

Scarborough Community Council - SC32.21 1251 Bridletowne Circle

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Dear Yvonne Divies,

Please disregard my two previous emails and distribute only this one, sorry, completing this at work, I had to go back and forth into it. I did some more editing and now feel this is the final one.

First allow me to introduce myself. I am a Resident Member and Co-Chair of the Steeles L'Amoreaux Strength in Partnership (SSIP) Committee and have been involved with that Committee for the past 6 years.

I am submitting this correspondence and my comments for distribution to SC32.21 1251 Bridletowne Circle - City Initiated Zoning Amendment Committee or respective Council, for the meeting on May 13, 2014. This is in support and on behalf of the Bridlewood Neighbourhood Centre.

I reside within walking distance of the proposed Centre and I am wholly supportive of this project. I recently became aware that the Initiated Zoning Committee has mapped out certain areas, such as and I fear that if the Bridlewood Neighbourhood Centre does not become a reality many people will be at a loss for support in many areas of their life, such as employment and healthcare to name only a couple. I feel there simply aren't enough community services in this very large neighbourhood and it seems to me that many residents will be deprived of additional care and I am afraid they will feel a great loss and terribly isolated. I even hasten to add their safety as I can relate to a specific incident where an elderly woman was being abused and sent out trafficking for years. She was terrified to go to the police and felt there was no one she could trust until I spoke to her within a small outreach group. I personally befriended her and finally got the police involved. This victim was so terrified and alone that even leading up to the trial she was still not up to testifying as she felt she had no family or friends to stand by her. I strongly believe that such a Centre will help build opportunities for residents and assist in improvement and or coordinating of programs in the community.

A Centre where people can go knowing they will find help in many areas is essential for this neighbourhood. I am thinking of new immigrants, especially the non speaking ones, then there are the refugees who cannot navigate the system and need some direction on a one to one level. I am also thinking of abused people, youths who are looking for activities, friendship and sort of a personal connection.

Thank you for your reading and distributing my letter of concern.

Respectfully yours

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