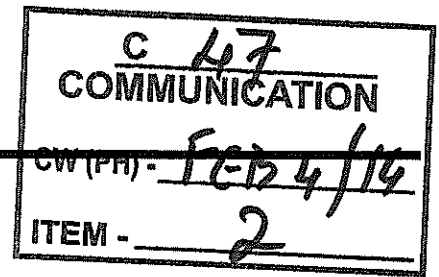


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To Whom this May Concern,

I am a resident of Thornhill Woods 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 have signed this petition together with other local community members (see attached online petition) <http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/9000bathurst> and I plead to 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. My biggest concern is with respect to schools. In every area where high rise buildings are built, there are insufficient places in the local schools. As someone who is expecting a child and chose my area based on the local schools, it would be unfair to increase the number of children so much that children who currently reside in the area would not be able to attend the local schools. I don't want to have to fight to get a place in school that I believe my child to be entitled to. At the very least, children in the residential area should have preferential treatment to any children who live in a new high rise building.
2. Traffic Congestion: I commute into North Toronto for my work everyday. The traffic congestion is currently terrible. If you increase the population living on Bathurst by thousands of people, it will create an even worse situation with respect to traffic. I do not think that Bathurst can handle that kind of a traffic increase.
3. I specifically purchased a home in an area with no high-rise developments. I think it creates a very different community which is to the detriment of people who have purchased homes. We pay higher property taxes, and people who contribute less money put a strain on the resources that we support. This will also cause strain on the utilities and safety and health resources.
4. I believe that this building will decrease the property values of the home owners. I have invested all of my savings into my home and I do not want there to be any devaluation as a result of building these high rises.

Please consider the nature of our neighbourhood and recognize that it is not the right place for a high rise building. Please do not punish the current residents.

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