

## SUBMISSION TO TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING on March 18, 2025

### Key Points:

#### 1. Upholding Due Process and Democratic Integrity and transparency

- The shelter proposal underwent a comprehensive review process and was ultimately rejected through the appropriate channels. (Feb 2024- Council meeting)
- The public's voice was heard, and the Council decided through a fair and democratic vote.
- Reopening this issue undermines the legitimate concerns of residents and planning professionals.

#### 2. Prioritizing Responsible Urban Planning

- The location at 14452 Yonge Street is crucial for vital municipal infrastructure (expanding sewer pumping to accommodate housing growth communities in the South West Aurora and Yonge Street corridor ) and the region's future growth.
- Recent acquisitions of Parkland by the Town of Aurora, at 14378 Yonge Street is now under the ownership of the Town, the value of the assets for a total of \$3.2M and planning to the expansion of much-needed parkland space and trail walks for our growing community. The trailhead and newly paved parking lot are closed by the rejected men's shelter.
- Any alternative development on this site could jeopardize infrastructure needs and disrupt Aurora's long-term development vision.
- The proposal failed to align with our Official Plan, which designates a density of just two units per acre—not the 55 proposed units.

#### 3. Promoting Unity, Not Division

- This debate has already sparked unnecessary division within our community.
- The Council's decision to veto the proposal ensures Aurora can move forward with a shared sense of unity, fairness, and responsible planning.
- Supporting transitional housing is important, but it must be done thoughtfully, with the right location and careful adherence to planning principles.

### Illustration:

Think of it like a baseball game: once the game is over, you can't change players or request a new coach—just as after a democratic election, we **cannot revisit decisions** simply because time has passed and emotions have run high. **Reopening this process** would only waste **taxpayers' money \$\$\$** and **undermine the integrity of collective decision-making**.

The Region has completed all site work per the 2021 approved site plan for 14452 Yonge; work completed includes planting 276 trees and 49 shrubs that cover the entire site and creating a new public parking lot for access to the planned trail head by Dec 9, 2024. All these make it less suitable.

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**Summary:**

By standing firm in our decisions, we are championing responsible governance, honouring the democratic process, and ensuring Aurora's best possible future. This isn't about opposing the need for transitional housing; it's about ensuring it's done correctly—with proper planning, community involvement, and respect for our long-term goals.

**Let's move forward together, united, and continue building a stronger, well-planned Aurora.**

**Supporting Visuals:**

- The site is currently a paved parking lot.
- 300 trees have already been planted.
- A pumping station expansion has been implemented to support future housing development under Ontario's new housing plan.

Official Letter from Mr. Dan Kuzmyk, Regional Solicitor and General Counsel of York Region dated February 25, 2025 to Town of Aurora.

*Submitted by Ki Kit Li on behalf of United Aurorans representing residents and 3,000 tax payers in Aurora*









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# NOTICE



## Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment

The Owner is proposing a land use change for a portion of the subject property to facilitate the development of 20 townhouse units.

**Applicant:** Esmail Zameni

**Address:** 14086 Yonge Street

**File Numbers:** OPA-2021-05; ZBA-2021-07

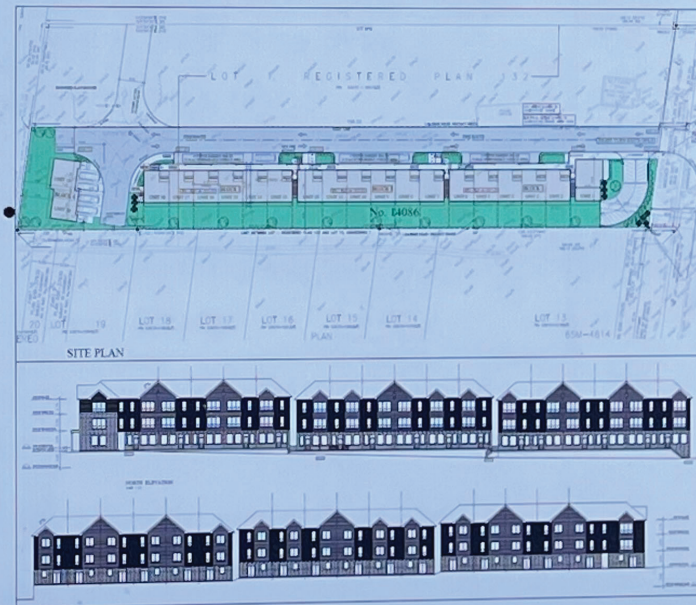
**Related File Number:** N/A

## Statutory Public Planning Meeting

**Date and Time:** September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Town of Aurora Council Chambers, 100 John West Way, Aurora, Ontario

**Live Stream:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofAurora>



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