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Subject: 10 Hughson Drive - Application B/33/09

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From: Michael Baranowsky

Sent: February 8, 2010 1:49 PM

To: Cefaratti, Rick

Subject: Regarding 10 Hughson Drive - Application B/33/09

Regarding: BY-LAW 2010-6 A by-law to amend By-law 1507 as amended (Interim Control By-law for Hughson Drive/Lunar Crescent Study Area).

and

To: Committee of Adjustments

Re: Severance and minor variance
of 10 Hughson Drive

and to:

Rick Cefaratti

Secretary-Treasurer

Committee of Adjustment

Mr. Cefaratti,

I apologize I cannot attend meetings over the next weeks as I am traveling but recently heard of 2 meetings of significance for our neighbourhood and hoped we could be heard in our absence.

My thanks for hearing my concern and my apologies to Salma Ladha (owner of 10 Hughson Drive). As the owners of 20 Hughson Drive I wish to voice my concerns and objection to the proposal to sever the property and the proposed associated minor variance A/122/09.

In 1997 we moved into this neighbourhood due to it's unique nature and immediately took advantage of it's qualities. In 1999 the Canadian Audubon Society awarded our property as the 6th Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary in Canada (original certificate and letter available on request), something we could not have done elsewhere without the size and scope available.

Less than 2 years ago we invited a representative from Tree's Ontario to our property. He was surprised by the tree growth in this enclave and asked me to contact others in the neighbourhood for permission to collect seeds as stock for their program (contact names available on request with their permission).

Several years ago when the Michael-Angelo's plaza was under proposal, council members described this corner as the "Gateway to Markham". This is a unique neighbourhood and should be protected in whatever steps are being taken during the interim plan to eventually stabilize the use of land in the control area. I am by no means suggesting stopping renovation or development by new owners or existing neighbours. Across from 20 Hughson is a very good example of a newly built home in keeping with the maximum use of the property by an exiting owner. There was minimal damage to trees and the structure itself did not overwhelm other existing dwellings.

Likewise, minor variances are part of the nature of living amongst neighbours who try to accommodate each other and are inevitable; severance of these properties however would allow for development completely

inconsistent with the existing older bungalows and other newly built homes, and would eradicate the unique aspects of these properties and the neighbourhood.

There is plenty of opportunity to develop smaller properties in Markham and York Region in general. As the Gateway to Markham let's protect what cannot be replaced.

Thanks for your consideration,

Michael & Jacqueline Baranowsky