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Subject: OPA File OP.13.013, Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.13.036 - Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat (ISIJ) of Toronto – Vicinity of Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road

Please consider the below email as a public written Communication with respect to the subject matter (i.e. a deputation), which will be considered by the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Dear Mr. Mayor, Dear Councillors!

I want to express my objections to the proposed Application for the development on Bathurst Street 9000, Lot 14, Concession 2 by Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto (Jaffari Community Centre).

Traffic. Even during the summer, when there are no schools, even before the construction started at Bathurst and Highway 7, every morning and night there is a traffic jam on Bathurst. Obviously the proposed development would make a problem much worse. And by the way, if someone presents a study showing there are no traffic problem, their application, in my opinion, should not be just rejected, but they must be prosecuted for knowingly providing a false information to the City (perjury or whatever it is, I'm not a lawyer).

Lack of public facilities. The new high-rise or mid-rise development means the density of Thornhill Woods population will be way above expected. North Thornhill Community Center is already at its capacity limit.

The unfairness of the proposed solution #1. I've heard that "the city might have a solution to the lack of public facilities problem". If the solution is to build a new community center or to expand an existing one, it is not acceptable to me, and here is why. Someone fights to drastically change the zoning for the lot which they purchased with a certain zoning attached. Then I have to bear a part of the expenses to accommodate for them, by spending my taxes:

- to build an extra Community Center;
- to build extra roads and accommodate for excessive use of sewage, power grid and other infrastructure (because, I am sure, there is a City's part that would have to be done too)

The unfairness of the proposed solution #2. They have purchased their lot with a certain zoning attached. Any zoning change is an exception. It affects the neighborhood. My strongest belief is that the zoning change application made just on the basis "We want to build something different from what allowed on the land we've purchased" must be rejected right away as frivolous.

There is a simple reason why the zoning concept for Cities was established: to let people and municipalities plan and predict what will happen to their homes and taxes. If an exception is made, everyone around would have to pay for that, unless you are ready to charge the applicant for the next 70 years upfront. I would have to pay:

- With my taxes;
- With my decreased level of quality of comfort;
- With lowering the price of my house, which I planned as support for my retirement

NOT FAIR

I would like to express this point of view in person. Unfortunately, the pre-hearing for the Subj. is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 1pm, when most of the concerned Thornhill Woods residents are at work.

Regards,

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A Thornhill Woods resident,

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