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City of Brampton  
Secretary Treasurer  
Committee of Adjustment, City Clerk's Office  
2 Wellington St. West  
Brampton ON L6Y 4R2

Re: Committee of Adjustment Application Number: A-2024-0241  
11 Gatewood Drive, Brampton Ontario  
Plan 860, Lot 109, Ward 8

Without Prejudice

To City Staff,

I grant permission to post the following correspondence on the subject agenda. Thank you for allowing me to participate with my written response.

I understand that the homeowner is requesting a variance for the driveway expansion which was completed in the summer of 2023. The expansion has allowed the homeowner to accommodate the homeowner's personal vehicles and at least, two unmarked, commercial cargo vans used for business.

My concerns are:

1. The end result of the driveway expansion is an unsightly parking lot over 15 meters wide in a residential neighbourhood, which may set a precedent for others to follow.
2. The root system of a mature tree is partially covered by the driveway. Did City of Brampton staff consult on the stress this expansion may cause to the 50-year-old plus maple tree located directly adjacent to the driveway on the property?
3. The driveway further reduces permeable matter in the neighbourhood. The residences of Grassington Crescent, Grassington Court and Gatewood Drive have experienced sewer backups in 2005, 2013 and 2024. 2005 and 2013 incidents were severe, stressful, and costly with many household affected. The July 16, 2024 incident was less severe with approximately five households affected.
4. The driveway results in less storage area for snow and the removal of on-street parking spaces.

Please find attached photos (10/08/24) of the driveway, curb cut, affected tree, and additional cars, belonging to 11 Gatewood Dr., parked on Gatewood Dr.

On May 22, 2019 Brampton City Council approved new rules for driveways. At that meeting, Mayor Patrick Brown commented "as residents of Brampton, we all want to live in neighbourhoods that feel attractive and welcoming. Front yards completely covered by driveways are not only unwelcoming, but they're also bad for the environment." I agree and commend the City of Brampton for enforcing the Driveways By-Law.

In summary, I strongly oppose this application.

Thank you,

Lisa Pecarski



THE CURB CUT



11 GATEWOOD DRIVEWAY



ADDITIONAL VEHICLES PARKED ON GATEWOOD DRIVE