

# Peoples Christian Academy

Clerk's Department  
City of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 0P8

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Application Number:** PLAN 23 128636

**RE:** Concerns Regarding Recommendation Report, Cf/Ot Buttonville Properties Inc., Applications For Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, and Draft Plan Of Subdivision To Permit Employment Uses On The Lands Located At 2833 16th Avenue (Ward 2), File Plan 23 128636 (10.3, 10.5, 10.7)

Dear Honourable Members of City Council,

Peoples Christian Academy is a charitable, faith-based, co-educational day school registered with the CRA that shares the same year of establishment as the City of Markham itself. Our team of 100 faculty and staff are proud to be celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> year of operation and flourishing in our 15<sup>th</sup> year at 245 Renfrew Drive, serving over 500 families and 800 students from ages 2.5 years to 18 (ELC to Grade 12).

School safety and security has always been tantamount. The City has recently provided their technical approvals in our site plan control application for our pick-up/drop-off project, which will further facilitate school and road safety, leading me to my point in this letter. From the outset of this development project, and in follow up to my letter of concern dated October 6, 2023, I am bound to reiterate for the record our school's reasonable and extreme concern and objection over any plan for the Buttonville Airport lands to permit transport truck access via Renfrew Drive, given the significant congestion and safety issues that transport trucks would create via planned entrances near and directly adjacent to our established school, especially during peak arrival (8-8:30 am) and dismissal (3:15-3:45 pm) times, impacting 500+ families who daily drive over 800 students aged 2.5 years to 18 to PCA, all of whom must have continued safe, prioritized, and unobstructed passage in this school zone.

In recent correspondence with the City of Markham, when I posed this concern, Mr. Rick Cefaratti, Acting-Development Manager, West District, kindly relieved my concerns (Email Subject: *MappIT - Buttonville Redevelopment - Future Traffic Safety Concern on Renfrew Drive*, April 02, 2025, 14:46):

*"Renfrew Drive is classified as a local road and is anticipated to remain as such for the foreseeable future. Instead of Renfrew Drive, the future extension of Allstate Parkway located to the west will accommodate transport truck traffic and will be designed accordingly. Through a combination of road design and road signage, transport trucks will not likely be able to use Renfrew Drive even if it is extended to ultimately connect with 16th Avenue to the North."*

Hence, PCA strongly advises and wishes to confirm that the two (2) access points off of Renfrew drive onto the subject property be prohibited to transport and delivery trucks, and limited only to the personal vehicles of employees. I also kindly request deputation at the upcoming Development Services Committee Meeting on September 16, 2025.

Thank you, ongoing, for your kind and courteous community consultation and consideration.

*Serving Markham Together with Student Safety and Security in Mind,*



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Peoples Christian Academy is committed to preparing the whole person to reach the whole world for Christ.

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. Isa. 40:31*

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