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Premier Doug Ford has announced a goal of 1.5 million housing units by the year 2031. Bill 23 sets targets for each Ontario municipality. Brampton, for example, has been given a target of adding 113,000 housing units over the next eight years. With The Premier announcing on August 21st the Building Homes Faster Fund and with Brampton being at roughly only 23% of their goal as of August it is pretty clear and insulting to the residents in the area that this proposal and any similar future proposals are not up for debate and the residents' concerns are invalid. The city is obviously looking forward to their bonus from the province at which point Brampton residents will not see much of a return, if any. The best return will be an increase in taxes.

The city needs to take a look into the following prior to approval: emergency services, increase in traffic flow, noise control, limited parking, pedestrian safety, current resident inconvenience, school accommodation, sewer system, expanding the road on Bramalea, increase in crime, renters type, amenities, affordable price point for the right renters, building height and placement.

- Can the fire department, ambulance, and police services handle the additional residents and traffic flow? At this time the answer is no. On December 12th, 2015, a townhouse complex of 8 homes burned right across the road from the fire department causing \$3 million in damages. If a whole complex burned across from a fire department, then how can the fire department handle two more proposed buildings on Bramalea, on top of the five more pending approval on Balmoral and Eastbourne (700 Balmoral Dr) and the already four more approved on Bramalea (80 Bramalea, 507 Balmoral Dr) and within 2.5km of each other.
- The police have launched projects Noisemaker and ERASE in an effort to target street racers in Brampton and Mississauga. For 6 months since May, street racers and vehicles with excessively loud exhaust systems will be targeted. Brampton police have turned a blind eye and continue to ignore that this is an ongoing problem in the city of Brampton. Police do not patrol the streets regularly. They are seen in parking lots idling for hours. Bramalea continues to thrive on its fame of being a drag strip at night. Several drivers make it a nightly event and squeal their tires at every set of lights, going up and down Bramalea. There have been quite a number of memorable accidents in the area, which is a growing concern. Drivers go through red lights and stop signs, cars have rolled on their roofs, pedestrians have been hit by cars that flee leaving the person in life threatening condition. Every time there is an accident, residents voice their concerns to the police and to this day the problem is only getting worse. With over 6000 people moving into the area in the near future, keeping in mind this number is on the low end since rentals in the area already house 10-15 people, it does not appear that current emergency services would be able to keep up. A large group of residents were calling 311 repeatedly to reinstall the speed camera in the area and unfortunately it took 3 years to be actioned. Action on safety takes three years; a building approval only takes a

few months. People are not just numbers and should not be treated as such. With the increase in traffic flow from vehicles from all the buildings approved in the 2 km vicinity, how is the noise going to be controlled for the already inconvenienced residents? How is the limited parking going to be addressed? The closest streets are going to become resident and visitor overflow parking from the building; this is seen time and time again in high congested areas and with individuals who take advantage of the free parking on side streets. My driveway has already become an Uber pickup and drop off because of the bus stop. This prevents me from accessing my driveway when I come home, and my vehicle sustains damages from unwelcome drivers using my driveway to pick up passengers. The bus stop route should be updated to stop in front of all the towers along Bramalea, as the majority of people using public transit will be coming from the buildings. Current residents should not endure damages to their property because of city approvals driving more people to their property, through their property, or on their property. Dixie Rd already has a noise wall from Orenda Rd to just before Clark and there are no buildings directly across the road. When will the residents on Bramalea be accommodated with a noise wall to compensate for the significant increase in traffic and the extreme noise? The residents should not be held responsible for the cost for an inconvenience that is created by the city's approved proposed plan and the builder that builds. Bear in mind the city will receive a bonus for achieving their goal; there is money to be shared. Money that was never available in previous years. The builder will make millions on the build. Who will pay for the wall, the city or the builder?

- There are only six elementary schools and one secondary school in roughly a 2 km proximity. How are they going to handle the overflow of students? More children in the classroom will not save more money and students will be challenged to receive one on one session with their teachers in overflowing classrooms.
- Can the current sewer system handle the growing infrastructure? In July 2013, the entire area was flooded with sewer backup which cost insurers \$850 million for the province of Ontario. If the infrastructure is not updated to match urban growth and development, how and when will the city fix the issue before it happens again? Will the city or the builder be funding an upgrade?
- Will Bramalea be expanded, when and where? Bramalea has traffic from Steeles to Sandelwood every day. With the increase in housing on Bramalea how is the increase in traffic flow going to be accommodated? The road is only four lanes. GO and Brampton transit are not going to be the primary form of transportation by residents. The transportation is already congested, the cleanliness is lacking, the odour is plentiful, not everyone wants to take three to four busses to get to a minimum wage job in one hour, and the increasing lack of safety on public transit is extremely concerning and as a result has been steering people to driving their own vehicles or using Uber.
- With the increase in traffic flow and new residents to the area this will draw crime as well. Neighbours have had property stolen like lawn furniture, licence plates, etc. People

walk around with beer and smoke weed at the bus stops, conducting drug deals, there have been hit and runs, drunk drivers causing serious accidents, regular drivers racing & performing stunt driving, car thefts, attempted break ins, actual break ins, and murder on a school street. Safety should always be top priority, everyone wants to return home. How is this building going to benefit the current residents and improve their safety?

- The building is proposed to be all rental units. Renters come with a different level of issues. As just mentioned crime is not decreasing in the area. In addition, in the past two years, the surrounding area has populated with mainly student renters who have no respect for the residents and their properties. They ruin the property they are living in and other neighbours' properties causing the value of homes to decrease. Renters have a different level of responsibility and respect versus home owners.
- The builder is proposing amenity space. The space should be available to the public. How is the building benefiting the current residents? Let us benefit from your build. The city had taken three years to make a decision on what to do with the burned community centre on Victoria Crescent. Staff provided council with three options including, demolishing the old structure and replacing it with a new one, re-purposing the existing structure with a 5,000 square-foot addition, or demolishing it and declaring the lands surplus to be sold as industrial employment lands. Council had decided on the first option, approving a \$17.5 million budget amendment to demolish the 52-year-old arena and replace it with a new "dry-floor" recreation centre. Where is the recreation centre? Where is the \$2.4 million insurance payout? If the builder doesn't share the amenities space then what is being done by the city to accommodate the people living in the area?
- The builder is proposing rental units. The Ford government is pushing for affordable housing. Housing units are averaging from \$1500 to \$3500. What is the builder going to charge to draw in responsible/respectful families? How is the builder not going to be the only beneficiary of this build with overpriced units, low balling contractors causing them to shortcut to make a descent pay check, and inconveniencing residents with noise from construction and additional traffic flow?
- The proposed building height is 28 and 22 stories. The current infrastructure does not support the proposed building height. The traffic is already impossible. The noise is unbearable. The sewage system is not upgraded. The bus route and frequency needs revision. The amenities are not enough. The city maintenance is lacking with garbage everywhere, grass not being cut, the trees overhanging on sidewalks. The building alone is an eyesore. It's not enough another 7 story was recently approved at 80 Bramalea, up against houses, but this one will be visible even over that building. The buildings should be half the size and the shorter of the two buildings should be closer to the GO station rather than the houses. If the builder is promoting the GO station then the larger building should be closer to the GO station. All of these points need to be addressed before the area can support a new build. Too many times a building is dropped in place

and everyone walks away with their money and the surrounding residents are left hanging with the issues.

Don't make a decision on impulse and dollar signs. Think about the current problems, don't ignore them, fix them first. Mayor Brown and city councillors, you are elected to make the city better, to serve and listen to the people that voted you and those that didn't. Residents know firsthand what goes on in the area and what the current issues are. Their concerns have been shut down with building after building being approved. That is why a lot of residents know this said proposal is a formal way of informing residents the building has already been approved. Additional buildings and additional residents will only increase the current issues. The issues need to be addressed and fixes need to be put in place first and not after all the buildings go up.

Changes need to happen before approval and not as an afterthought.