To the City Clerk,

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 16, 2020 City Council meeting on item 2020.TE21.3, 466-468 Dovercourt Road - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment Application - Final Report

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Dear Council,

It is disappointing, as the acting President of the DCARA (Dovercourt College Area Residents' Association) to have to be spending more time pertaining to the zoning and official plan at 466-468 Dovercourt Road.

As a community group, we fundraised and contributed more than \$45,000 in legal fees, invested considerable time and personal effort to ensure that this property was developed appropriately. We worked with Councillors Bailoa and Layton and their teams to make sure that a responsible development was put in that was commensurate with the needs of our community.

We also advocated strongly alongside Councillors Bailoa and Laytonfor responsible development of this property, given that we live in a very congested part of our neighbourhood given that many of us do not have driveways or back yard parking. Our intersection of College and Dovercourt is the hub of our community, and our block of Dovercourt Road from College to Dewson is the only street in the vicinity which accommodates parking for the YMCA and Child Care Centre.

The consequence of being a hub is that we are often unsafe on Dovercourt Road. Parking is scarce and we must carry small children, groceries, and assist elderly patients more than a block to reach our homes. Our street is busy, and as a direct route from the Allen Road down Oakwood St to Dovercourt we often have fast moving traffic. Crossing the street on Dovercourt is challenging and all this is made worse by poor winter snow removal.

It is disappointing, after working so well with Councillors Bailoa and Layton, that they have lost sight of our safety and the importance of Dovercourt and College Road as a community hub. I am hoping to remind them of our mutual commitment to a safe neighbourhood.

The proposed development is simply not suitable for a building on a residential street. This building has virtually no parking, will have no setback, will impede the light in the neighbouring properties, and will impede the safety of neighbourhood as we must negotiate

even further parking and treks to our homes whilst guarding children, groceries, elderly and pets.

Please vote against TE21.3. It compromised the hub of our community and the integrity of our residential neighbourhood.

Respectfully,

Matyas Hervieux