

# Notice of Motion

**Whereas** the guidelines in the Thornhill Markham Heritage Conservation District Plan – 1986, which is the latest and most current plan, state in Section 3.4.1.5:

“The height of new residential buildings should not be less than 80% and not more than 120% of the average height of the residential buildings on immediately adjacent properties. Historically appropriate heights for new residential buildings are considered to be 1-1/2 or 2 storeys, subject to an actual height in metres compatible with immediately adjacent buildings and complying with zoning provisions. The height of the St. Valdimir Church steeple (12 metres) is the maximum height considered appropriate for commercial buildings on Yonge Street in the District,” and

**Whereas** the community has consistently resisted any recommendations which would allow a greater height, under any circumstances within the whole of the conservation district, than the heights specified in Section 3.4.1.5 above - especially for the short distance from John Street north to the Don River for buildings facing Yonge Street, and

**Whereas**, this portion of Yonge Street is the whole of the street from Lake Ontario to the Lakehead which still shows heritage aspects of early Ontario, and

**Whereas** the draft Thornhill-Markham Heritage Conservation District Plan – 2006 states: “The goal and objectives of the 1986 Plan have been largely sustained, and the District has been successful in preserving its heritage resources and heritage character,” and

**Whereas**, this commendable objective would not be achieved if Section 3.4.1.5 in the 1986 plan were to be changed, therefore

**Be it resolved that** staff be notified that it is the wish of this Council that the wording of, and direction contained in, Section 3.4.1.5 in the 1986 plan be maintained in the Thornhill Markham Heritage Conservation District Plan – 2006 when the final version is brought forward for approval to Council, and that no special policies which would modify or be contrary to the wording of and the direction contained in Section 3.4.1.5, such as “bonusing,” be included in the new plan.

Valerie Burke – Councillor Ward 1

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