

North York Community Council
City of North York
5100 Yonge Street
North York, ON

June 17, 2013

Via Email

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Att: Francine Adamo, Secretariat

Your Worship and Members of Council:

Re: Community Council Item No. NY25.44
Reference Number: File No. 12 210988 NNY 16 OZ
Yonge, Duplex, Helendale and Orchard View Block Study
Status Report (the "Report")

Rockport Acquisitions Inc. is the owner pursuant to an agreement of purchase and sale of the property known municipally as 2388 Yonge Street, and referred to in the Report as "Postal Station K". We have applied for appropriate approvals to redevelop our site, including the enhancement of the open space forecourt and the retention of the heritage limestone "jewelry box" building.

Rockport's property is referred to a number of times in the Report, even though our property is not the subject of the Block Study.

It is our view that the specific process contemplated by the Report's Recommendations is inappropriate, and the consideration of an Official Plan Amendment at this time is premature, and the report should be deferred.

It is the "fine grain" of the built relationships that may occur within a single block that can make a contextual review desirable. This suggests that, whatever the nature of the contextual review/block study, no decisions should be made in the absence of a significant level of detail. In other words, a block study may inform the detailed review of a potential development or policy approval but should not serve to predetermine the outcome.

In the event that deferral is not seen as desirable, we would respectfully suggest that the recommendation should be changed to remove the draft official plan amendment from consideration and instead direct staff, in the community consultation, to directly review the implications of the development applications within the block in the context of the block study to date.

Yours very truly,

THE ROCKPORT GROUP

Per:

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Jack Winberg