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Subject: DSC Meeting on December 11 Markville Secondary Plan item 7.1 - Markville Secondary Plan

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Dear All,

Please, attached my email to the DSC meeting on December 11, Markville Secondary Plan Item 7.1

Thank you for listening to a big crowd speaking out their hearts with facts, data and their real life experiences in Markham on Tuesday night.

Seniors with mobility issues and parents with small children are not going to commute by VIVA or YRT.

It is an "illusion" (as one of the speakers said) to think that high-rises at Transit Oriented Development nodes will solve the traffic problem and that people will all the sudden take transit that is not frequent enough and not going everywhere. The fares are not cheap either, especially if you are with 2 or more people.

By coincidence The Toronto Star printed yesterday re. Yonge St. how glass towers destroyed the character of this famous street. Please, don't make the same mistake for Markham!

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/what-happened-to-yonge-street-quashing-torontos-character-is-the-citys-mistake/article_8ccf071e-937d-11ee-8abc-939a927e9932.html

Here is the link to the article about High Rises I quoted: "Why High-Rises Kill Livability" -

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/7-reasons-why-high-rises-kill-livability/561536/>

It may be a great idea to learn from a renowned Danish architect Jan Gehl how to intensify without building glass towers!

<https://citychangers.org/citychanger-jan-gehl/>

The above links are also applicable to the DSC meeting of December 12 - item 9.1 Recommendation Report Hilton Markham Suites Hotel.

Since 25% of our residents are seniors, why not have low- to mid-rise purpose built rentals for seniors, also? Markville Mall is the perfect location!

Complete and Livable Communities with Complete Safe Streets and greenspaces.. Is that a possibility in Markham? We hope so.

Regards,

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