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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:20 PM

To: Shefman, Alan < Alan. Shefman@vaughan.ca>

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Subject: [External] Fwd: Fwd: [Torontograpevine] Thornhill residents - Urgent Action Needed

Immediately

Hi Alan,

Can you please add my email address to the "watch list" with regards to this development?

I've been a Thornhill resident for 31 years, and am worried about the effect that these extremely tall condos will have on the neighborhood.

Aside from the obvious infrastructure issue, at 54 stories tall, these buildings will $\frac{1}{1000}$ over Thornhill. The 31 story World on Yonge can be seen from Yorkhill Blvd. These would be more than 1.5 times taller, and without the benefit of the ravine on Yonge to provide some physical distance. I can only imagine the effect on the residents of the houses one block north (probably a complete blockage of southerly sunlight in the winter).

Best Regards,

Jeremy Lichtman

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From: Suri Rosen <

Jul 10, 2020, 4:35 PM

Subject: [Torontograpevine] Thornhill residents - Urgent Action Needed Immediately

To: <torontograpevine@groups.io>

If you live in Thornhill, your life is about to change forever.

A group of developers is trying to ram through unprecedented and non-compliant proposals, without public consultation under the cover of COVID. (This is being done very differently than the Promenade condos.)

City Council is being asked to green-light the construction of ten skyscrapers up to 54 stories along the north side of Steeles Avenue between Yonge and Hilda – with even more developments in the pipes – that will pack in over 20,000 new people with no addition to local infrastructure.

These condo towers ignore all Official Secondary Plan guidelines that already were raised to allow for high densities to support the Yonge subway extension. They are DOUBLE or TRIPLE the height and density limits of the new guidelines that city planners spent years perfecting to provide smart and sustainable growth. We support high density development as long as it is reasonable and follows the rules.

The city will waive all normal requirements and the developers will not build additional roads, green spaces, parks, libraries, stores, community centres or any amenities to accommodate this influx of tens of thousands of new residents. You can imagine what will happen to our already clogged roads and facilities, including Bathurst, Dufferin, New Westminster, as well as our clinics, parks, stores, libraries, post office, etc.

It is vital that City Council hears from as many residents as possible; if no one writes in, they will assume there are no objections to the project and give these plans a green light.

An open Council hearing is taking place online this Monday night, July 13. The Spring Farm Ratepayers Association asks you to take a few minutes to send a short email to Council members to let them know, in your own words, that these controversial developments do not have your support. Please address your email to City Clerk Todd Coles (clerks@vaughan.ca) and CC Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua (maurizio.bevilacqua@vaughan.ca) and Ward 5 Councillor Alan Shefman (alan.shefman@vaughan.ca). Please BCC springfarmra@gmail.com so they can collect these emails for future reference.

Feel free to draft your own email, or use the following suggestions: (Please put it in your own words)

Dear Mr. Coles,

Please register my objection to the proposed development plans at the Yonge & Steeles neighbourhood because (pick one or two reasons to include in your email and try to personalize it):

- 1. The proposed density is between double and triple that allowed in the Secondary Plan
- 2. The proposed height is more than double what is currently allowed in the Secondary Plan
- 3. The proposals do not enhance the existing neighbourhood
- 4. The facilities being proposed are only for the benefit of the residents who live in the proposed developments
- 5. There has been little to no consultation with the community
- 6. The existing facilities/infrastructure cannot support this large an increase in population

Please keep me informed of any actions Council may take on these proposals.

Your name Address Email

Thanks so much for helping out. For more information you can contact my husband, Marty Rosen:

*Here is the city council agenda for the hearing and if you click on items #4 and 5 it will give a list of documents that are going to be presented by the developers. https://pub-vaughan.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?ld=91c1b20a-5c15-408e-889c-0354195ac026&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English

Unlike the developers, the Spring Farm Ratepayers Association is a small group of homeowners that are trying to fight this in their spare time. There is no staff or budget, which is why even the website is not updated with current info on this issue.

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Friend wants to join? She should email to: TGVmembership@yahoo.com

This community service generates so much chesed and achdus and in that Zechus is L'Ulei Nishmas Tzvi Hersh Nota Alter ben HaRav Benzion Yehuda Leib; Gittel Shulamis bas Yaakov Yitzchak Naftali; Yerachmiel ben Moshe Yona; Chaya bas Chaim; and Masha Riva bas Shaul. May their Neshamos have an aliyah.

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