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COUNCILLOR – WARD 11



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Dear Resident:

I have received several calls asking about the status of the application made by Metro Housing to sell off the front lawn of Cummer Lodge (175 Cummer Avenue) to a developer who wants to build 21 townhouses on the site.

On May 14, by a vote of 6-5, North York Council supported my motion to refuse the application, as had been requested by the community surrounding the proposed development. The Councillors who voted with me are: George Mammoliti, Gina Severino, Peter LiPreti, Maria Rizzo and Denzil Minnan-Wong. Mayor Lastman was not present for the vote, but I believe he would have supported me and the community.

Unfortunately, however, I have been advised that Metro Housing is appealing Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. A hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

I think it is extremely unfortunate that Metro Housing, which is an agency of Metro Council, would be pursuing the sale of public open space against the wishes of the community. I am also disappointed that Metro Housing has shown no willingness to co-operate with me to pursue other ways to fund the much-needed renovations to Cummer Lodge.

It is my strong opinion that this land should remain open space unless it is required for additional seniors housing to meet the needs of the residents of Willowdale. Selling it to a developer, I believe, is extremely short-sighted.

If you would like to be notified of the Ontario Municipal Board hearing date, or if you would like to get involved in attempting to persuade Metro Housing and Metro Council to drop their plans to redevelop the front lawn of 175 Cummer, please give my office a call at 395-6411 no later than June 30th.

Sincerely,

John Filion  
Councillor, Ward 11