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Honourable Mayor Patrick Brown

I have been residing in Brampton for over 10 years, the reason I decided to move to Downtown Brampton from downtown Milton, Ontario was simple, although a large city, downtown Brampton still had a small town feel with quaint shops and a lovely, manicured park at my doorstep unlike Mississauga with an abundance of towers. I was and continue to be excited to see the downtown streetscape evolve once they begin, but this never seems to come to life, grand plans of upgrading streetscapes, cafes, and patios along downtown streets with single lane traffic to accommodate pedestrians and restaurants and know, how is this going to happen with an influx of buildings and traffic?

Unfortunately, the past two years has limited residents involvement with the community to enjoy the wonderful activities that the City of Brampton hosts, and due to Covid, and we have only been able to enjoy our balcony along and small condominiums throughout the pandemic; it was tolerable with the expansive views and lovely sunsets to enjoy, it gave you a sense of freedom without feeling small but from the latest news it would appear everything I love about our quaint downtown, and our lovely home is about to change, and sadly not for the better!

We love the Horse and Buggy rides, we support them every Valentines Day and at Christmas time, sometimes going on multiple rides throughout their small season and times; we love the small town feel of things here in downtown Brampton it is what keeps us unique and different from other large metropolitan city's. No matter how large we become, we are still low in hi rises.

I do understand that the city benefits in tax revenue from developers wanting to build in Brampton but at what cost to the residents of downtown. We have recently watched two executive rental towers being constructed just north of George Street and as lovely as they are, aesthetically, I am concerned with the influx of traffic that this will bring to the area. I can only imagine the traffic along the Queen Street corridor, Nelson, and George as well as neighbouring streets not only during peak hours, but all hour's rush hour will be a nightmare car will bog down our quite streets all hours of the day. And again, we have been notified of a proposal of a monstrosity of two buildings, a hotel and townhouses not only will overload the traffic, but my concern is also the loss of our building being overshadowed by two massive rental towers, to be low to medium rental units. Not only will this block our view that we originally paid a premium for, but it also causes privacy with the erection of these towers within proximity of our existing building. I would have no issue if they were spread out and built (as an example) where they recently completed the parking lot on Nelson Street as this still allows for our privacy as well as theirs and downtown would not begin to feel claustrophobic, because that is what we will feel like.

Please do not misunderstand, I am all for growth and am in the construction industry myself, but I do feel that you should take into consideration of existing homeowners. Not only does this affect our privacy with two buildings so close, but it will drastically reduce our natural sunlight and we will have to have our blinds/curtains closed 24 hours a day. We will be unable to use our balconies or have our windows open for fresh air for at least 18-24 months due to construction dust. This will also affect our property and decrease our values drastically.

The building currently across from the north side of our condominium that sits adjacent from the Go station is an absolute eyesore where the windows are full of junk, and they look deplorable, with paper, sheets and garbage against the glass as their window coverings with this project being low to medium rentals is this what I have to look forward to, as a tax payer? That building is across from our building and as it stands now, we have this view, and they are far away and we still look at this heap everyday and the thing is, it is not direct proximity like the new towers will be. Condominiums are governed to keep our window coverings white, and we are not allowed to stack junk and crap against our windows or use bed sheets for window coverings – this is what low income and medium rental units will bring. I do not want to be subject to that everyday

I am opposed to this project going forward for the above reasons but fear that the crime will also increase. We already have a huge issue surrounding our building, we constantly must remove drunk, homeless people from sleeping in front, on our steps or at the sides of our buildings and they have been removed when passed out in our flower beds that we as owners contribute to beautifying our home and contribute to the streetscape for our neighbouring properties. I would rather see the older buildings in downtown along Queen and Main refurbished to beautify our lovely city.

I genuinely believe that this will decrease value in owning a property in beautiful downtown Brampton and once known as a quaint area, it will just become another metropolitan overloaded with buildings causing congestion where you can reach out and shake your neighbours' hands from one balcony to another. The current infrastructure cannot take another 771 units in this area.

Homelessness and drugs are a huge issue downtown and with lower to mid rental units coming it will only increase. We are already starting to see this at every traffic light someone is begging for money on street corners and stores, homeless people, addicts occupying the steps of unoccupied buildings and opioid clinics right at our doorsteps. We do not need a low to medium rental in this area I do understand the need for housing in Brampton, but it can be spread out to avoid congestion.

Downtown Oakville is beautiful with quaint shops and a small-town feel, yet still a big city. We were headed that way with the streetscapes changing - Why can't we spread out the tower developments? I do not want to move from Brampton, this is my home and my many other neighbours, some who are disabled and only have their view, and balcony spaces to enjoy, as some are confined to their homes for the most part, residents of The Renaissance Condominiums contribute to our community in several ways, we participate in food drives, toy drives and other charities for the less fortunate and are very proud to be apart of this community so we are not opposed of those in need.

The City of Brampton is a wonderful place to reside, and I would love to continue to do so but losing its small-town feel, will just be like any other place and to me that is not home. I loved the idea of renewing downtown Brampton, let's focus on that as promised.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns.

Susan Williams

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