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Thanks to Roger Varley for his Cosmos article on the objections to the proposed development on a Toronto Street vacant lot. These objections were expressed at the September 12 Council meeting.

This meeting was arranged to consider a building proposal and a rezoning plan to accommodate the buildings. As proposed, the buildings would back directly against seven homes on Fred Barnard Way. I own one of these homes. I am one of the people who made a presentation at that meeting. The Condo Board sent a written submission.

When we purchased our homes, we understood that the vacant lot would ultimately be developed with single family bungalows. The vacant lot is currently zoned for bungalows.

The buildings proposed are ten, three story townhouses in two blocks of five. These homes would face Toronto Street with a service road, garages and visitor parking in the rear. All the present trees would be removed.

The buildings, with second story balconies in the back, would loom over our homes. The road that would provide residential and commercial access to the homes would come within a few metres of our patios. I have some serious concerns about lost privacy, noise, and the permanent erosion of our quality of life.

My focus is on the proposed buildings and the site plan. I think both of these are inappropriate and unacceptable.

I believe that attached bungalow townhomes are a perfect alternative to the proposed three story homes. I suggest that the Township should urge the developer to submit a new proposal.

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