To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the August 12, 2014 North York Community Council meeting on item 2014.NY34.92, Request for Direction Report - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - 55, 59, 60, 62, 70, 72 & 76 Forest Manor Road, 106 & 123 Parkway Forest Drive and 125 George Henry Boulevard

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:

The Parkway Forest Community is opposed to the addition of 600 units to Block B and Block C of the original plan from the Elad Group. The Henry Farms Community is also against this request. We understand that The City Council (or someone) has requested a new Traffic Study in conjunction with Elad’s request. A traffic study at this time (whether completed by The City or an outside consultant) would be time consuming, expensive and ineffective for the following reasons:

a) the new street is not yet completed and therefore we do not know how much congestion it will alleviate; b) I don’t think that the second phase of the condo on the corner (Block A) is fully occupied; c) the condos with or without the 600 additional units are not yet built; d) the rental building beside the recreation center is not complete and/or occupied; and e) the rental building that is scheduled for the final phase has not been built and/or occupied.

How many additional commuters (whether they are in a car or walking to the subway [and crossing streets wherever they feel like]) can we really expect.

Further, if Elad would like both Communities to withdraw their objection, which we will also be presenting to the OMB, then the Communities would like the following to be considered as part of the negotiation and which, in conjunction with The City and all other concerned participants, should be fully completed within not less than one (1) year to five (5) years:

- additional spaces in the Child Care facility at the Recreation Center or at Forest Manor Public School;
- increased number of low income designated units in any rental buildings being erected;
- no parking on Forest Manor or Parkway Forest or restrictions during rush hours and evenings until 9:00 pm;
- speed bumps on all streets within the Communities and reduced speed enforced;
- double turn lane from Sheppard onto Don Mills going south;
- no advance green from Sheppard onto Parkway Forest during rush hours;
- more crossing line areas from the east side of Parkway Forest to the west side
- basketball court and tennis courts replaced;
- noise levels addressed with signage limiting “playing” in play areas after 9:00 p.m.;
- new development to include separate commercially designated building;
- fence in front of school on Forest Manor Road as well as a circular driveway in front of school;
- cover over outdoor swimming pool at Recreation Center to create a year-round facility;

There were other members of the PFCA and HF Committees who were going to sign this email with me but have been unavailable today. That makes this email my thoughts alone but they were gathered through conversation with other members of the Committees and Community.

These items have not been listed in order of importance and they may not be a complete list as there was insufficient time to consult with everyone involved.

On behalf of myself and the Parkway Forest Community Assoc., I thank you for taking the time to read and consider this email.

Regards,

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