



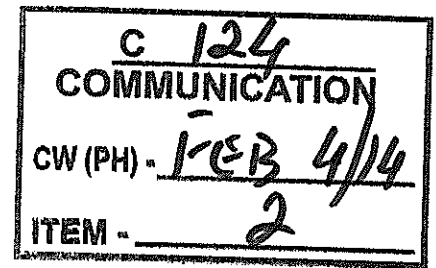
## memorandum

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JEFFREY A. ABRAMS, CITY CLERK

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Item No. 2  
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 Development Planning Department and the City Clerk's Office have 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 up to the 5:00 p.m. communication deadline for Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing), being two hours prior to the commencement of the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2014. It is hoped that organizing the submissions in this manner will assist the Committee in its deliberations.

The text of the form letter is 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 2000 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.*

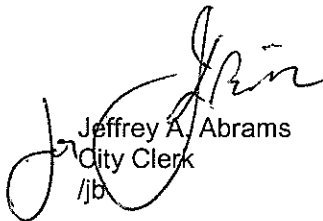
*I wholeheartedly support retention of existing zoning and strongly oppose this proposed development.*

*Regards,*

*Concerned Vaughan Resident"*

Appendix 1 contains the names of persons identified as having 'signed' the form letter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk  
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Sr. No.	Name	Address
1	Mikhail Filatov	Seurat Place
2	Ioulia Gousseva	Concerned Vaughan resident
3	Simon Pozneris	
4	Donna Rossman	Renoir Drive, Thornhill
5	Elisa Krinsky	Amberty Street, Vaughan
6	Lisa Giewercer	Concerned Vaughan resident
7	David Giewercer	Concerned Vaughan resident
8	Valeriy Mazur	Concerned Vaughan resident
9	Jennifer Stroll	Concerned Vaughan resident
10	David Wiesenthal	White Spruce Crescent
11	Ivgeny Tseitlin	Mistysugar Trail
12	Ellen Drazner	Mistywood Crescent
13	Dina Akilov	Little Ashley Drive, Vaughan
14	Sergey, Elena, Daniel and Anastasia Demidenko	Concerned Vaughan residents
15	Victor Grinev	Concerned Vaughan resident
16	Marina Perper	Townsgate Drive, Vaughan
17	Ashley Soussan	Concerned Vaughan resident
18	Evelyn So	Piedmont Drive, Vaughan
19	Marietta Ferdman	Concerned Vaughan resident
20	Mike Ragimov	Concerned Vaughan resident
21	Zachary & Ala Gurevich	Concerned Vaughan resident
22	Anna Pupco	Concerned Vaughan resident
23	Ludmila Djurinsky	Concerned Vaughan resident
24	David Pupco	Concerned Vaughan resident
25	Aaron Fritz	Concerned Vaughan resident
26	Norm Verblonski	Concerned Vaughan resident
27	Aaron Burke	Concerned Vaughan resident
28	Brad Diamond	Concerned Vaughan resident
29	Stephanie Blumenfeld	Concerned Vaughan resident
30	Vasily & Elena Khodanovich	Concerned Vaughan residents
31	Mitchell & Melissa Dubin	Schuster Lane, Vaughan
32	Oleg Ostrovsky	Concerned Vaughan resident
33	Yury Ostrovsky	Concerned Vaughan resident
34	Jeff Pasott	Concerned Vaughan resident
35	Boris, Pavel, Natalia and Igor Vorobyov	Concerned Vaughan residents
36	Marina Davydov	Concerned Vaughan resident
37	Jason Garten	Concerned Vaughan resident
38	Marietta Fredman	Concerned Vaughan resident
39	Matan and Liat Cohen	Concerned Vaughan resident
40	Kevin Lee	Concerned Vaughan resident
41	Aksana Nahainik	Concerned Vaughan resident
42	Kerryn Dveris	Concerned Vaughan resident
43	Andrei Brjovzovski	Jenkins Drive, Richmond Hill
44	Tanya Mendel	Concerned Vaughan resident
45	Nathalie Narbonne	Big Rock Drive, Maple
46	Pavel Odnoletkov	Campbell Avenue, Thornhill
47	Irina Iliyassov	Concerned Vaughan resident