



Letter from a Concerned Resident

Dear RA:

Current development language is skewed. The repetition of Toronto having a "housing crisis" and the proposal of "affordable housing" is a useful marketing-strategy-for-profit by capitalization. When residents participating in the spring 2022 Toronto MTH and multiplex consultations requested a definition of their term "affordable", the Toronto Head Land planner clarified it as the "market value of the area". It is not housing-gearred-to-income of the residents. Note the removal of low-income apartments at Lenmore Court and the proposal of a series of condo developments along Kingston Road.

The developers now have a swath of freedoms with fees reduced or removed which previously were employed to support our city's operational needs. I believe that the developers are now requesting the Province to take RESPONSIBILITY for their building on the Green belt and elsewhere. Environmental specialists know that there will be negative impacts with developments in these area without compliance to environmental data. The anticipated cascade of negative impacts of these developments will cost the Toronto, us, NOT the developers, to rectify.

What really bothers me is that current residents as being vilified for wanting to PROTECT their current environmentally SAFE residences. The single-family detached zoning bylaws are "not exclusionary". The Multiplexes and MTH will jeopardize OUR living conditions and SAFETY and leave us VULNERABLE to approved massive development without environmental research. Refer to the 2019 Toronto Resiliency Strategy which advised the cost of basement flooding costing more than \$40,000.

Following the December 14 approval of MTH and Multiplexes, I'd appreciate learning the details about the development applications, regulations and enforcement. There appears to be no limitations on the number of each type of development on a street or community. Our "Toronto Neighbourhoods" will be destroyed. Our Councillors previously rejected MTHs and expanded development. What revisions or arguments were now compelling? What resident concerns were addressed and what were not?

Finally I ask how Mayor Tory's approved development proposals aligns with Toronto's Sustaining and Expanding the Urban Forestry 2012 -2022. There appears to be no tracking of the loss of our mature trees with development. The Councillors who supported the Mayor's strategy for intensification are ignoring the December 2022 COP discussions in Montreal for our sustainable biodiversity and address to the negative impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,
Very concerned