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RE: Motion IA30.2 - Requesting a Fair Consultation Process Regarding the North York Centre Secondary Plan

The Edithvale-Yonge Community Association (EYCA) serves approximately 750 households in the area bounded by Beecroft, Senlac, Finch and Horsham. Our mission is to provide a collective voice for the residential community represented by our Association. A portion of our catchment area falls within the proposed boundary of NY at the Centre, with the rest immediately adjacent and to the west of it. The above-noted Motion is to be considered by Toronto City Council on May 21, 22 and 23, 2025. Please consider the following comments in support of the Motion.

No substantive input was sought from the “Advisory Panel” before decisions were taken.

EYCA participated on the Advisory Panel. Our representative attended all meetings and reported back to our Executive Committee. No substantive input from the panel was gathered during these meetings. Rather, the panel served in listening mode, while the City shared their vision. It was not evident how the City landed on an “Emerging Preferred Option” which was presented to the panel. At the last meeting, panel members were asked to complete a survey on this option.

The survey was unworkable and appeared structured to support a decision already taken.

The subsequent survey was long and onerous. We submitted an Association response; however, that was extremely difficult as it required creating our own documents in order to provide the information. We are unsure how any of it will be tabulated or used. We reached out to our residents several times to suggest they also complete the survey. We were hard pressed to find many who were willing or able to complete this difficult task. As well, it appeared from the questions that this survey was set up to support what had already been decided as the “Emerging Preferred Option.”

In Person Consultations sessions were equally flawed.

Our residents participated in these sessions. They reported the rooms were small and crowded with a great many charts. It was difficult to approach staff or the materials to read it or make comments. It was not evident how or if yellow sticky or verbal face to face comments from these interactions were being captured. We have no confidence these were summarized or utilized for anything, and there was no report back. Staff in some cases were unfamiliar with the physical area. For example, Parks staff did not know that half of Edithvale Park belongs to the TDSB. There were no answers to many pertinent questions related to lack of planning for schools, parks, recreation, traffic or other infrastructure. There was no apparent consideration of the burdens on adjacent areas which are left to provide for these things. There also was no apparent consideration or coordination with other major adjacent development areas such as Finch. Ave W.

Due to lack of consultation, transparency, and many issues with the proposal as it stands, we ask that NY at the Centre be paused and reset to ensure its viability and livability. Thank you.

Executive Committee, EYCA

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