

From: [Thomas V Cohen](#)
To: [North York Community Council](#); [Councillor Colle8](#); [Councillor Carroll](#); [Councillor Filion](#); [Councillor Minnan-Wong](#); [Councillor Pasternak](#); [Councillor Jaye Robinson](#)
Cc: [Shari Lash](#); [Jacquelyn Wint](#); markw@web.ca; [Eli A](#); [Emma Kent](#); ["Ann King"](#)
Subject: 500 Duplex at NYCC - EPRA's position
Date: April 15, 2022 2:58:48 PM

Dear Councillors of NYCC,

On April 20, 2022, at 10:15 AM, you will hear the planner's request for direction concerning a proposal for 500 Duplex, in Ward 8.

Normally, as chair of EPRA (Eglinton Park Residents' Association), I would come to address the council. But I will be out of town, so other board members of EPRA will be there, as will other voices from the coalition we residents put together to oppose this development.

I don't want to steal their thunder, but just to put on the record for you, ahead of time, how resolutely we local residents oppose this particular development. It takes a nice tower in a nice park and transforms it into a massive lump. All park gone, all permeability gone. And at great cost to the many residents of the 500 Duplex tower, degrading their quality of enjoyment, walling up the bedroom windows on the lower floors, crowding them.

The developer had neither the patience nor the courtesy to wait to hear from us residents at Community Consultation. He ran to the OLT before the planner could report.

At Community Consultation, 141 residents logged on. That turn-out, on short notice, shows how much this proposal has stirred up opposition.

So we very much need NYCC to direct city to fight this remarkably bad proposal. We residents will fight it too, but without city help we are likely to lose badly.

Regards,

Tom Cohen

Chair of EPRA

Cc Shari Lash, Jacquelyn Wint, Mark Winfield, and Emma Kent of EPRA board, Eli Aaron of Lytton Park Residents' Organization board, Sue Scully of the 500 Duplex Tenants' Association, and Ann King of Stanley Knowles Housing Co-op