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

Dear Secretary Treasurer and Members of the Committee,

Application Number: A-2024-0460

Property Address: 10 Kentucky Drive

Legal Description: Plan M829, Lot 139, Ward 4

As a 37 year resident of the City of Brampton, I find myself compelled to reach out and provide you with my comments on the above Application. As a long time resident of Brampton, I try to be a good neighbour, member of the community and by-law abiding and find the current trends I'm seeing disturbing. As I understand the issue, the owner(s) of the above property address has recently completed work on widening their driveway and now find themselves in violation of the current City of Brampton by-law(s) - i.e. the maximum permitted width of a driveway is in excess allowed under the current by-law, as well as violating the minimum requirement of permeable landscaping abutting the side lot line. The owner(s) are now asking the City for forgiveness with this Application for Minor Variance as an exception to that by-law. If my understanding is correct, it is my opinion that there should be NO exception(s) made/allowed under the current by-law. Should this application be allowed to move forward, it will set a dangerous precedent and a message to all residents of Brampton that exceptions are permitted, upon request, for all by-laws. I suspect it will not be long before you see other residents ask for similar, and other, exceptions to our by-laws at a time when more enforcement is required as parked cars are piling up on lawns and driveways, and increasing number of vehicles parked on the road overnight and throughout the weekend.

Also, with the increased occurrences of severe weather and natural disasters in Ontario, it has been well documented and reported the benefit of having permeable landscaping. Significant weather events, as well as the increase in frequency and severity of natural disasters such as floods have affected the cost of home insurance in Ontario. Having permeable landscaping protects my home, and the homes of thousands of residents of Brampton, from flooding. We cannot afford the constant and endless increases to our home insurance premiums due flooding claims just to accommodate the few - City of Toronto is now having to deal with this serious issue as we speak.

Finally, as Mayor Patrick Brown once said - "As residents of Brampton, we all want to live in neighbourhoods that feel attractive and welcoming. Front lawns completely covered by driveway are not only unwelcoming but they're also bad for the environment - they leave less room for plant and trees and allow more pollution to run off into our local waterways. I agree.

I hereby request the Committee to not approve the above noted Application. I am a firm believer that by-laws have been put in place for a reason and apply to **all** residents of Brampton and not to a select group of the community. By-laws must, and should be followed by all.

I hereby authorize posting of my correspondence on the agenda and for my comments and views to be taken into consideration in this matter by the Committee in my absence.

Respectfully,
Tony Ramundi
3 Kentucky Drive, Brampton, ON, L6Y 4G2