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From: rene abrams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Deputation for September 22, 2020 7pm

The following are my primary concerns regarding the proposed rezoning and subsequent development of a 12 storey high rise building on the current site of Chabad Flamingo:

Safety is paramount in a neighbourhood where children currently reside and go to school. The proposed building will add a considerable amount of traffic to an already very busy route along Atkinson and Flamingo. Many commuters are avoiding Bathurst and using our community side streets as a shortcut. The existing volume of traffic poses a safety risk to the children currently attending the 3 elementary schools housed along this route. There is also a high school at Bathurst and New Westminster which is attended by teenagers who also reside in our community and the majority walk to school. As a community, we are already dealing with careless driving as people forget that they are driving through a residential area. Several years ago, at a time when traffic wasn't nearly as great as it is now, the city found it necessary to install metal guardrails along a section of Atkinson because of the number of speeding cars crashing into backyards and a lamp post on my street. The commuter traffic now is far worse and nothing is being done by the city to curtail the congestion in the interests of safety. So why would the city even consider further jeopardizing residents' safety by allowing for a high rise building where many residents will have at least one car and they too will try to avoid using Bathurst Street thereby adding to an already unsafe situation along Flamingo and Atkinson. To me, this is unconscionable and a tragedy waiting to happen.

Sincerely
Rene Abrams

Sent from my iPhone