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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:38 PM

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**Subject:** [External] new condo development

Dear Mr. Cole,

It has recently come to my attention that an enormous condo development (20,000 or more additional residents) is planned for the Northwest corner of Yonge and Steeles. Such a development would be contrary to Official plans and create havoc for existing residents of that neighbourhood.

There has been no input from the community and no plans to improve the existing infrastructure of the neighbourhood.

Please urge council members to oppose this aberation of due process.

Sincerely

M. Blum

From: Sara Blum <

**Sent:** July 10, 2020 4:31 PM

To: max blum <

Subject: Interesting...

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

Imagine if suddenly more than triple the current number of people started using Yorkhill Park, Bathurst Clark Library, Garnett Williams, Sobey's, No-Frills, Walmart, Shoppers, the post office, and every other store, service, clinic, school, park, bus stop, road, and so on that you and your family rely on.

This is not an exaggeration. A group of developers is trying to ram through unprecedented and non-compliant proposals, without public consultation under the cover of COVID.

City Council is being asked to green-light the construction of ten towering condos 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.

Unlike every other large development across the GTA, these developers want to build these condos while not providing anything back to the community. No green spaces, no parks, no community centre, no library, no schools, etc. Nothing to accommodate this influx of tens of thousands of new residents or to benefit our existing community.

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 (before Shabbos if possible) 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:

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):

- 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

Sent from my iPhone