

COMMUNICATION C5
ITEM NO. 2
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)
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From: Irina Kapler [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Official Plan Amendment File OP.21.010 // Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.21.014

Re: Official Plan Amendment File OP.21.010 and Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.21.014

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern about the new proposed rezoning application to build two 28-storey and two 12-storey apartment buildings.

My biggest concerns are traffic and local school capacity. During rush hour, the intersection of Major Mackenzie and Dufferin is already backed up in all directions (especially so in the "pre-covid" times). There are already a number of new constructions happening in the Maple Go station vicinity. As residents move into those buildings, the traffic will increase. With these new proposed developments, the intersection will turn into a virtual parking lot. Not to mention that the frustrated drivers will cut through the neighbourhood of Peter Rupert/Grand Trunk/Freedom Trail/Maurier Blvd, making the streets unsafe for our children, and there are a lot of children in this neighbourhood. The above mentioned neighbourhood "square" hosts 3 elementary schools (public, Catholic, French immersion). One can only imagine the havoc it will wreak on the streets in the mornings, with children walking/biking to school, parents dropping off kids and school buses trying to get out from parking lots. Is there a road widening planned on Major Mackenzie/Dufferin streets to accommodate for this new high-density development?

Speaking of schools, they are full. The local schools are at capacity with children. Is a new school going to be built to accommodate the few hundred of children that will undoubtedly need to be accommodated with the addition of over a thousand new residential units?

In short, infrastructure is not currently available to accommodate these new high-density developments, and it does not fit with the character of this suburban community. This is a low-density neighbourhood, let's keep it this way. Our kids need parks and open spaces, not high-rise buildings. I'm vehemently opposed to this proposed redevelopment and rezoning proposal.

Sincerely,

Irina Kapler

P.S. I would like to be notified of the council decision with regards to this application. Thank you.

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