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Deputation City of Vaughan

Hello and good evening,

My name is Ninetta Massarelli-Cucci and I am a resident of 89 Hawman Avenue. I am here to express my opposition to the proposed 16 story condo building and the proposed street access way from Mackenzie Street south, exiting onto Hawman Avenue, which is a single dwelling, residential neighbourhood characterised with mature trees and one of the oldest remaining streets in Woodbridge. In addition, I oppose any plans to include a secondary road access from Mackenzie Street south onto Hawman Avenue, in order to enable admittance to the proposed 3 story stacked townhouses.

I strongly oppose this development because I fear for the safety and well-being of my daughter, who is disabled and requires a walker to walk to the bus stop at Kipling and Highway 7. Furthermore, I fear for welfare of pedestrians such as senior citizens and other children who live and play freely Hawman Avenue. This development will result in several hundred additional vehicles that will require access to Hawman Avenue for ingress and egress. The reason we purchased our home on Hawman Avenue, a residential, dead end court, as opposed to a busier subdivision, was to ensure my child was exposed to low vehicular traffic in order for her to access the road freely and independently, paramount for her daily living. The style of the home we purchased is a bungalow which allows my daughter the freedom to get around in her own home easier. In addition, we have spent thousands of dollars creating an effective accessible design both inside and outside, in order to support her needs.

The proposed 217 parking spaces will no doubt contribute to congestion along Hawman Avenue and Kipling Avenue. Keep in mind, as I am sure you are all aware, that Kipling Avenue is comprised of 1 left turn lane and 1 northbound lane which also serves as a right turn lane. In addition, the newly constructed town homes along Coles Avenue, will also result in traffic back up from the 2 stops signs and those waiting at the lights on along Kipling Avenue.

I am in favour of development and intensification, but the growth and expansion within Vaughan should be done responsibly, with infrastructure in place to support the growth, as well as in areas that not alter the characteristic of **existing** neighbourhoods. As you all can clearly see, many of us have come here to express our concerns with this condo development. I

strongly hope that the voices of hard working, tax paying residents of Vaughan, who have elected you to govern and represent us are received.

As a long-time resident of Woodbridge, I have slowly witnessed the disappearance of green space and unbearable road gridlock which has impacted pedestrian safety. As an example, two years ago my 84 year old mother was struck by a moving vehicle at Pine Valley and Highway 7. My mother was walking with her cane on the side walk. This incident occurred in broad daylight, at 2 pm and she was very lucky she was not killed. It took her two years to recover from her injuries but the pain in her shoulder and leg is something she must live with every day. The take away from this is that pedestrian safety is compromised with traffic congestion, even if sidewalks are used. I do not want the same fate for my child or anyone else. My daughter is entitled to live in a safe, barrier free, accessible neighbourhood, where she can live the best life possible. As a mother, I plead with you all to put her needs above everything else.

Regards,

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