



## memorandum

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 14, 2014  
**TO:** MEMBERS OF COUNCIL  
**FROM:** JEFFREY A. ABRAMS, CITY CLERK  
**RE:** COMMUNICATION – COUNCIL FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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Item # 2  
Report No. 8 (PH)  
Council – February 18, 2014

**ITEM 2, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) – FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.13.013  
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.13.036  
ISLAMIC SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI JAMAAT OF TORONTO  
WARD 4 – VICINITY OF BATHURST STREET AND RUTHERFORD ROAD**

The City Clerk's Office has received a number of submissions on this application generated by a form letter and an online petition. The purpose of this communication is to present those submissions which have been received by the City Clerk's Office up to the time of printing of the agenda for the Council meeting of February 18, 2014. It is hoped that organizing the submissions in this manner will assist Council in its deliberations.

The text of the form letter is substantially as follows:

"I am a resident of Vaughan and strongly oppose the Applications #OP.13.013 and # Z.13.036 submitted to The City of Vaughan Council/Committee for re-zoning and re-development of property at 9000 Bathurst St. I and at least 1000 strong local community members (see attached online petition) <http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/9000bathurst> Hereby petition the City of Vaughan Planning Committee to refuse the application for the huge re-development of the above lands and development of 2 high rise buildings due to the following main reasons:

1. Plan Incompatibility with Low Rise Community: The proposed plan is incompatible with our current low-density community, the original neighborhood plan never included high-density residential and this plan is steering the area on a course it wasn't designed for. Traffic.

2. Congestion – Our neighborhood and streets surrounding the proposed zoning area are already abnormally riddled with traffic jams, Motor Vehicle accidents, and noise. That section of Bathurst is constantly bumper to bumper traffic and approving a development to house thousands of new residents would seriously overload our neighborhood's roads. The surrounding neighborhoods are overrun with traffic currently, because drivers are avoiding traffic jams to enter the Jaffari center already. Adding thousands of new residents would be a traffic and safety nightmare on our roads. There are thousands of vehicles speeding through our quiet roads and we cannot accommodate even more.

3. Overcrowding and Safety– There are thousands of residents and every square inch of land has a development. I am shocked to see how many developments including townhomes; single homes were already approved in such a small area and oppose further developing of #OP.13.013 and # Z.13.036. There are too many proposed residences in this plan and I do not feel safe with adding thousands of new residents into the neighborhood from a traffic perspective, safety services access, and utilities services access. We already have cars whizzing by our house rushing to avoid traffic and I am very concerned for my family's safety.

4. Parking Issues – Currently we have cars parked on every street and road within our neighborhood every night when gatherers attend the Jafari Village. With the proposed development there will be thousands of additional vehicles needing to park and they will continue to park on the surrounding roads.

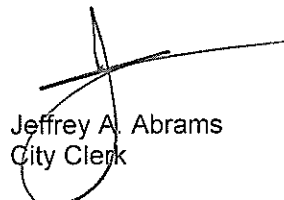
5. Environmental Concerns – The proposed area is right along some of the most beautiful wetlands along the Don River and when I walk by it such a nice relief from the suburban sprawl and traffic to gaze away from Bathurst and see some actual wildlife and foliage. I have spotted Blue Herons, Salmon, and countless beautiful flora and fauna. I do not believe building two massive eye sore condos along that river is a environmentally responsible idea. We already saw the zoning amendment that allowed the cutting down mature evergreen trees along Bathurst off of Ner Israel drive.

6. Quality of Life – There is already so much noise and light pollution in our area from parking lighting, and traffic that I truly feel our quality of life and property values hang in the balance with this proposed development. Our neighborhoods are already so dense and overpopulated that approving this development adjacent to the already approved re-zoning of the farm land by Jaffari Village would not be compatible with the community at large.

I wholeheartedly support retention of existing zoning and strongly oppose this proposed development.

Regards.”

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk  
JAA/ab

Attachment

#1 - Names of persons having 'signed' the form letter.

## Attachment #1

No.	Name	Address
1.	Mr. & Mrs. Adriana Newman	Daphnia Drive, Thornhill
2.	Alex Grinberg	Not provided
3.	Irina Grinev	Not provided
4.	Daniel Grinev	Not provided
5.	Riel Sumpton	Not provided
6.	Linda Berdugi	Not provided
7.	Vince Guo	Not provided
8.	Tao Liang	Not provided
9.	Changchang Peng	Not provided
10.	Narcis Axani	Bathurst Glen Drive, Thornhill
11.	Chantelle Campbell	Not provided
12.	Yang Li	Not provided
13.	Cindi Miller	Not provided
14.	Mike Dveris	Southdown Avenue
15.	Glen Akselrod	Woodvalley Crescent, Vaughan
16.	Benjamin Roth	Foxwood Road, Vaughan
17.	Amir Epstein	Woodville Drive, Maple
18.	Oscar Livshitz	Not provided
19.	Stella Gozina	Not provided
20.	Roman Zelvenschi	Not provided
21.	Jennifer Gafar	Harding Boulevard, Richmond Hill
22.	Anjelika Spallino	Not provided
23.	Mikhail Levitin	Not provided
24.	Joseph Gendelman	Not provided
25.	Hasty Klamehr	Not provided
26.	David Nacson	Summeridge Drive, Vaughan
27.	Marina and Michael Eterman	Not provided
28.	Anastasia Kedrova	Not provided
29.	Kirill Chatrov	Not provided
30.	Stephanie Zameck	Not provided
31.	Andrei Poliakov	Autumn Hill Boulevard, Vaughan
32.	Julia Oakes	Autumn Hill Boulevard, Vaughan

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No.	Name	Address
33.	Robert Oakes	Autumn Hill Boulevard, Vaughan
34.	Inessa Suslik	Not provided
35.	Vlad and Julia Greene	Not provided
36.	Veronika Beilis	Not provided