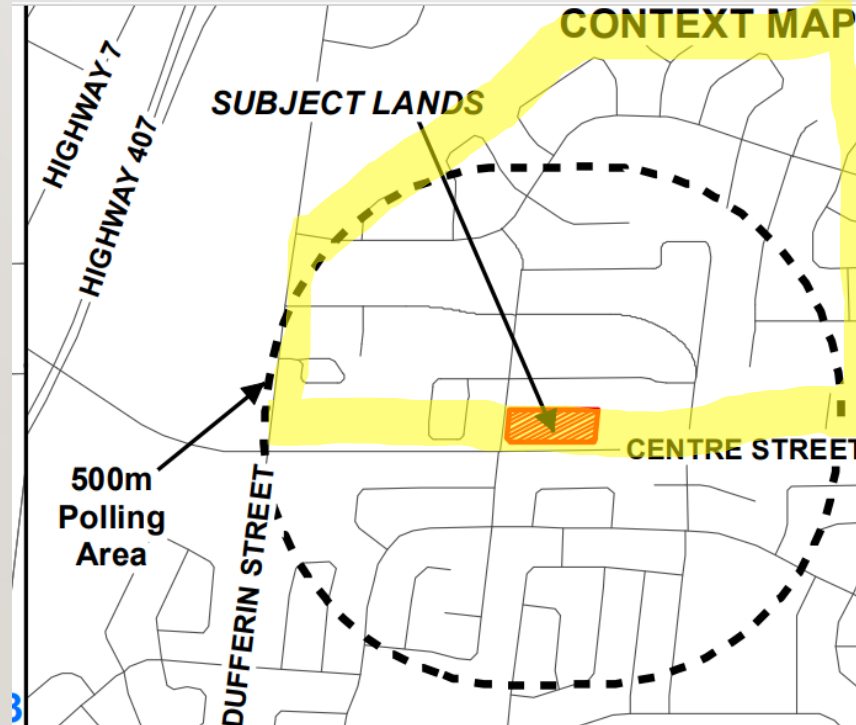
# BACKGROUND

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- **As a Resident for over 32 years, I have seen a lot of development**
- Member of the Beverly Glen Ratepayers Association (BGRA)
- Executive in BGRA for over 25 year - currently the Vice President.
- BGRA's boundaries are within the area of Dufferin St., HWY 407 (South of the Hydro Powerlines), New Westminster Dr., Centre St.
- Representing 1,860 homes and townhomes. **(approx. 4,500+ residences)**

# BACKGROUND

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# THE PURPOSE OF TODAY REPRESENTING BGRA RESIDENTS

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- Concerns: for the residents
  - Traffic Present and Future
  - Parking and Mess during Construction
  - Problems from past Developments that still effect the residents today

# CURRENT TRAFFIC ISSUES

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- **VIVA Rapid Transit – What a mess!!!**
  - Traffic Volume on Beverley Glen, Concord Road has increased
  - Beverley Glen Before VIVA had under 4,000 vehicles, today over 9,500 daily
  - Traffic Volume still has not been reduced to before VIVA levels – 5 years later
  - Nonresidents are still using Beverley Glen to bypass Centre Street (Dufferin and Bathurst)
  - WHY?
    - Centre Street has 6 Stoplights with 45 to 60 second wait cycles
    - Beverly Glen has 4 stop streets and one crosswalk for the school (a lot faster)
    - Removal of Bus lane at the Bus Stop on Concord + Centre Street
    - Additional congestion for buses if the right lane is closed / reduced during construction

# TRAFFIC PARKING FOR WORKERS

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- 2 Beverley Glen Blvd – Daniels – Baif Project (DBP) 4 years one lane of Beverly Glen CLOSED since March 2020
- Blocking of lanes and sidewalks during construction - WHY
- Parking on community streets (pictures shown May 30, 2023, to council) – Still happening
- Council stated that they would enforce the parking rules - Still not happening or working

# TRAFFIC – ISSUES WITH NEW PROJECTS

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- Will History be repeated with:
- 1150 Centre street & Vaughan (Sorbara Group)
- 1260, 1272, 1282, 1294, 1304, and 1314 Centre Street (AKA Concen)

What is the city going to do?



# *SOLUTIONS - SUGGESTIONS*

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- **Parking for Construction Workers**
- Enforcement of parking bylaws in the area – Not a repeat of 2 Beverley Glen (4+ Years)
- Concen & Sorbara Group to supply offsite parking with Bus shuttle to and from the site
- Parking outside of the area – Promenade – Next door vacant lots
- Supply equipment lockers and trailers on site for the workers to store tools - equipment
- Split the start date of the two developments
- Have these been considered?

# *SOLUTIONS - SUGGESTIONS*

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## Traffic

- Introduce New Traffic Calming measures in the area
- Lane closers for only days (weekend) not years for Centre Street or Concord Road
- Reinstate the Centre Street Bus lane at Concord
- Reinstate Right Hand turn lane on Concord South to Centre Street
- For both developments, No entrances or Exits to Concord or Vaughan Roads
- Additional VIVA Stop between the two developments (Concord or Vaughan)

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- Let's all work together on these issues
  - Create Policies for these issues to be used in the City of Vaughan
  - Thank you

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# The 5 W's of 1314 Centre Street

By Max Haim

Please note that many of the images and files used in this document are taken from elsewhere. Many from the developer's submission, or other places. Sources have been added where possible.

# Preface

- Who
- What
- Where
- When
- Why

[OAA Directory](#)

## Aamer Shirazie

[Back](#)**Name:**

Aamer Shirazie

**Type:**

Student Associate

**Status:**

Not able to practise

This person cannot offer or provide architectural services. They may be an academic, a student, retired or on leave.

**Discipline History:**

No Discipline History

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# Since Last Time

- Architect – ??
- Engineer – ??
- Developer - ???

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# Who? Good Question

Dov Seidenfeld,  
known for single  
family homes

Concen  
**Development**  
Limited or  
**Developments**  
Limited?

## 1.0 Applicant or Registered Owner of Property

I/We Dov Seidenfeld being the registered owner of 1260- 1314 Centre Street  
*Owner's Name* *Address/Legal Description*

hereby irrevocably authorize and consent to The Corporation of the City of Vaughan to enter, at any reasonable time, onto the Subject Lands and premises, described in this application, for processing and evaluating the merits of this application and, subsequently, conducting any inspections on the Subject Lands if required as condition of approval.

1.1 Owner's Name: Concen Development Limited  
*(Mandatory Information)*

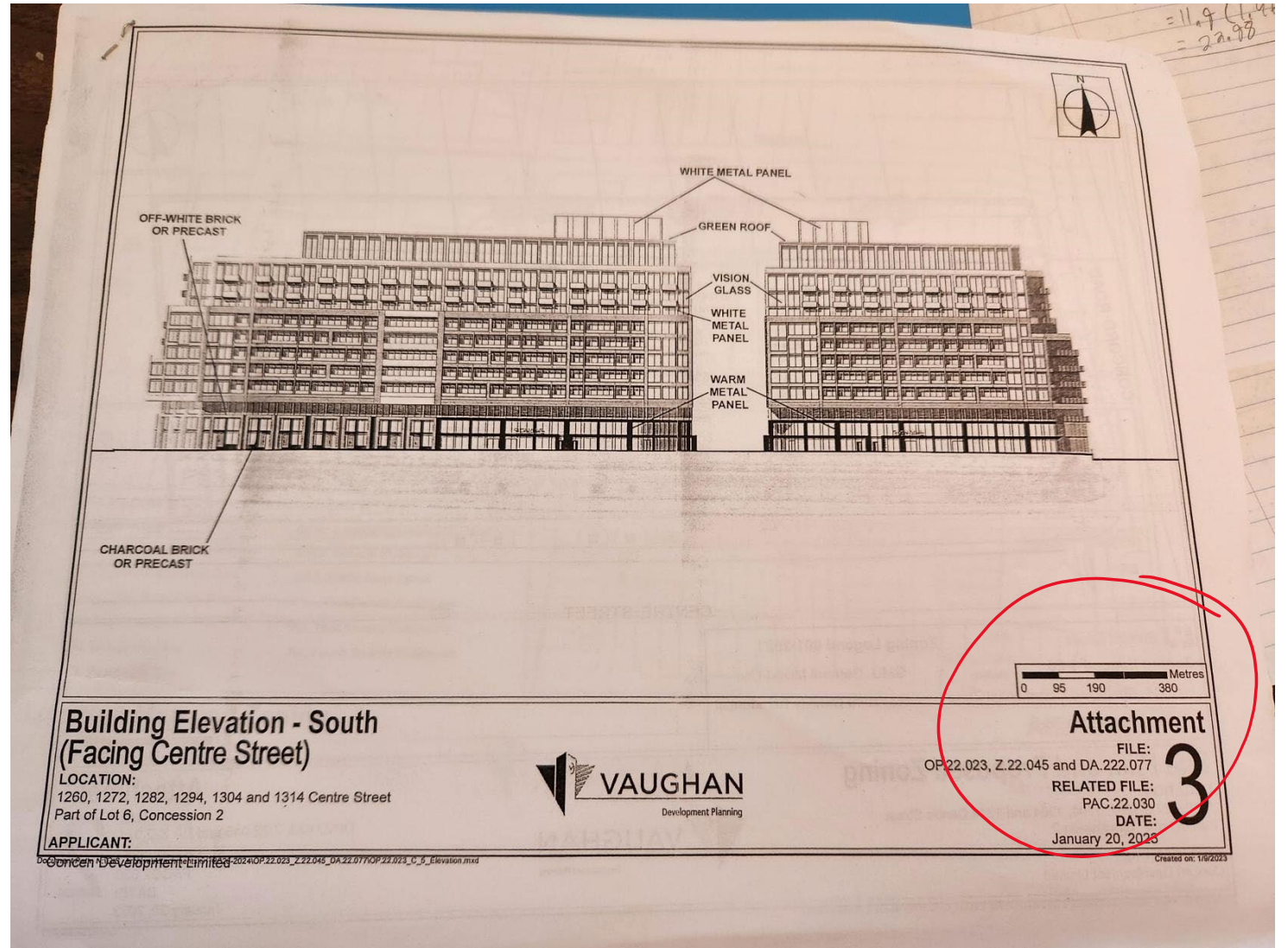
1.2 Contact Name: Renwick Jane  
*(Mandatory Information)* *Last* *First* *M.I.*

Dov Seidenfeld c/o Concen Developments  
*Please print name* *Limited*

Source: Application Form, December 2023

# What

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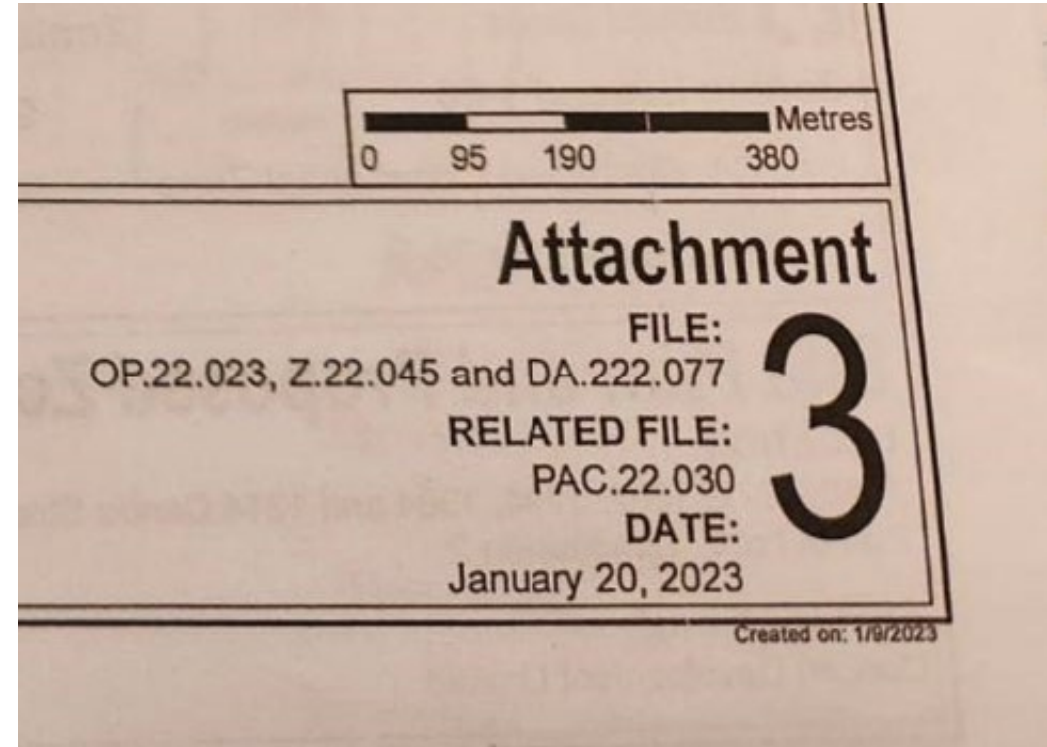




# Height?

380 Meters/tick \* 2 ticks  
=  
approximately 700 metres

- The second tallest building in the world
  - Taller than the CN tower



Source: Same as last slide.

# In a Legal Context

**Proposed Amendments to City of Vaughan Official Plan and City of Vaughan Zoning  
By-law 1-88**

**1260, 1272, 1294, 1304 and 1314 Centre Street, Vaughan, Ontario**

**Applicant and Appellant: Concen Development Limited**

**City of Vaughan File No.s OP.22.023, and Z.22.045  
OLT Case Nos. OLT-23-000924 and OLT-23-000925**

- Notice of CMC.
  - Mentions 2 cases, not 3
  - What is **OLT-23-000926???**
  - Dec 2023

# Where

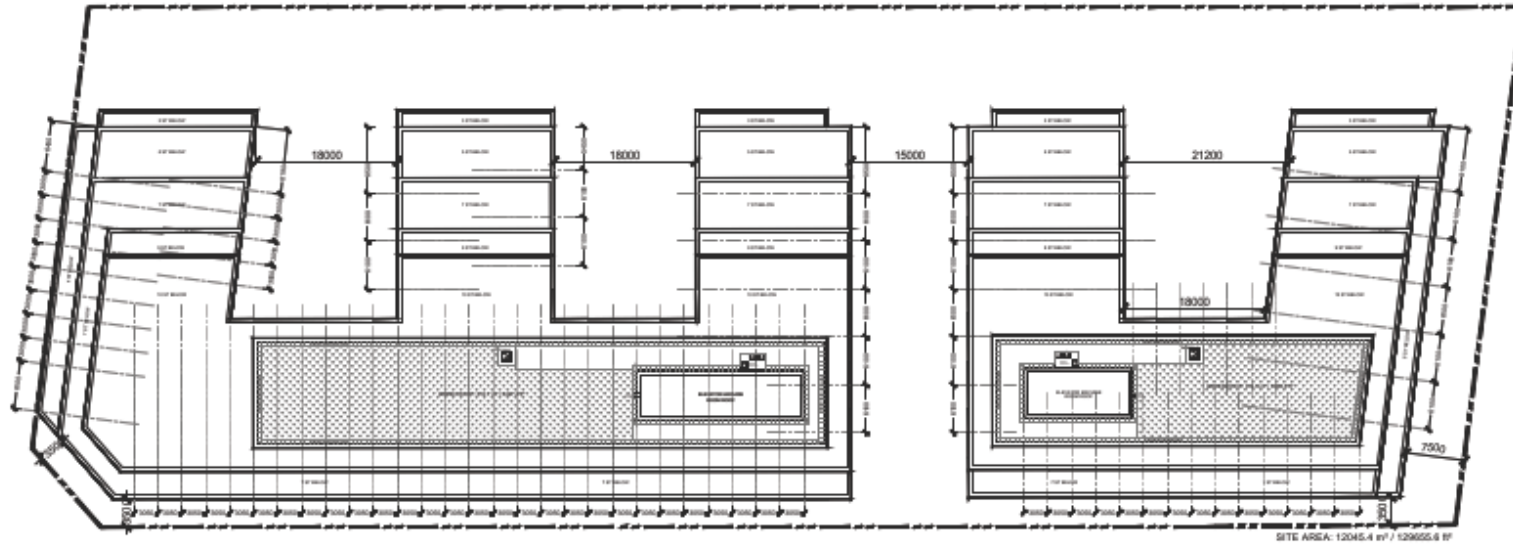
- In Thornhill
  - Along Centre Street



# Where: Back to the Application Form

North of Centre Street & East of Concor Road

- See 3.2 of the application form describing location



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 CONCEN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED  
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**ISSUE**

No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	PRELIMINARY SUBMITTAL	2022-12-01

**KEY PLAN**

**CONSULTANTS**

**SEAL**

**PROJECT CONSULTANT**  
 A112 GROUP  
 260 FINEST 16 St. Clair Avenue West  
 Toronto ON M5V 2Y7 Canada  
 Tel: 416.593.8333 Fax: 416.593.8344

**1220-1314 CENTRE STREET**

**PROJECT NO:** 1383A

**DRAWN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECKED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT MGR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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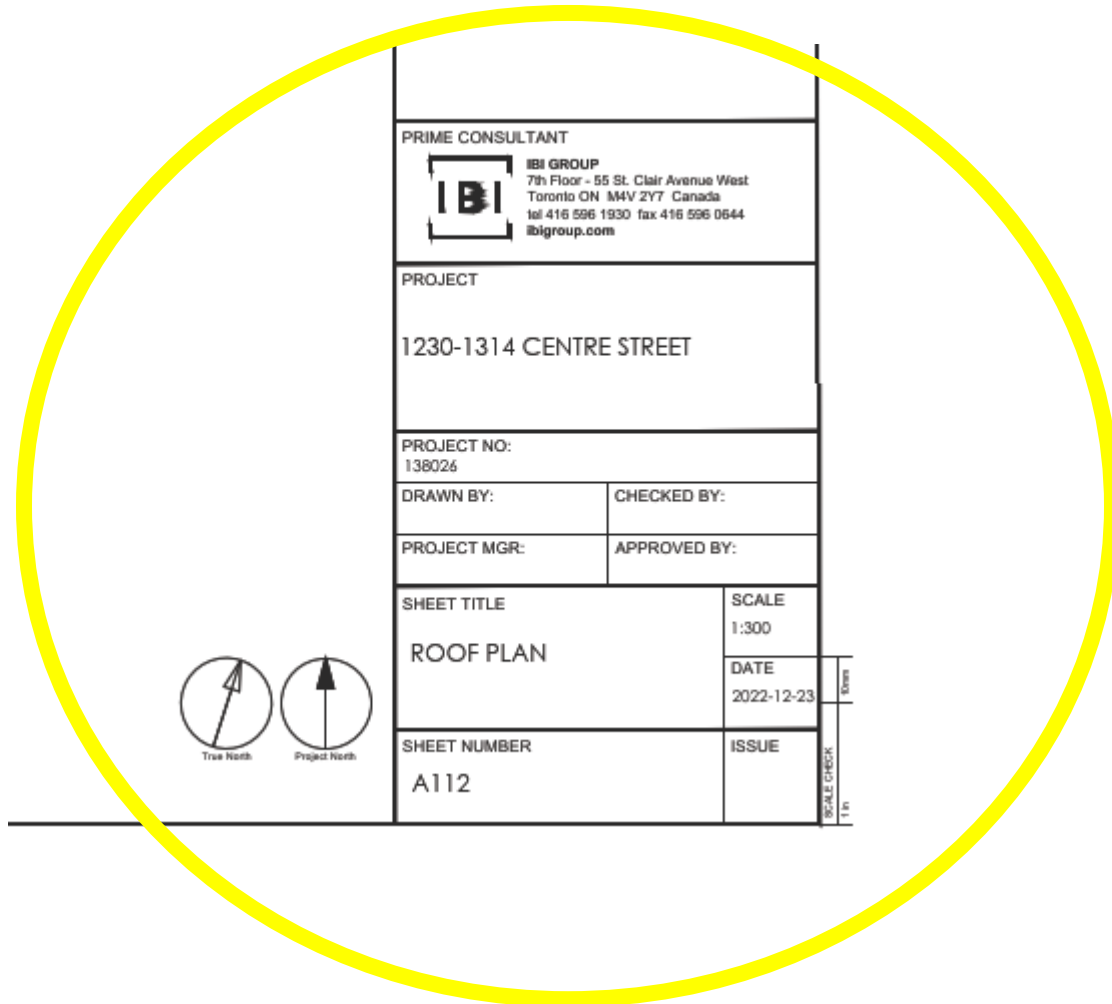
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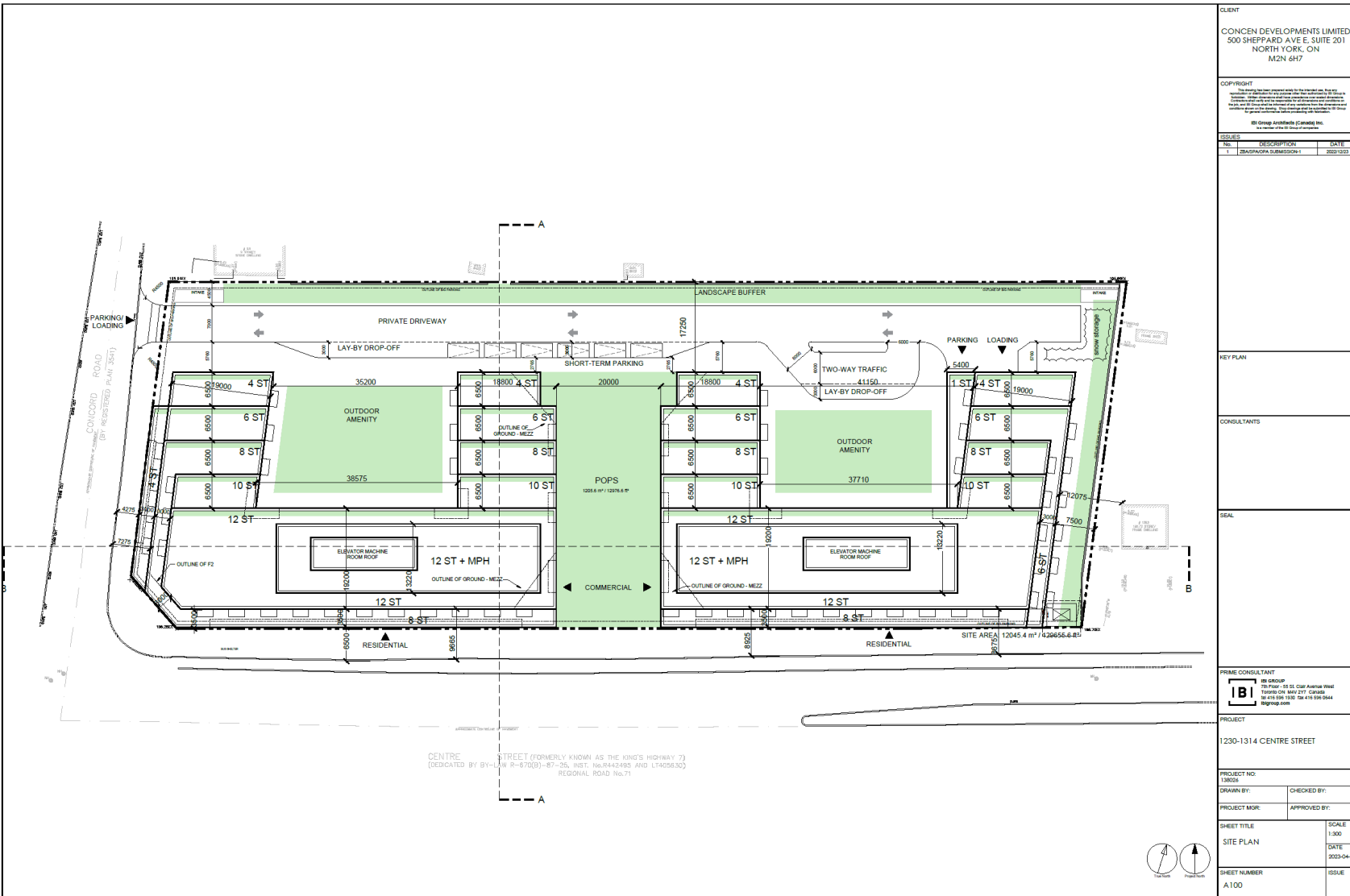
It is incomplete.

# Updated Architectural Drawings

Source, A100 of the revised architectural set.

Note: Not approved.

SEAL	
PRIME CONSULTANT	
IBI GROUP 7th Floor - 55 St. Clair Avenue West Toronto ON M4V 2Y7 Canada Tel 416 596 1130 Fax 416 596 0544 ibigroup.com	
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1230-1314 CENTRE STREET	
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# When?

- Asap. No indication of timeline.
  - Plans to build the structure of one building at a time (common basement)
- Will key details be skipped over?



# Why

- How the province aims to fix housing in Thornhill
  - 4+ acres of non-profit housing
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

Source: Ontario Helping Non-profits Build Housing in Vaughan, Ontario News, April 2022, the 6<sup>th</sup>



# Planning Justification Report

Figure 2: Context Map

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PLANNING JUSTIFICATION REPORT | 21260 – 1314 CENTRE STREET, VAUGHAN



The building stretches far

Source: Submitted Planning  
Justification Report

# Reasoning

## Transit and Transportation

The subject site is served by several transit opportunities. Centre street is a major corridor and provides a wide range of transportation opportunities in the City of Vaughan. Centre Street is served by the Viva Orange bus route 23 and YRT bus route 77 providing east-west connections. Route 77 connects to the Vaughan Metropolitan Subway Station (VMC) at the west, that is a multi-modal transport hub at the heart of Downtown Vaughan. To the east, Route 77 connects to the Viva Blue Route on Yonge Street for a higher order north-south transit option. Additional nearby bus routes include YRT bus route 105 along Dufferin Street, and route 3 along New Westminster Drive, and route 5 along Clark Avenue West. There are several bus stops within walking distance of the site, the closest being located at the intersection of Centre Street and Concord Road.

Centre Street is a bus rapid transit (BRT) route with dedicated bus lanes.

In terms of active transportation, the site connects to a number of primary and secondary cycling and walking routes. Centre Street has been urbanized with sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides. Concord Road has a sidewalk on the east side abutting the site. These are the primary sidewalks that provide access to bus stops and connect the site to neighbouring areas. The site has direct access to the Regional bike path on Centre Street. Additional Municipal bike routes are located on Concord Road and New Westminster Drive as per the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Several parks are located within short walking distance of the site (400-800 metre). The nearest park is High King Park, located northwest of the site. This is a neighbourhood park serving the immediate community with recreational facilities for different age groups.

Figure 13 illustrates a community context map with bike routes, trails and nearby destinations within walking distances (400-800m radius).

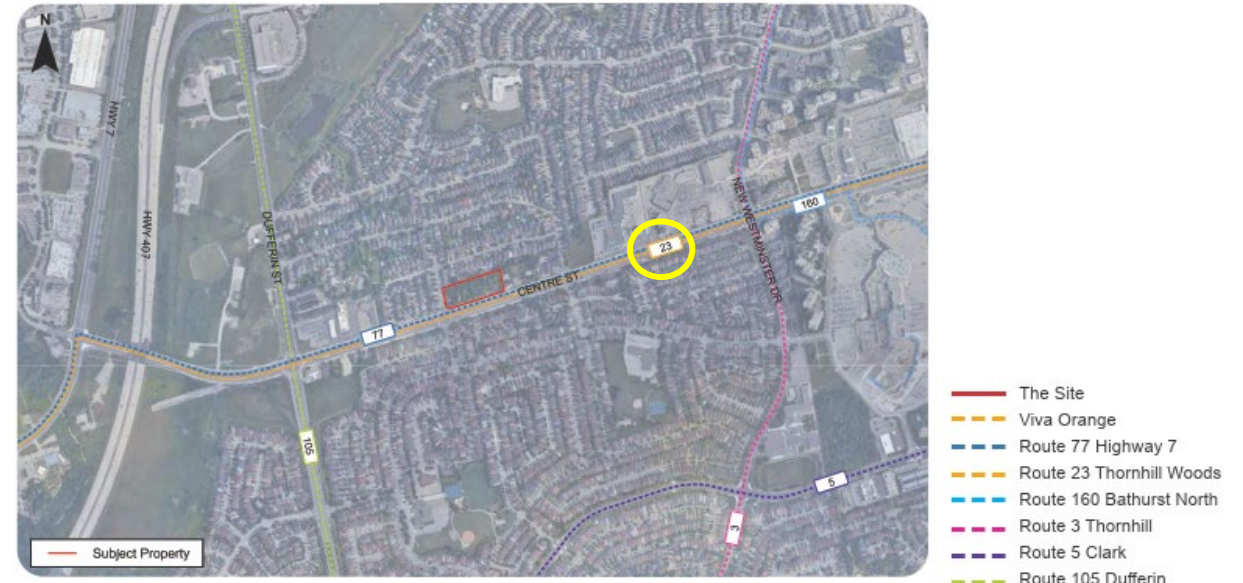


Figure 12: Transit routes

Page 14 of the Urban design and Sustainability Brief for the proposed development. Yellow highlights are annotations.

# This development will set a precedent

- Is this what we want is Vaughan
- Are these our standards?
  - What else is wrong?
    - Traffic study uses incorrect data to make its point
    - Sound study ignores the impact of planes
    - Hydrological Report refers to a missing file
    - Etc

# Words of Wisdom from 50 years ago

THE LIBERAL, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Thursday, April 22, 1971 21

## Thornhill Councillor Declares War On Apartment Evils

BY HAL BLAINE

South Thornhill Councillor Robert Adams has started a crusade to stop at least some of the evils of apartment over-crowding from spilling north over Steeles Avenue from Metro.

In his drive he has been given immediate strong support by Markham Mayor Anthony Roman, Markham Council and its planning committee.

A request for public space and parkland reserves geared to apartment development has gone forward to the provincial government from Markham.

A request for a regional planning study of the effects of apartment construction has gone forward to the New York Regional Council's Planning Department.

It has been subsequently learned that a request similar to that from Markham has gone to the Ontario Government from the City of Oakville.

The existing community planning arrangements aren't providing anywhere near enough public land, Council-

lor Adams told "The Liberal".

Councillor Adams of Thornhill comes from a district heavily developed with fine single family dwellings, but which almost completely lacks major land provisions for athletics, recreation, parks and other public purposes.

Much of the Thornhill area's remaining undeveloped land is slated for apartment buildings and land prices have soared so high that cost of land for public use is prohibitive.

Councillor Adams says the existing law requiring developers to donate five percent of their land for public purposes was fine and dandy when it was written.

"But it wasn't written for the apartment era," he says. "And in this day and age we are in an apartment era. We need more land for parks and every other public purpose.

"In terms of the amount of public land per person, the percentage is getting lower because of apartment con-



**COUNCILLOR ADAMS Worried By Apartments**

struction," says the Thornhill councillor.

"We are getting apartment developments up to 60 units per acre now.

"Under the existing 5% public land provision, with this apartment density in a 50-acre area we could have 3,000 apartment units, 10,000 people, and only 2½ acres of public land exclusive of streets.

"Yet we have to build fire halls, libraries, community complexes and parks," says Adams, who is frequently heard saying "the biggest isn't necessarily best".

In a motion recently put before Markham Town planning committee, seconded by Mayor Anthony Roman, Councillor Adams has sent his plea to the Ontario Government as follows:

"Whereas the provincial planning legislation under Section 28 Subsection 5 pertaining to the conveyance of up to 5% of subdivision land to the municipality for public purposes (ie. parkland) other than highway, appears to be designed for single family dwelling units;

"And whereas the parkland requirements for multiple dwelling units greatly exceed the requirement for the aforesaid single family units;

"Be it therefore resolved that this committee instruct our planning department to respectfully petition the provincial government to make the necessary changes to the Planning Act to provide the amount of public land for other than highway purposes be based upon the number of dwelling units per acre."

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Councillor Adams' plea to the region on apartment development was also made in a planning committee motion, seconded by Mayor Roman, and also approved by Markham Council.

The motion reads as follows:

"Whereas the Municipality of the Region of York is one of the few areas of Ontario presently assessed on an equalized market value basis;

"And whereas previous councils may have encouraged apartment development by reason of a larger tax return, due to a higher percentage of assessment per dollar invested for this type of construction;

"And whereas apartment construction costs are approximately 50% of the construction costs of single family dwellings with the resulting lower tax income;

"And whereas approximately 60% of every tax dollar is required for education purposes;

"It would appear that further apartment construction would tend to put a disproportionate share of increased educational capital cost carrying charges on residents presently, within the region;

"Notwithstanding the fact that every municipality has a serious responsibility to provide dwelling units for people in all income ranges;

"Be it therefore resolved that this planning committee direct our planning department to most respectfully request the regional planning department to commence a regional study of the effects of apartment construction within the various municipalities of the region. The study should include differences in costs of all services (ie police, fire, recreation, etc.) per dwelling unit and should be completed as soon as possible."

Source: The Liberal, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Thursday, April 22, 1971. Page 21

*"Yet we have to build fire halls, libraries, community complexes and parks, ..., the biggest isn't necessarily the best"*

- South Thornhill Councillor Robert Adams, April 22, 1971

Its time to Do It Right.