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Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 1:42 PM

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Subject: Zoning By-law Amendment PLAN.24.160555

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Hello Mayor Scarpitti and Councillors,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed land change for the 66 unit residential building located at 3009 Elgin Mills Road East, PLAN.24.160555.

I am a long-term resident, living very close to Victoria Square, lifelong resident of Markham, and I feel that time and time again the residents of this community have been overlooked by the city and are constantly asked to sacrifice their wellness and community for new developments.

I live very close to the land that is proposed to be developed, and there is already a very large development being built off of Elgin Mills, east of Woodbine. And there are plans for hundreds more homes on the north side of Elgin Mills between Victoria Square and Warden Avenue and I'm sure there are more that I'm not aware of. With the number of homes in the area, traffic congestion will increase, on top of the congestion that is already here.

To Councillor Ritch Lau: I voted for you because in your platform you explicitly stated you wanted to prevent the over development of Markham, and I believe that 66 units in less than an acre of land is an overdevelopment. There just isn't enough space for the increase of people who will be in the area.

Please, with all the land around Markham that is bigger and more conducive to such a building, do not approve this amendment.

Mayor Scarpitti and councillors, please be reasonable and more thoughtful about the use of land in Markham.

Sincerely,
Jean Toh

From: Annie Pinteric

Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2024 5:06 PM

To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; Councillor, Ritch Lau - Markham <ritchlau@markham.ca>; Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor, Michael Chan - Markham <MichaelChan@markham.ca>

Cc: Brian Irish; Nadia L.

Subject: Re: Notice - DSC - June 4, 2024 - 9:30AM - 3:00PM - 9.1 - RECOMMENDATION REPORT, URBAN GROWTH INC. (C/O LEDGEMARK HOMES INC.) AT 3009 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST, 10731, 10737, 10743, AND 10745 VICTORIA SQUARE BOULEVARD, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMEND...

Hi

Thank you for the update

I am happy to hear there have been some adjustments to the original plan and quite impressed that the developer in a very short amount of time was able to adjust the plan and create all the necessary documents that have been sent in the attached email below to 4 storeys.

Four levels is an improvement from a visual perspective from 6 levels. However looking at some 4 storey condo units in Markham is still quite high (approx 50ft) and again it will take away from the pleasant small community by having this large of a structure at this location. My preference would be 3 levels to be the similar height of the townhomes that are in the area where it will visually fit in nicely as well as lowering the density on the property to be closer to what the general density is in the area. The new proposal has now 56 units which is not a large decrease from the original 66.

Developers usually are requested to provide some enhancement to the surrounding community ie parks, trails, etc. Since we already have a great park close by with children playgrounds, splash pad, dog park don't believe the community needs another park close by. My suggestion that since water seems to be a concern, and while construction is underway, that the developer provide water to the nearby homes. With the large density and structure added to the neighbourhood, our quality of life will be impacted and by providing water will at some level compensate. The developer fees to the Town of Markham (generally used for roads, water, fire services, community centres, and other services) could also assist in the funding of this effort. (roads have already been accounted for by widening Elgin Mills, community centre already in place)

Due to the short notice of the meeting and working during the day, I am unavailable to attend the meeting on June 4th. How can I acquire the topics and discussions that occur during the meeting and a response to the suggestion above. Will minutes be provided? I don't recall if I received minutes from the meeting held on April 16th - where can these be found?

Ritch - at the smaller neighbourhood meeting held on May 6th, it was mentioned minutes/notes would be taken (someone verbally had indicated they were taking notes). Can these please be shared.

Thanks in advance and your consideration
Annie

From: Neil Coulton
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 1:35 PM
To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>
Subject: DSC - June 4, 2024 - 9:30AM - 3:00PM - 9.1

I am making a written submission to the meeting of Hybrid Development Services Committee scheduled for June 4 2024 item 9.1.

Re: Objection to Plan PLAN 24. 16055.

I spoke on April 16th 2024, and again at a community meeting on May 6th 2024, in opposition to PLAN 24. 16055 to develop the sites at Victoria Square Blvd and Elgin Mill Road, and wanted to re-iterate the Victoria Square Community's view on the matter:

I also emailed all members of council, **but received no response from even a single member of council.** I am unable to attend the meeting on June 4th, but want my written submission to be acknowledged.

Although Victoria Square is not designated as a Heritage Conversation District, Victoria Square is undoubtedly a "**Cultural Heritage Landscape**", per the province's definition (which I have included below for reference).

Victoria Square is **clearly identified** as a "**Cultural Heritage Landscape**" in the attached Heritage Impact Assessment (**HIA**) report from 2018, and was found to meet all the criteria.

In the same report 3009 Elgin Road Mills East is also Identified as a Cultural Heritage Landscape. (I have highlighted the relevant text in Section 5.2 and Table 1.)

The Provincial Policy Statement 2020, section 2.6.1 states:

*"Significant built heritage resources and **significant cultural heritage landscapes** shall be conserved."*

We both elect and, through our taxes, pay for council to represent our interests.

In this case, not only the community's wishes, but also the provincial policy, would dictate that this application should be rejected.

Rejecting the current application would be following the intent of the Provincial Policy Statement 2.6.1, and Council's own recommendations from 2018.

Regards,

Neil Coulton
Boyd Court
Markham

Cultural heritage landscape: means a defined geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and **is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community**, including an Indigenous community. *The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or*

association. Cultural heritage landscapes may be properties that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, or have been included on federal and/or international registers, and/or **protected through official plan, zoning by-law, or other land use planning mechanisms.**

Victoria Square is currently protected by Official Plan 9.5.9. which fulfils the Province's criteria of this Cultural Heritage Landscape being "protected through **official plan, zoning by-law**, or other land use planning mechanisms"

When it was decided not to proceed with the designation of Victoria Square a Heritage Conversation District, it was recommended that "other heritage conservation tools be utilized to protect heritage resources in this area" .

I have attached the report to **the Development Services Committee** where this is stated, and highlighted relevant areas of this report where it refers to the Provincial Policy Statement 2.6 and the Official Plan protections.

From: Stephanie Clarke

Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2024 3:10 PM

To: Annie Pinteric

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Subject: Re: Letter in regards to Zoning By-law Amendment PLAN.24.160555

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this email as I have recently learned about the development being built at the corner of Victoria Square Blvd. and Elgin Mills. I am shocked and beyond disappointed that this development has been approved. I live closeby and already have concerns about traffic in our community. I moved to the area because I liked the charm of a small hamlet; it used to be enjoyable for walking, running, and cycling. With the development that has taken place behind my house (it was intended to be a school but now multiple houses have been crammed into the space), and the future development of a 4 story condo, I regret my decision to live here. It makes no sense whatsoever to build a condominium at this small intersection. The residents who live nearby will have to deal with all of the negative impacts of this development. However, based on what's happening in my own backyard, I'm not surprised that permits are being approved without considering the needs of the existing residents.

I'm truly disappointed that this was not communicated to people earlier although I'm sure there was nothing we could have done.

Stephanie Clarke