

## Weatherill, Tannis

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**Subject:** Village Parkway

**From:** Micheline Ngi

**Sent:** Sunday, November 04, 2012 4:48 PM

**To:** Bavington, Kitty

**Subject:** Village Parkway

Hello Sir,

I am writing to the town for the second time in the last year to voice my concern about the development that is planned for Village Parkway and 7. I am now even more concerned that there are plans to build even more units than originally expected. The Tuesday meeting time is inconvenient to those of us who work to pay the town taxes. I think we deserve the right to listen to what the new proposals are and to voice our opinions as residents of Unionville. I live on Addington and am already directly impacted by the rapid change at the intersection of 7 and Village Parkway.

Please provide an alternate time for working residents to attend a committee meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Micheline Ngi

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**Subject:** Times, Lee and Shaw OMB Appeals For Higher Density

**From:** Mohamed Maherali

**Sent:** October 23, 2012 10:53 AM

**To:** Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; Li, Joe; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Burke, Valerie; Shore, Howard; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Campbell, Colin; Ho, Alan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex

**Cc:** Carroll, Judy

**Subject:** Times, Lee and Shaw OMB Appeals For Higher Density

To The Markham Town Council

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Times, Lee and Shaw OMB appeals for higher density for their proposed developments on lands just north of Highway 7 on both sides of Village Parkway. The proposed increase in density beyond the current approved Official Plan levels by these developers is grossly excessive and unwarranted.

It is quite clear, based on the extreme nature of the proposed increases, that these developers intend to push the envelope to the maximum in the OMB process in order to maximize profits, without any due regard for the local community's way of life, safety and well-being. I therefore strongly urge the Council to reject these proposed increases, restrict development to the current approved Official Plan levels, and vigorously represent this position to the OMB during the OMB Appeals process. The Council needs to recognize that the roads around the area of Village Parkway, Hwy 7 and Warden Avenue are already very congested and reaching unbearable levels, and we have only just begun the developments on the south side of Highway 7. Even at the approved Official Plan levels the already commenced developments on the south side of Highway 7 will significantly increase traffic congestion and pollution. Any decision therefore to allow further increases beyond the approved Official Plan levels for the proposed Times, Lee and Shaw developments (on the north side of Highway 7) will be irrational, make no sense and cause further harm to the local way life, infrastructure and environment.

However, if the Council is indeed convinced that the Times, Lee and Shaw proposals for increasing density will not have any serious impact on the local traffic and way of life, then it would be helpful if the residents could examine Council's recent expert traffic and environmental impact studies that support the case for increasing density beyond the current approved Official Plan levels. In absence of such supportive expert study findings there would be no legitimate case for allowing Times, Lee and Shaw to proceed with their density expansion plans beyond the approved Official Plan levels. Regarding expert studies, to ensure a level playing field, we the taxpayers would also expect the Council to hire traffic and environmental experts who (as a minimum) are of equal caliber to the experts employed by the developers.

Finally, I would like to highlight an incident that happened to me recently that has disturbed me, and which shows that the current development activity in the area is becoming increasingly hazardous for local residents. Recently while driving south on Village Parkway towards Highway 7, through the location of the Times, Lee development area, I almost got into a serious collision with a deer (suddenly darting across the road) that had clearly been displaced and traumatized by all the tree removal and digging in the area. A collision with the deer (missed by a few seconds) would almost certainly have sent the deer crashing through my windshield and most likely seriously injured or killed two people. This is a very serious incident and the direct result of what appears to be irresponsible approach to planning and clearing in the area.

Regarding this incident I would like to determine from the City three things: (1) exactly who is responsible for putting my life in danger in this way; (2) what steps were taken regarding local wildlife before the tree removal and diggings began; and (3) who is responsible for relocating the small deer population to a safer place.

I would very much appreciate if someone at the City could provide me with the name and telephone number of a City official who can assist me with setting up meetings with the appropriate individuals at the City and the Council, including the Mayor, to discuss: (1) the Councils' position on the Times, Lee and Shaw OMB appeals for higher density; (2) the City's traffic studies for assessing the Times, Lee and Shaw density increase proposals; and (3) issues related to my deer (near-collision) incident.  
Yours truly,

Mohamed Maherali

Addington Square  
Unionville

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**Subject:** URGENT - Nov. 6, 2012 DSC Mtg - Agenda & Timing Questions

**From:** TOM ZIGOMANIS

**Sent:** Friday, November 02, 2012 12:21 PM

**To:** Pettit, Martha

**Subject:** URGENT - Nov. 6, 2012 DSC Mtg - Agenda & Timing Questions

Ms. Pettit:

I understand that you are the Acting Clerk. Our councillor advised via email just this morning that the Times, Lee and Shaw OMB appeals concerning their Village Parkway area lands will be discussed at the subject meeting.

Given that two of these parcels of land (Lee and Times) were litigated at a previous OMB meeting in 1994 (which stipulates the density for the Times and Lee properties) and that there hasn't been a Public Meeting to discuss either the Times and Lee rezoning applications, I'd like to know if it is possible to have this item scheduled during an evening meeting so that many of my neighbours who have many concerns are given an adequate opportunity to voice them in front of Council through a deputation.

There are many neighbours who can't afford to take a day off work to ensure their opinion is heard.

According to the Deputation Form, you require the day/time and the agenda item to be filled out. The Agenda, which your website indicates should have been available yesterday is still not available so it is not possible to complete your deputation form according to the instructions provided.

Please respond today so that the neighbouring community can adequately prepare.

Tom Zigomanis

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