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Toronto City Councillor  
Scarborough Centre, Ward 37

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Chair and Members of  
Scarborough Community Council

Dear Councillor Del Grande:

**Re: 75 Howden Road - #A268/09Sc**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Committee of Adjustment had before it an application for front yard parking. This is an industrial building in the Wexford Employment Area. This property has a narrow frontage of 15.24 metres but is a deep property. The building is narrow, with only 12 metre width across the front. The zoning bylaw allows front yard parking as long as it meets certain criteria. A building needs to have a minimum of 15 metres front wall to have 5 spaces in the front or flanking yards. This building only has a front wall of 12 metres and front yard parking is not permitted as of right in the bylaw. The applicant wanted 6 spaces in the front yard. The discussion of the committee members was that they didn't think there was room for 6 cars to park, and asked why he could not park in the rear yard. The applicant showed pictures of properties on the street that had front yard parking. The committee compromised and approved front yard parking but limited it to 3 spaces.

The purpose of the bylaw to limit front yard parking is to ensure the front yards of buildings do not become a parking lot, to provide space for landscaping and front yard amenity and to provide an attractive streetscape. I therefore ask that this matter be placed on the agenda as an urgent item.

Yours truly,

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