

**COMMUNICATION – C33
ITEM 4
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Subject: [External] Written Submission to oppose the proposed development at 8001 Bathurst Street

Hello,

Please accept the attached pdf doc as Written Submission.

Thanks.

Opposition to the proposed development at 8001 Bathurst Street

- Tuesday, September 22, 2020
- by Patrick Tse/Kathy Tse, on [REDACTED] Flamingo Road
- also representing:
- Dong Ming He and Bing Bing Wang, on [REDACTED] Flamingo Road
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1. Increase Traffic Flow on Flamingo Road and surrounding areas.

- At the height of the VIVA construction just last year, there was a line of cars 1 km long waiting to turn on to Bathurst street north, that means I had to wait up to 15-20 minutes to get out of my drive-way on to Flamingo road, very frustrating experience.
- If the Chabad Flamingo project is to go ahead, the traffic increase is going to be similar to VIVA construction, only this round, it is here to stay during and after the construction.
- This is a gross disruption to the original intent of this neighborhood, a supposedly low-density quiet neighborhood.

2. Negatively affect the fabric make-up of this neighborhood

- I had a conversation a few weeks ago with WARD 5 Councillor Alan Shefman, he indicated a Rabbi responsible for the project told him that "one of the purposes for the 125 units is for low-cost affordable housing", and of course, it is a noble cause.
- But that means, there is going to be a huge influx of people, flooding the nearby schools, parks, community centers and facilities. And that would change the esthetics and the fabric of this neighborhood.

3. Creating a toxic economic environment for the community to feud over the division or the administration of this newfound wealth (if the construction is to go ahead)

- Chabad Flamingo is a Synagogue, by google definition, a building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction.
- Similar to a Christian Church, a charitable organization, and a community property, where the land is either donated or acquired on deep discount relative to market value. The original intent of such property is to remain a community property where people nearby can gather to worship.
- This new construction will enrich a small group of people, creating a toxic financial environment for the community. A small group of people who has controlling or administrative interest over the property, to feud over the ownership of the residential units, who gets to live there using what qualification matrices, and at what rental or purchase prices, and for profit or non-profit.
- I think this is a gross violation of trust to the original landowner(s) who donated the property for the community. The land is to use strictly to create a building to worship the Lord, which is what the community needed and is almost always the case for Christian churches.

4. Synagogue is a place where people gather to worship God almighty, it is the Lord's House.

- It is in our Charter of Rights since 1982: "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law "

- the "God" mentioned in the Charter is, God almighty Himself in the Holy Bible
- I mentioned our constitution, because it is a kind reminder that we are a nation under God, we recognize God's laws and decrees, we follow them, God will bless us, protect us from harm, and our land will yield crop, and everyone's belly will be satisfied and we can live in safety. If we disobey God's laws, God will punish us with sudden terror, wasting diseases, and fever that will destroy our sight and drain away our lives. If we still do not listen, the punishment will get more severe, according to the book of Leviticus 26:14-39.
- God Almighty in the Holy Bible is to be feared, not to be taken so lightly.
- I am going to read a few Bible verses from the Old Testament in the Holy Bible, just to let everyone know a bit more what God's character is like:

Exodus 40:33-35 New International Version (NIV)

³³ Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

- the context of above passage is when the tabernacle is done after several months of construction, it is to indicate; you cannot approach God almighty whenever you want, not even Moses, one of God's most favored prophet.
- the Lord wants us to keep a distance, approach only at the appropriate time.

Numbers 2:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

The Arrangement of the Tribal Camps

2 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: ² "The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family."

- the context of the above passage takes place when the Israelites are wandering in the desert for 40 years, and everyday they are to camp by their tribe surrounding the tabernacle at a distance, and this is the Lord's explicit instruction, is to camp some distance from the "tent of meeting".

Joshua 7:1 New International Version (NIV)

Achan's Sin

7 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things^[a]; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri,^[b] the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

- The context of the above passage takes place after Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, wonder in the desert for 40 years. Moses passes the torch on to Joshua, to lead the Israelites into the promised land. Joshua led the Israel people cross the Jordan river, and fought their 1st famous battle west of Jordan against Jericho city and come away victorious, but a man name Achan from Juda tribe got selfish, stole some of the loot for himself, angered God. So, God punished the entire Israel over one man's selfishness.

Zephaniah 1:7 New International Version (NIV)

*⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.*

*The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.*

- the context of the above passage is spoken through one of God's prophets Zephaniah, around 620BC, about 34 years before the fall of Jerusalem. At the time, many prophets emerge prophesying the "fall of Jerusalem" and false prophets saying otherwise. The Lord speaks out through Zephaniah, commanding us to be "silent" before Him... If we live too close to His house, our noise will anger Him.

The proposed 12 storey building with 125 units, is too close to the Lord's house. It will produce way too much noise and will anger God almighty. As the above bible verse indicated, God will punish this entire neighborhood community if we allow this construction to go ahead.