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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR MRAKAS ON THE PROVINCIAL AMENDMENT TO YORK REGION'S OFFICIAL PLAN IMPACTING THE TOWN OF AURORA

"We have just been informed that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has amended York Region's Official Plan to allow a minimum 12 storeys – more than double the current allowable height on a parcel of land in Aurora through a "special provision".

"4.2.30 Special provisions for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington Street East in the City of Aurora (PIN 036425499). Notwithstanding any other policies in this Plan to the contrary, the minimum density target to be achieved is 330 units per hectare and minimum building height of 12 storeys."

This decision begs a serious question: why this specific parcel of land? It isn't in a transportation corridor – it's barely serviced by a bus!

Neither members of Aurora Town Council or York Regional Council – elected officials who know their communities best – were consulted prior to this drastic change to our Official Plan. I am extremely concerned about the precedent this could set for future planning decisions and the impact it could have on our residents.

I have sent a letter to Minister Clark requesting a meeting immediately to discuss alternatives that would work in the best interest of current and future residents of Aurora."

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