To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 10, 2023 Toronto Preservation Board meeting on item 2023.PB10.8, 3100 Weston Road - Amending Listing Statement

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: This is the message from the St Basil Order regarding the Shrine

"I am writing this email to dispel misconceptions you have about the so called "Shrine" on the property of 3100 Weston Road".

I've attached a PDF of the 2016 Press Release that was published concerning the Order's Apostolate in Toronto.

In short, the Order has absolutely nothing to do with the current "squatters" that are operating the "Shrine". The property at 3100 Weston Road is the private property of the Order of St. Basil, and there is absolutely no lease agreement (verbal or otherwise) for the activities that are occurring there (modifications to building structures, planting of trees/shrubs/flowers, collecting money for candles, etc). Efforts to prevent their activities since 2016, have resulted multiple times in verbal threats and physical intimidation on members of the Order.

Despite the various literature (online and in print) about the site, the place is only a garden with a statue. There was never the intent of the Order to seek any official status for the place- despite a few outspoken individuals with various interests in its operation. The current website about the "Shrine" is currently hosted by **Ms. Angie Carboni** of St. Bernadette's Family Resource/St. Jude's Academy for the Arts, and for the record, was asked to take it down. She was also asked to remove the statues that she had erected on the property without permission of the Order. A letter of complaint was also sent to Cardinal Collins (as Angie is Roman Catholic and her organizations are affiliated with the Archdiocese). She blatantly has ignored the wishes of the Order and the Cardinal.

If you are reporting **Stakh Sololyk** to the CRA, I also suggest that Angela Carboni be also reported as she was involved for years with 'candle money' and running an unsanctioned gift shoppe, despite having been told that she was to cease her activities. Further, for your information, a police report with the Toronto Police was filed against Angie, as she was organizing public events on the property, against the explicit wishes of the Order. (She was sent a protocoled letter from the Order). This situation is complex, however, one thing for certain – the Order is not involved in any way with the operations in the prayer garden at 3100 Weston Road, other than being property owners who are unable to control the public from trespassing on its private property.

I trust that your inquiry RE: Stakh Sololyk has been answered.

In Christ,

Fr. Zachary Shwaluk, OSBM

Kind Regards,

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