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Like all residents immediately south of the proposed redevelopment of Dufferin - Centre area, who value the safety and peaceful character of our neighbourhood, I strongly urge the City council to consider the dislocation and the traffic congestion that a high rise condo complex will create. Our neighbourhood must be placed ahead of Council's agenda of intensification at this location. The stretch of Dufferin Street between Centre Street and the 407 intersections are already heavily congested during morning and evening rush hours. Adding another traffic signal between these two intersections which are already so close together, will greatly degrade and slow the traffic flow in the area. The approval of a high rise condo development will put our residents at a greater risk of both more frequent car and pedestrian accidents and create additional congestion on our neighbourhood streets. Our neighbourhood is already dealing with the impact from robust and large scale developments at the North-West corner of Centre and Bathurst Street junction as well as the Viva bus route addition on Centre Street itself. If Council continues along the path of increasing density, our neighbourhood will increasingly and effectively be surrounded by heavy traffic from all sides. Existing major traffic congestion at Bathurst & Centre Streets, and additional volume of traffic at Dufferin & Centre Streets will see our neighbourhood streets subjected to increased traffic from outside the neighborhood as motorists seek to circumvent traffic. Such short sighted thinking by Council, will lead to the slow destruction of our peaceful and relatively safe neighbourhood, increase traffic on our streets, reduce safety and gradually reduce property values as homeowners begin exiting a highly congested neighbourhood. I urge council to think before it acts and consider a townhome complex as the only sensible compromise.

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Joseph Strul