

Messrs. Knoll and Grant,

As a current owner and resident of the College Park area in question, I am emailing to express my strong support for the housing initiatives contemplated by the Official Plan Amendment relating to the Sheridan College Housing - Special Policy Area. This area would directly benefit from the proposed increased density in what is an under-utilized pocket of Oakville with excellent transportation access via several main arterial roads, including Trafalgar. These initiatives, if executed properly, will positively impact the current housing crisis in this province by:

- Increasing and diversifying the current housing stock to allow for more variety and mix;
- Providing for more affordable housing options for families of different compositions; and
- Properly accommodating the student population that resides in the area, to mitigate the spread of 'illegal rooming house' type situations that are rampant within many of the single family homes within College Park today.

I would also like to bring to your attention that unfortunately there are certain individuals in the community who are actively spreading NIMBY-type misinformation about these important initiatives. The attached flyer was left on our doorstep which, from my reading of the actual draft bylaws, is littered with falsehoods and other inaccuracies.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts and thoughtful, well articulated input on behalf of Ward 5 in the council meetings to date on this topic. I would ask that the Town Clerk (cc'd) please include this email submission for the benefit of the Members of Council at the upcoming meeting on March 4, 2024.

Thank you for your time,

Regards
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SAVE COLLEGE PARK – RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Council Motion:

On January 22, 2024, Town Council provided the following motion:

“In support of the **Housing Accelerator Fund Application**, as **advised by Minister Fraser** with due regard for heritage conservation and infrastructure capacity and servicing, that staff be directed to bring forward a zoning by-law amendment permitting:

- **four storey (apartment buildings) within 800 metres of Sheridan College [which includes College Park]**

for Council’s consideration within 90 days of the passing of this resolution.”

On March 4th at 6:30pm – Town Council will hear from the public and make a decision.

1 – Town gets \$36MM in cash from the Federal Government. Town must pass a bylaw on March 4th – to essentially give up all rights (Town and Residents) to be part of the consultation and stop or alter development.

2 - What does it mean for College Park home owners - if passed on March 4th – any property owner in College Park can convert their home into a four (4) storey apartment building on their existing lot – without discussion with anyone.

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On March 4th at 6:30 pm in Town Council Chambers – the vote will occur.

What could this mean? 4 Storey Apartments in College Park



Save our College Park Community – Get involved.

1 – Do Survey - Go to the Town of Oakville website and do their survey:

<https://www.oakville.ca/business-development/planning-development/housing/housing-accelerator-fund/#four>

And **SAY NO!** to the **Sheridan College housing area – Special policy area**

2 – Email Councillors: jeff.knoll@oakville.ca / marc.grant@Oakville.ca

3 – Meeting is Virtual ONLY – March 4th at 6:30pm at Town Hall

4 – Stand up and Speak or Support / ask to speak at the meeting via Town Clerk's Office

Councilor states there is a buyer already interested in purchasing homes now and converting them to student apartment buildings:

Jan 22 Council meeting – youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsATvSpZen8>

At timestamp 2:47 in the video noted above - a Councillor asked who plans to buy the properties. See the answer of who will buy and intends to have a 3rd party manage it and put students into each home.

