From: Paul Honis

To: <u>Infrastructure and Environment</u>

Subject: My comments for 2020.IE18.1 on December 1, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 1, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2020.IE18.1, North York Centre - REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

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 Mayor Tory and Esteemed Councilors,

As a resident of North York for over ten years I wish to voice my strongest support for the Reimagining Yonge Street proposal as it is presented here.

Cities usually evolve in fits and starts, mostly without an overarching design that looks to the future, informed by the past. Rarely do the resources, will and funding come together as they have now with the intention to create a more harmonious environment for the residents and businesses of our City as they have now.

We <u>must</u> seize this rare opportunity to make a key, growing neighborhood of Toronto a shining example of what a healthy city with visionary leadership and a strong will can become.

North York has a rich and diverse culture and this plan will nurture it and our local businesses and help make it a safe destination rather than just provide a dangerous freeway through the heart of our neighborhood.

Please support our efforts to make our neighborhood one that will prove that Quality of Life can improve and not always go downhill!

Although I speak for myself, the vast majority of people in the organizations to which I belong agree with these sentiments.

Thank you very much for your time and service.

Paul Honis

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