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To the City of Brampton
Committee of Adjustment
City Clerk's Office

Re: Application number A- 2024-0241 Re: 11 Gatewood Dr Brampton ON Plan 860, Lot 190, Ward 8

Without prejudice

To City of Brampton staff,

I grant permission to post the following correspondence on the subject agenda.

We understand the homeowner is requesting a variance for the driveway expansion which was completed in 2023.

We oppose this application because:

- The driveway does not follow the City by-law and cars are parked completely across the front of the house. The grass has been removed to allow for excessive parking of personal and commercial vehicles. This is not how our neighborhood should look, houses need front lawns and grass.
- Without grass, there is no place for rain water to be absorbed and the sewers may become overwhelmed. Grassington Court, the Crescent, and Gatewood Drive have

all suffered basement flooding in the past few years. In order to prevent future flooding, front lawns cannot be paved over.

- We are also concerned about the health of the 50 year old maple tree on the front lawn. We need as many trees as possible in Brampton and the driveway may negatively affect the tree and root system.
- This expanded driveway also decreases available places for snow removal and on-street parking.
- This homeowner is using the driveway and street to park vehicles, which creates less room for cars to safely travel on Gatewood Dr. This is a residential, not business area.
- This driveway expansion sets an unacceptable precedent which may encourage other homeowners to follow.

We want Brampton to be an attractive and welcoming community. Paving over front lawns is not acceptable. We ask the City to enforce the by-law and deny this application.

Thank you,

Jack and Zofia Cenkowski