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**Subject:** OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS - File #: OP.13.003 and Z.13.005 - Property: 7476 Kipling Avenue

**Special Note to the City Clerk:** *Please add my correspondence below to the Committee of Whole Public Meeting (September 3, 2013) Communications. Thank you.*

**Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of Council,**

**RE: OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS**

**File #: OP.13.003 and Z.13.005**

**Property: 7476 Kipling Avenue**

**Applicant: Portside Developments (Kipling) Inc.**

**Committee of Whole Public Meeting – September 3, 2013**

We are residents of the Kipling Avenue south of Highway 7 neighbourhood, and a member of The West Woodbridge Homeowners Association Inc. With respect, I must express my strong opposition to Portside Developments (Kipling) Inc. Official Plan and Zoning By- Law Amendment Applications for a proposed development at 7476 Kipling Avenue that will knock down one of our neighbourhood homes.

Since its creation, our neighbourhood is blessed with a strong defined sense of community identity, and is a magnet to the wonderful people I have chosen to live with and raise my children with. It's a neighbourhood that works.

The proposed development:

Will create instability and destroy the neighbourhood's fabric, character and integrity;

1. Does not conform to the Official Plan #240 (Woodbridge Community Plan);
2. Does not respect and/or reinforce the existing surrounding physical character which is predominantly low-rise residential (single family homes) neighbourhood;
3. Is not within an intensification area;
4. Is not consistent with Provincial Policies.

Like many of my neighbours, I see this development as setting a very worrying precedent for the city if it goes ahead. This intrusive, tall condo sitting within our established neighbourhood will bring this development behaviour into other vulnerable residential neighbourhoods in Vaughan.

You were elected and appointed to be the keepers, guardians and defenders of our neighbourhood and the planning documents that were put in place to protect our community's character and identity.

I urge you stand up for our neighbourhood and its residents, and review the proposal before you with a critical eye.

If the Mayor and Council members' decision is to approve this application, it is also the beginning of the end of any kind of sensible and good planning in west Woodbridge, and perhaps even Vaughan as a whole. If existing planning documents can be overturned without blinking an eye.

In addition, I respectfully ask that city councillors and city staff continue working with the West Woodbridge Homeowners Association Inc., and Portside Developments (Kipling) Inc. to ensure that this site retains the scale and character of our neighbourhood. Please listen to the residents of Kipling Avenue south of Highway 7 neighbourhood and the representatives of the West Woodbridge Homeowners Association who we empower to speak on our behalf. Our neighbourhood cannot support anymore development and your commitment is needed to preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

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