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A copy of the remarks from Jack Weinberg, president of the Rosedale North Residents Association, at Vaughan Council Meeting, regarding the proposed development at 300 Atkinson Avenue.

Yours,  
Jack Weinberg

Good evening. My name is Jack Weinberg and I am the President of the Rosedale North Ratepayers Association, and tonight I am speaking on behalf of the members of this resident's association. The RNRA is a relatively new ratepayers association, and has been officially registered by the city of Vaughan and constituted to be the voice of the residents in this particular area. The RNRA is bounded on the **South** by Center St, on the **North** by Highway #407, on the **East** by Yonge Street, and on the **West** by Bathurst Street. This development is at the very centre of the RNRA. Our members are all residents of this particular area, and are very aware of this particular development.

We would like to start off by addressing a number of issues that have been raised about this development.

There has been some thought that this development will change the character of the area by building townhomes instead of single-family dwellings. We would like to draw your attention to the townhouse development that is currently under way on Clarke between Bathurst and New Westminster, or to the existing townhomes at 601 Clark. Nonetheless, we have noted that the developer has depicted the development in colors which are not consistent with the colors of the surrounding homes. We are offering a suggestion to the Architect and Developer to choose colors and styles which will complement the existing housing in the area. We hope that when the development is all finished, it will actually enhance the look of the area. As a matter of fact, there are some members of the RNRA who feel that the development at 300 Atkinson will actually increase house prices in the neighborhood.

There have been a number of individuals in the neighborhood who have indicated that they feel the development will be too crowded with too many people. I'd like to draw their attention to what happened just last night, on Monday June 3rd. Last night the existing school held a "goodbye" event in the evening, complete with hundreds of screaming kids, huge loudspeakers, and many food trucks on the premises. The only thing that was missing was the extremely loud school bells! This school was designed to hold around 1000 kids with dozens of staff. Although it may seem counter intuitive, we believe that 125 town homes will make the site quieter than it has been in years!

There has also been some mention of increased traffic in the area due to this new development. To all those who think that, I invite them to come to my door, on Rosedale Heights at two particular times of the day – when school begins and when school is over. The current school was designed to handle around 1000 students, and 23 years ago they had approximately that many. I learned to avoid those two times

during the day, as I could barely make it through my street. It is the contention of the RNRA that 125 townhomes will not generate nearly the traffic as 1000 school drop offs. Furthermore, with the school, we had parking everywhere on the side streets near the school. As well, Atkinson is a feeder road with 2 lanes in each direction – just like Clark. We do not anticipate that residents of this development will be using the side streets to go anywhere. From what we have seen of the plans of this development, there is going to be a massive improvement in traffic congestion.

We would also like to comment on the transfer of some of the land in the development for the creation of a synagogue. any RNRA members are also attendees at the existing synagogue.

We applaud the decision by the developer to apportion a piece of the property towards the creation of a synagogue to replace the existing synagogue. In this day and age, such a simple act of inter-faith generosity, and getting along harmoniously in one neighborhood, should be highly praised.

In conclusion, the RNRA endorses the development at 300 Atkinson as proposed by the developer, with the proviso that colors and styles of the development more closely reflect the color and styles of the surrounding homes.