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Thank you Mayor Brown and Councillors for your time.

My name is Amrik Ahluwalia,

I am out of town and respectfully submit my position via this PowerPoint presentation to oppose high rise development in the Springbrook Hamlet.

- HIGH DENSITY at Mississauga Rd and Queen west makes a mockery of the city's Development Guidelines
- HIGH DENSITY will destroy the rural setting of the Springbrook Hamlet
- HIGH DENSITY will irreversibly harm the ecology
- HIGH DENSITY will cause traffic congestion not envisaged because the combined effect of ALL the proposed developments has not been assessed
- Consultation process has lacked transparency; It checked the box but totally missed the intent of the process.... I will address this more in a minute.

You have been getting dozens of presentations **OPPOSING HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT** on Queen & Mississauga Rd.

Several of your constituents have told you, before and today they **OPPOSE HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT**

Hundreds of your constituents have sent you petitions OPPOSING HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT

Now more about Consultation:

In our meeting on September 9th, Mayor Brown and the Councillors instructed the Planning staff to bring the Developers and the Representatives of the residents together to explore compromises & collaboratively find a solution Meet half way, if you will. We had what we thought were good meetings with the Developers on October 27th and Dec 7th. The residents offered constructive suggestions in a spirit of collaboration and good faith, the spirit with which you expected us to meet the developers

To our surprise the Developers informed that **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE DEVELOPERS' ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, NIL, NADA, ZERO**

- By not moving an inch, who did the Developers say "Get Lost" to? The residents for sure. But also YOU, the Mayor and the Council. They are telling you...
- "You asked us to come to the table to find a collaborative solution? We are doing no such thing. We will not listen to you. But we want you to approve our application to rezone to put high rises in this hamlet anyway..."
 I don't find it acceptable. I hope you don't either.

The question is who is making the decisions on rezoning in this city? Is it the Council or the Developers. I suggest that you, not the Developers, make the decision on rezoning. The right decision is:

You must reject HIGH DENSITY Development at Queen W and Mississauga/ James Potter TODAY