

I can't make the meeting Monday June 9 as I recover from back surgery but remain opposed to the current idea to develop 11A York St.

1. The Town Staff recommendation to proceed is out of sync with the community.

Last year 1400 people said NO. We were told that council would vote (likely) in Sept. It has now dragged on while we have families, jobs and volunteer commitments. I am still stopped by people strongly opposed to 11A. Though we have not had the resources to work on this more, I believe opposition is stronger today than last year.

There are a handful of people in favour of this but there are thousands opposed. How would approving 11A represent the will of the community?

2. Current By-Laws allow for 4 housing units to be built on a property like this. With 1 already there, how is a 400% increase not enough?

In the big picture, no one can accuse this Council of being anti-development. Literally thousands of new housing units have been approved in recent years. Many of them are on main roads and commercial/industrial spaces. This is excellent and addresses housing shortage while protecting Town character and identity.

For 38 yrs I've lived in Orangeville serving on church boards, participating in local sports, am the past President of the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, and have an in-home piano care business serving hundreds of residents. I have learned the importance of positive civic identity and the role that community engagement plays in personal health and Town prosperity.

This proposal represents a threat to the established character and culture of Orangeville. If this development goes ahead, no other future development of the downtown residential core can logically be denied. (Why are so many people who do not live on York St opposed?)

But - it is possible to both meet the need for increased housing and preserve what makes Orangeville unique.

Please vote no to this current proposal and recommend an alternative.