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Burlington Planning Department
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26 January 2018

Attn: Thomas Douglas

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I attended the neighbourhood meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2018 concerning the application to change the Zoning By-law for the property at 4721 Palladium Way and wanted to follow up with a few of our thoughts and concerns.

First, let me begin by saying that we welcome all good neighbours and especially those who will enrich the collective life of our community. We are also grateful for our city's understanding of the role that places of worship play in making neighbourhoods good places to live. The ability to build buildings for worship in our communities is vital.

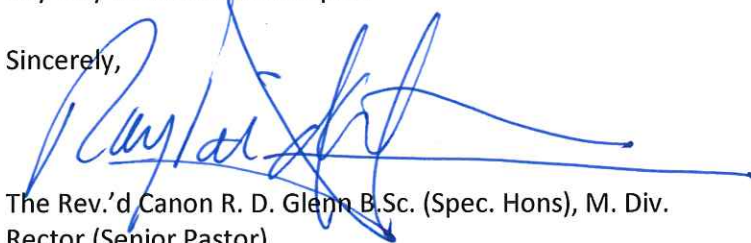
Second, we do have concerns about the application put forward for developing the property adjacent to us, 4721 Palladium Way. Our concerns are around the overall impact of such a large development, specifically parking and traffic flow.

While we notice and appreciate that the HIA has met the old requirements for parking spaces, we also understand that there is a new by-law coming in recognition that the old ratios were insufficient. The need for the new by-law is consistent with our experience as a worshipping community on the same street. We met the old thresholds for parking requirements building an 11,000 sq. ft. space with 77 spaces. The HIA intends to build 60,000 sq. ft with only 261 spaces. This ratio is even less than ours, and ours is not sufficient to accommodate our average Sunday attendance.

Our only desire is to share our experience with the aim of helping the HIA enter into and serve our local community long-term. From our experience, we would recommend either designing smaller buildings with less capacity, or creating more parking spaces, or both.

I would be happy to share our thoughts in person, or to offer our on-the-ground experience in any way that would be helpful.

Sincerely,



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