

To: Horchik, Dan  
Sent: Mon Oct 05 02:19:41 2009  
Subject: Re DSC October 6

Dan can you please forward this to the DSC regarding Victoria Square. I will not be able to attend as I have a meeting out of town.

To the Development Services Committee regarding Victoria Square Hamlet Zoning.

I wish to keep the hamlet of Victoria Square as a residential area. I do not think the hamlet will benefit to any degree by allowing small scale institutional or retail to the area. The way the surrounding area is being built up there are plenty of retail and service choices within close reach of the residents. The prospective properties for development in the hamlet do not have the proper space to accommodate the car traffic that would come with it. The negative example that is always mentioned is the meat shop in the hamlet. The "Save Victoria Square Ratepayers Association" has always wanted to preserve what there is of the hamlet and to protect ourselves from being obliterated. We have worked hard over the years to keep what we have. Commercial encroachment will only serve to reduce the enclave we have tried to carve.

Without the bypass AND keeping the zoning within Victoria Square hamlet boundaries as is, I think we will have accomplished nothing.

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Mayor, Councillors and  
Development Services Committee  
Town of Markham  
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Dear Sirs                      Re Victoria Square Land Use Review

I am a longtime resident of Victoria Square. My property adjoins properties on Woodbine Ave being proposed for Commercial uses.

I am very opposed to any change to the existing residential nature of ANY part of the Hamlet (all zoned rural residential).

There is no reason to introduce commercial establishments. There are enough in the area already - a restaurant and service station to the north, an education and daycare centre to the south, a medical centre, personal care and retail facilities, coffee shops and restaurants both at Elgin Mills & Leslie and Woodbine and Major Mackenzie with MORE to be built around the cathedral adjoining the Hamlet on the south.

To say that Victoria Square is "historically commercial" is a bit misleading. Past commercial activities related to the needs of pioneer days such as a blacksmith shop or general store for example. Save for the 2 or 3 which

lingered for a few more years commercial activity had ceased well before 1930. Other than the contentious butcher business at the north end of the hamlet (grandfathered under the zoning by-law) there has been no commercial activity for just short of 50 years so far as I am aware and nothing to suggest there ever was.

Introduction of commercial uses would surely destroy the heart of the hamlet and impact negatively on the residents of the core area.

Would you like to have a coffee shop or medical clinic with its traffic and parking lot located alongside your residence?

I submit that the proposal be turned down and that the Official Plan should be amended to correspond with the zoning by-law to reflect the unique character of Victoria Square and designate the ENTIRE hamlet Rural Residential

Yours truly

Joy Norton